



# CITY OF LONG BEACH

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July 16, 2013

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

## RECOMMENDATION:

Declare Ordinance amending Section 6.16.010, Chapter 6.20, and Section 6.24.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code, all relating to livestock and other animals, read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading. (Citywide)

## DISCUSSION

The current Long Beach Municipal Code (Municipal Code) allows for residents to own and keep chickens, goats, and bees on their property with certain restrictions. For example, chickens must be kept at a minimum of 50 feet away from dwellings; goats are not allowed south of Anaheim Street and must be kept 100 feet away from dwellings; and beehives must be kept ten feet above the ground and 100 feet away from dwellings. There are a number of households in the City of Long Beach (City) interested in urban agriculture and raising and producing their own food, such as eggs, honey, and goat's milk. Several residents approached the City Council's Environmental Committee (Committee) to ask for a change to the current laws to make it less restrictive and easier for people to own chickens, goats, and bees.

On March 13, 2012, the Committee directed the Office of Sustainability 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 to seek public input on the proposals. The Office of Sustainability drafted a set of general proposals based on extensive research on the policies of other large cities in California and in other states. Community meetings were held on Monday, June 11, 2012, at the Long Beach Community Action Partnership, 3012 Long Beach Boulevard; and on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at the Whaley Park Community Center, 5620 East Atherton Street. A total of 70 residents attended the two community meetings. At these meetings, a one-page handout detailing Long Beach's current rules and proposed changes was distributed and discussed.

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The proposed changes, which are intended to ease current restrictions, mainly addressed the required minimum distances between the areas where the animals are being kept, i.e., coops, enclosures, or hives, and the neighboring dwelling(s), with all of the proposals recommending a reduction of that distance. A majority of the residents who attended the community meetings identified themselves as supporting changes that would be more permissive to the keeping of chickens, goats, and bees, but tempered by concerns for the need to balance animal welfare and humane treatment with the benefits of food production.

On November 27, 2012, the Committee directed City staff to develop proposed changes to Title 6 of the Municipal Code based on input from the public, and to provide the Committee with proposed revised Municipal Code changes at their next meeting in 2013.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS), in coordination with the Office of Sustainability and the City Attorney's Office, drafted a set of proposed Title 6 Municipal Code changes after reviewing public feedback, mostly in favor of relaxing the restrictions for the keeping of these animals, tempered with concerns for public safety and the welfare of keeping these types of animals in an urban environment. These proposed changes were presented to the Committee at their meeting on March 18, 2013, and approved with a few amendments, including reducing the distance to neighboring dwellings for goats and chickens from 20 feet to 10 feet, and increasing the number of beehives kept on any property from two to four.

The Ordinance detailing the proposed Municipal Code changes reflects a balance of relaxing the restrictions while taking into consideration and ensuring the humane treatment of these animals. ACS, in conjunction with the Health and Human Services Department, will pursue a marketing and education campaign to build an awareness and understanding of the proposed Ordinance.

The fees referenced in the Ordinance are anticipated to be approved through the FY14 Budget process. The proposed fees will include a \$20 annual permit fee for two goats, no more, no less, and/or the keeping of more than five chickens. In addition, a one-time \$63 inspection fee will be required to keep more than five chickens. Because the Ordinance will be enacted prior to the implementation of the proposed fees on October 1, 2013, the City will issue a temporary permit, free of charge, to eligible parties who apply before then. The temporary permit will expire on October 31, 2013, which will give those individuals with a temporary permit one month to secure the new annual permit and pay the corresponding fee.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Linda Vu on May 30, 2013 and by Budget Management Officer Victoria Bell on May 16, 2013.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on July 16, 2013, in order to implement the Ordinance in a timely manner.

