

City of Long Beach

Animal Care Services



City Council Environmental Committee Meeting

Proposed Amendment to Title 6 – Animals

The Keeping of Chickens, Goats and Bees

March 18, 2013

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Background

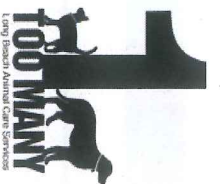
On November 27, 2012 the City Council's Environmental Committee directed staff to develop proposed changes to the City's existing rules (contained in Title 6 of the Municipal Code) governing the keeping of chickens, goats and bees and present them at their next meeting.

The proposal brought forth today is a result of extensive research of policies of other large cities in California and beyond, including but not limited to, San Diego, Portland, Seattle, Denver, Santa Monica, San Francisco, San Jose, and Sacramento. Additionally, feedback from the public during previous Committee Meetings and 2 community meetings, held in June of 2012, were considered.

Feedback from the community has been mostly in favor of relaxing the restrictions for the keeping of these animals, however, there have been several residents concerned with public safety and the humane treatment and welfare of keeping these types of animals in an urban environment. The proposed municipal code changes reflect a balance of relaxing the restrictions while taking into consideration and assuring for the humane treatment of these animals.

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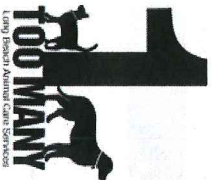
Chickens

Current	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 20 may be kept at least 50 feet from 1 and 2 family residences or 100 feet from multi-family (3+) residences or hotels • 1 chicken may be kept as pet at least 20 feet from any dwelling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must obtain annual permit from Animal Care Services • Up to 4 may be kept 20 feet from neighboring residence, no inspection required. • 5 to 10 may be kept at least 35 feet from neighboring residence, requires pre-inspection. • 11 to 20 may be kept at least 50 feet from neighboring residence, requires pre-inspection. • The chickens shall be adequately fenced within an outdoor enclosure to contain the chickens on the property to prevent escape, and provided with a shelter to protect from weather and predators. • Outdoor enclosure must be a minimum of 10 square feet of permeable land per chicken.



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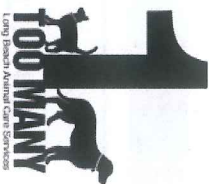
Goats

Current	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than 1 may be kept at least 100 feet from neighboring residences • May not be kept south of Anaheim Street 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 goats (only) may be kept 20' from neighboring residence • Must be licensed annually by Animal Care Services and must be microchipped • Food products are for personal consumption only • Male goats must be neutered/de-scented • All goats must be de-horned • Enclosure must be a minimum size of 250 square feet of permeable land for 2 miniature goats, or 500 square feet of permeable land for any other combination of miniature and non-miniature goats. • Adequate shelter must be provided within the enclosure to protect the goats from predators and the elements. • Remove all location restrictions.