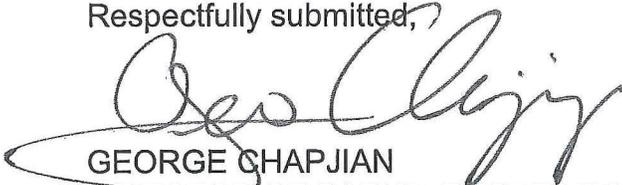
FISCAL IMPACT

There is no immediate fiscal impact associated with the recommended action. Additional workload associated with the implementation of this policy is expected to be minimal and absorbed within current budgeted resources. The anticipated revenue generated from the proposed new fees is expected to be minimal. There is no impact to jobs associated with the recommended action.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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DIRECTOR OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE

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Attachment: Ordinance  
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APPROVED:



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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH  
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 6.16.010,  
CHAPTER 6.20, AND SECTION 6.24.010, ALL RELATING  
TO LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 6.16.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

No person responsible for any ox, steer, bull, cow, calf, horse, mare, stallion, colt, jack, mule, sheep or hog, shall permit the same, of any thereof, to run at large or pasture, herd, stake, tie or stable any thereof in any of the streets, avenues, places, lanes, alleys, parks or other public places in the City, or tie, stake, pasture, stable, or otherwise keep any thereof upon any private property in the City so as to permit any thereof to approach nearer than one hundred feet (100') to any building used or occupied or designed for use and occupancy as a residence for human habitation other than such building so occupied by the person responsible for any such animal, and other than such building, the occupant of which continues his or her consent to the closer approach of any such animal.

Section 2. Chapter 6.20 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 6.20  
FOWL, RABBITS AND GOATS

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6.20.010 Definitions.

The following words, as used in this Chapter, shall have the signification attached to them in this Section, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context:

- A. "Coop" means and includes any pen, coop or enclosure wherein live fowl are kept and maintained.
- B. "Crowing fowl" means and includes any male fowl capable of making a sound peculiar to its species or type.
- C. "Dwelling" means and includes any place of human habitation.
- D. "Fowl" means and includes male and female chicken, duck, goose, seafowl, peacock, turkey and pheasant.

6.20.020 Fowl - Number restricted.

No person shall keep or maintain more than a total of twenty (20) live fowl or any combination of such animals on any lot or parcel of land within the City.

6.20.030 Fowl - Distance from dwelling.

- A. Except as provided in Subsection 6.20.030.B and subject to Section 6.20.140 for the keeping of live chickens, no person shall keep or maintain any live fowl within the City less than fifty feet (50') from any other person's single-family or two-family dwelling or less than one hundred feet (100') from any hotel or dwelling occupied by, or designed for the occupancy of three (3) or more families.
- B. One (1) live fowl may be kept or maintained as a pet on any lot or parcel of land within the City, provided that the pen, coop or other such enclosure for any such pet fowl shall be no less than twenty feet (20')

1 from any other person's structure designed or used as a dwelling.

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3 6.20.040 Crowing fowl prohibited.

4 No person shall keep or maintain or cause to be kept or maintained  
5 any crowing fowl.

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7 6.20.050 Fowl - Dealers exempt.

8 Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be deemed to prohibit the  
9 keeping of fowl by regularly licensed dealers for the purpose of sale at their  
10 respective places of business. Such animals shall be kept and maintained  
11 in a clean and sanitary condition and such dealers shall conform to and  
12 abide by the rules and regulations of the Health Department with reference  
13 to the keeping of such animals on the premises of such dealers.

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15 6.20.060 Fowl - Enclosure sanitation.

16 Wherever live fowl are permitted to be kept or maintained in the City,  
17 no person, so keeping or maintaining such fowl, shall fail at any time to keep  
18 the coops, pens or yards wherein such fowl are enclosed in a clean and  
19 sanitary condition nor shall fail to remove the manure or other debris from  
20 such enclosures daily. No person shall fail to conform to and abide by the  
21 rules and regulations of the Health Department with reference to the  
22 keeping of such fowl in such enclosures.

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24 6.20.070 Fowl - Running at large and keeping in front yard prohibited.

25 A. No person shall allow any fowl owned or controlled by such  
26 person to run at large.

27 B. No person shall allow any fowl, enclosure or related structure  
28 owned or controlled by such person to be placed or kept in the front yard of

1 the property.

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3 6.20.080 Fowl - Impoundment-Food and water.

4 No person shall impound any live fowl unless provision is made by  
5 such person for the proper feeding and the furnishing of water to such fowl  
6 at intervals not longer than twelve (12) hours apart.

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8 6.20.090 Fowl - Impoundment-Coop size.

9 No person shall impound any live fowl in a coop which is less than  
10 twice as large in floor space or standing room as the total size of all live fowl  
11 which may be impounded therein, and which is not sufficiently high as to  
12 permit each fowl impounded therein to stand in a natural erect position.

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14 6.20.100 Fowl - Wing locking prohibited.

15 No person handling live fowl shall lock the wings of such fowl.

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17 6.20.110 Fowl and rabbits - Artificial coloring prohibited.

18 A. No person, by means of any application to or upon the  
19 exterior portion thereof or in any other manner, shall dye, artificially color or  
20 alter or otherwise change the natural color of any live rabbit or fowl.

21 B. No person shall sell, offer or display for sale, barter or give to  
22 any person any live rabbit or live fowl, the natural color of which animal has  
23 been changed by dyeing, coloring, or any other artificial manner.

24 C. No person shall sell, offer for sale, barter or give away any  
25 chick, duckling, or other fowl under four (4) weeks of age, or rabbit under  
26 two (2) months of age, as pets, toys, premiums or novelties.

27 D. This Section shall not be construed to prohibit the display or  
28 sale of rabbits, chicks, ducklings or other fowl in proper facilities by dealers,

1 hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling the same to be  
2 raised for food purposes.

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4 6.20.120 Chickens - Permit required.

5 A. No person shall have, keep, maintain, or have in possession  
6 or under control, on residential property within the City, five (5) or more live  
7 chickens without first applying to and receiving from the Animal Care  
8 Services Bureau a permit to do so. Permits issued under this Section shall  
9 be subject to a pre-inspection requirement.

10 B. The Director is invested with the authority to issue permits for  
11 the keeping or maintaining of live chickens to any person when, in the  
12 opinion of the Director, such chickens may be kept or maintained without  
13 menacing the safety of any person or property; provided, however, that the  
14 Director may issue additional rules and regulations regulating the keeping  
15 or maintaining of such chickens, and may deny, suspend, revoke or deny  
16 renewal thereof, any such permit for the violation of this Chapter, or any  
17 other provisions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, or any of the rules and  
18 regulations issued by the Director, or when, in his or her opinion, the safety  
19 of any person or property is menaced by the keeping of any such chickens.

20 C. All permits issued under this Section shall be for a period not  
21 to exceed one (1) year in duration. The Director shall automatically renew  
22 such permits every year if the Director determines that the permit holder  
23 complied with the provisions of this Chapter and applicable laws during the  
24 preceding permit term, and if the permit holder pays the annual fee as  
25 prescribed by City Council resolution.

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27 6.20.130 Chickens - Enclosure and shelter.

28 A. Adequate enclosure or fencing must be provided to contain

1 live chickens on the property to prevent escape. The enclosure must be a  
2 minimum size of ten (10) square feet of permeable land per chicken.

3 B. Adequate shelter must be provided to protect the chickens  
4 from the elements, and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining  
5 entry.

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7 6.20.140 Chickens - Distance from dwelling.

8 Live chickens may be kept or maintained on residential property  
9 within the City, provided that the chickens must be kept at least a minimum  
10 distance away from any other person's dwelling, as follows:

Number of Chickens	Minimum Distance From Any Adjacent Dwelling
11 1 - 4	12 10 feet
13 5 - 10	14 35 feet
15 11 - 20	16 50 feet

17 6.20.150 Goats - Permit and microchip required.

18 A. No person shall have, keep, maintain, or have in possession  
19 or under control, on residential property within the City, any live goat without  
20 first applying to and receiving from the Animal Care Services Bureau a  
21 permit to do so.

22 B. The Director is invested with the authority to issue permits  
23 subject to an identifiable microchip requirement for the keeping or  
24 maintaining of live goats to any person when, in the opinion of the Director,  
25 such goats may be kept or maintained without menacing the safety of any  
26 person or property; provided, however, that the Director may issue  
27 additional rules and regulations regulating the keeping or maintaining of  
28 such goats, and may deny, suspend, revoke or deny renewal thereof, any  
such permit for the violation of this Chapter, or any other provisions of the

1 Long Beach Municipal Code, or any of the rules and regulations issued by  
2 the Director, or when, in his or her opinion, the safety of any person or  
3 property is menaced by the keeping of any such goats.