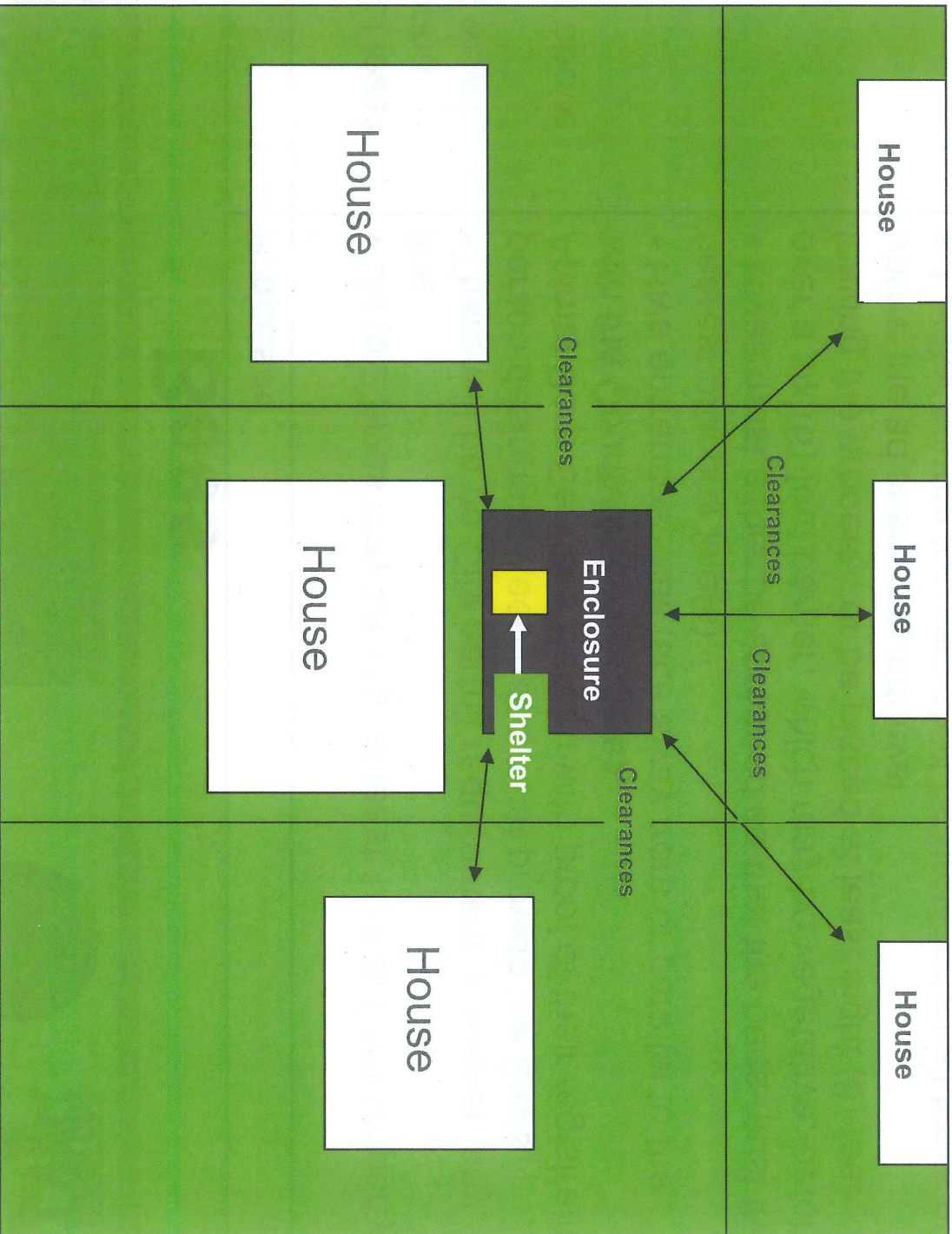
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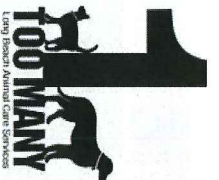
**Chickens
And Goats**

**Clearance from
adjacent dwellings**



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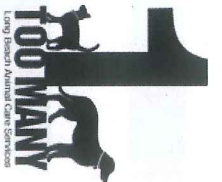


Bees

Current	Proposed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hives must be kept at least 100 feet from neighboring residences and public ways (streets and alleys). • Must be kept 10 feet above ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 2 hives may be kept at least 10 feet from property line • There will be no City permit requirement; however, any person desiring to keep bees must provide the City's Animal Care Services Bureau with proof of their registration with the County of Los Angeles. • Hive entrances shall face away from or parallel to the nearest property line(s). • Hives must either be screened so that the bees must fly over a six (6)-foot barrier, which may be vegetative, before leaving the property, or be placed at least eight (8)-feet above the adjacent ground level. • A water source for bees shall be provided at all times on the property where the bees are kept to discourage bee visitation at swimming pools, hose bibs and other water sources on adjacent public or private property.

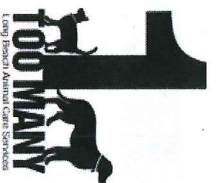


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Bees

**Clearance from
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