4 C. All permits issued under this Section shall be for a period not  
5 to exceed one (1) year in duration. The Director shall automatically renew  
6 such permits every year if the Director determines that the permit holder  
7 complied with the provisions of this Chapter and applicable laws during the  
8 preceding permit term, and if the permit holder pays the annual fee as  
9 prescribed by City Council resolution.

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11 6.20.160 Goats - Personal consumption only.

12 Food produced by live goats shall be for personal consumption only  
13 by members of permittee's household, and shall not be sold, donated or  
14 otherwise distributed to any other person.

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16 6.20.170 Goats - Number.

17 Exactly (no more and no less than) two (2) live goats may be kept on  
18 residential property within the City, except that offspring may be kept on the  
19 property for up to six (6) months from birth.

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21 ~~6.20.180 Goats - Dehorned.~~

22 ~~All live goats shall be dehorned.~~

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24 6.20.190 Goats - Neutered males.

25 Male goats shall be neutered.

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27 6.20.200 Goats - Distance from dwelling.

28 No person shall keep or maintain any live goat in the City within ten

1 feet (10') of any other person's dwelling.

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3 6.20.210 Goats - Enclosure and shelter.

4 A. Adequate enclosure or fencing must be provided to contain  
5 live goats on the property to prevent escape. The enclosure must be a  
6 minimum size of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet of permeable land  
7 for the keeping of two (2) miniature goats (commonly known as pygmy and  
8 dwarf goats), or five hundred (500) square feet of permeable land for the  
9 keeping of any other combination of miniature and non-miniature goats.

10 B. Adequate shelter must be provided to protect the goats from  
11 the elements, and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining entry.

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13 6.20.220 Rabbits or goats - Enclosure sanitation.

14 Wherever live rabbits or goats are permitted to be kept or maintained  
15 in the City, no person so keeping or maintaining such rabbits or goats shall  
16 fail at any time to keep the pens, hutches, spaces or other enclosures  
17 wherein such rabbits or goats are enclosed in a clean and sanitary condition  
18 or fail to remove the manure or other debris from such enclosures daily. No  
19 person shall fail to conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the  
20 Health Department with reference to the keeping of such rabbits or goats in  
21 such enclosures.

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23 6.20.230 Rabbits and goats - Running at large and keeping in front yard  
24 prohibited.

25 A. No person shall allow any rabbits or goats owned or controlled  
26 by such person to run at large.

27 B. No person shall allow any rabbits or goats, enclosure or  
28 related structure owned or controlled by such person to be placed or kept in

1 the front yard of the property.

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3 Section 3. Section 6.24.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 6.24.010 Beehives.

6 A. No more than four (4) beehives may be established or  
7 maintained on any residential property within the City.

8 B. Any person intending to establish or maintain any beehive on  
9 any residential property within the City must first register with the County of  
10 Los Angeles and provide a copy of such registration to the Director of the  
11 Animal Care Services Bureau.

12 C. No person shall establish or maintain a beehive in the front  
13 yard of the property.

14 D. No person shall establish or maintain a beehive at a distance  
15 less than ten feet (10') from all property lines.

16 E. Beehive entrances shall face away from or be parallel to the  
17 nearest property line(s).

18 F. Beehives must either be screened so that the bees must fly  
19 over a six-foot barrier, which may be vegetative, before leaving the  
20 property, or be placed at least eight feet (8') above the adjacent ground  
21 level.

22 G. A water source for bees shall be provided at all times on the  
23 property where the bees are kept to discourage bee visitation at swimming  
24 pools, hose bibs and other water sources on adjacent public or private  
25 property.

26 H. For the purposes of this Section, a "beehive" means any box,  
27 container, structure, chamber or shelter within which bees are kept or of  
28 which bees have taken possession.

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I. For the purposes of this Section, the term "dwelling" means any place of human habitation.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the Mayor.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_

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City Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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Mayor

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6.16.010 – Livestock-Running at large-Distance from habitation.

No person responsible for any ox, steer, bull, cow, calf, horse, mare, stallion, colt, jack, mule, sheep, goat or hog, shall permit the same, of any thereof, to run at large or pasture, herd, stake, tie or stable any thereof in any of the streets, avenues, places, lanes, alleys, parks or other public places in the City, or tie, stake, pasture, stable, or otherwise keep any thereof upon any private property in the City so as to permit any thereof to approach nearer than one hundred feet (100') to any building used or occupied or designed for use and occupancy as a residence for human habitation other than such building so occupied by the person responsible for any such animal, and other than such building, the occupant of which continues his or her consent to the closer approach of any such animal.

6.20.010 - Definitions.

The following words, as used in this Chapter, shall have the signification attached to them in this Section, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context:

A. "Coop" means and includes any pen, coop or enclosure wherein live fowl are kept and maintained.

B. "Crowing fowl" means and includes any male fowl capable of making a sound peculiar to its species or type.

C. "Dwelling" means and includes any place of human habitation.

D. "Fowl" means and includes male and female chicken, duck, goose, seafowl, peacock, turkey and pheasant.

6.20.020 – Fowl-Number restricted.

No person shall keep or maintain more than a total of twenty (20) live fowl or any combination of such animals on any lot or parcel of land within the City.

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6.20.030 – Fowl-Distance from dwelling.

A. Except as provided in Subsection 6.20.030.B and subject to Section 6.20.140 for the keeping of live chickens, no person shall keep or maintain any live fowl within the City less than fifty feet (50') from any other person's single-family or two-family dwelling or less than one hundred feet (100') from any hotel or dwelling occupied by, or designed for the occupancy of three (3) or more families.

B. One (1) live fowl may be kept or maintained as a pet on any lot or parcel of land within the City, provided that the pen, coop or other such enclosure for any such pet fowl shall be no less than twenty feet (20') from any other person's structure designed or used for ~~human habitation~~ as a dwelling.

6.20.0540 - Crowing fowl prohibited.

No person shall keep or maintain or cause to be kept or maintained any crowing fowl.

6.20.0650 – Fowl-Dealers exempt.

Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be deemed to prohibit the keeping of fowl by regularly licensed dealers for the purpose of sale at their respective places of business. Such animals shall be kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and such dealers shall conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the Health Department with reference to the keeping of such animals on the premises of such dealers.

6.20.0760 – Fowl-Enclosure sanitation.

Wherever live fowl are permitted to be kept or maintained in the City, no person, so keeping or maintaining such fowl, shall fail at any time to keep the coops, pens or yards wherein such fowl are enclosed in a clean and sanitary condition nor shall

1 fail to remove the manure or other debris from such enclosures daily. No person shall fail  
2 to conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the Health Department with  
3 reference to the keeping of such fowl in such enclosures.

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5 6.20.080 – Fowl-Running at large and keeping in front yard prohibited.

6 A. No person shall allow any fowl owned or controlled by such person  
7 to run at large.

8 B. No person shall allow any fowl, enclosure or related structure owned  
9 or controlled by such person to be placed or kept in the front yard of the property.

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11 6.20.0980 – Fowl-Impoundment-Food and water.

12 No person shall impound any live fowl unless provision is made by such  
13 person for the proper feeding and the furnishing of water to such fowl at intervals not  
14 longer than twelve (12) hours apart.

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16 6.20.400090 – Fowl-Impoundment-Coop size.

17 No person shall impound any live fowl in a coop which is less than twice as  
18 large in floor space or standing room as the total size of all live fowl which may be  
19 impounded therein, and which is not sufficiently high as to permit each fowl impounded  
20 therein to stand in a natural erect position.

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22 6.20.14000 – Fowl-Wing locking prohibited.

23 No person handling live fowl shall lock the wings of such fowl.

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25 6.20.1210 - Fowl and rabbits-Artificial coloring prohibited.

26 A. No person, by means of any application to or upon the exterior  
27 portion thereof or in any other manner, shall dye, artificially color or alter or otherwise  
28 change the natural color of any live rabbit or fowl.

1 B. No person shall sell, offer or display for sale, barter or give to any  
2 person any live rabbit or live fowl, the natural color of which animal has been changed by  
3 dyeing, coloring, or any other artificial manner.

4 C. No person shall sell, offer for sale, barter or give away any chick,  
5 duckling, or other fowl under four (4) weeks of age, or rabbit under two (2) months of age,  
6 as pets, toys, premiums or novelties.

7 D. This Section shall not be construed to prohibit the display or sale of  
8 rabbits, chicks, ducklings or other fowl in proper facilities by dealers, hatcheries or stores  
9 engaged in the business of selling the same to be raised for food purposes.

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11 6.20.120 – Chickens-Permit required.

12 A. No person shall have, keep, maintain, or have in possession or  
13 under control, on residential property within the City, five (5) or more live chickens without  
14 first applying to and receiving from the Animal Care Services Bureau a permit to do so.  
15 Permits issued under this Section shall be subject to a pre-inspection requirement.

16 B. The Director is invested with the authority to issue permits for the  
17 keeping or maintaining of live chickens to any person when, in the opinion of the Director,  
18 such chickens may be kept or maintained without menacing the safety of any person or  
19 property; provided, however, that the Director may issue additional rules and regulations  
20 regulating the keeping or maintaining of such chickens, and may deny, suspend, revoke  
21 or deny renewal thereof, any such permit for the violation of this Chapter, or any other  
22 provisions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, or any of the rules and regulations issued  
23 by the Director, or when, in his or her opinion, the safety of any person or property is  
24 menaced by the keeping of any such chickens.

25 C. All permits issued under this Section shall be for a period not to  
26 exceed one (1) year in duration. The Director shall automatically renew such permits  
27 every year if the Director determines that the permit holder complied with the provisions  
28 of this Chapter and applicable laws during the preceding permit term, and if the permit

1 holder pays the annual fee as prescribed by City Council resolution.

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3 6.20.130 – Chickens-Enclosure and shelter.

4 A. Adequate enclosure or fencing must be provided to contain live  
5 chickens on the property to prevent escape. The enclosure must be a minimum size of  
6 ten (10) square feet of permeable land per chicken.

7 B. Adequate shelter must be provided to protect the chickens from the  
8 elements, and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining entry.

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10 6.20.140 – Chickens-Distance from Dwelling.

11 Live chickens may be kept or maintained on residential property within the  
12 City, provided that the chickens must be kept at least a minimum distance away from any  
13 other person's dwelling, as follows:

<u>Number of Chickens</u>	<u>Minimum Distance From Any Adjacent Dwelling</u>
<u>1 – 4</u>	<u>10 feet</u>
<u>5 – 10</u>	<u>35 feet</u>
<u>11 – 20</u>	<u>50 feet</u>

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20 6.20.130 – Goats-Location.

21 No person shall keep or maintain any live goat within that portion of the City  
22 lying south of Anaheim Street and east of the Los Angeles River flood control channel.

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24 6.20.150 – Goats-Permit and microchip required.

25 A. No person shall have, keep, maintain, or have in possession or  
26 under control, on residential property within the City, any live goat without first applying to  
27 and receiving from the Animal Care Services Bureau a permit to do so.

1           B. The Director is invested with the authority to issue permits subject to  
2 an identifiable microchip requirement for the keeping or maintaining of live goats to any  
3 person when, in the opinion of the Director, such goats may be kept or maintained  
4 without menacing the safety of any person or property; provided, however, that the  
5 Director may issue additional rules and regulations regulating the keeping or maintaining  
6 of such goats, and may deny, suspend, revoke or deny renewal thereof, any such permit  
7 for the violation of this Chapter, or any other provisions of the Long Beach Municipal  
8 Code, or any of the rules and regulations issued by the Director, or when, in his or her  
9 opinion, the safety of any person or property is menaced by the keeping of any such  
10 goats.

11           C. All permits issued under this Section shall be for a period not to  
12 exceed one (1) year in duration. The Director shall automatically renew such permits  
13 every year if the Director determines that the permit holder complied with the provisions  
14 of this Chapter and applicable laws during the preceding permit term, and if the permit  
15 holder pays the annual fee as prescribed by City Council resolution.

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17 6.20.160 – Goats-Personal consumption only.

18           Food produced by live goats shall be for personal consumption only by  
19 members of permittee's household, and shall not be sold, donated or otherwise  
20 distributed to any other person.

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22 6.20.1470 – Goats-Number.

23           No person shall keep or maintain more than one (1) live goat in any portion  
24 of the City. Exactly (no more and no less than) two (2) live goats may be kept on  
25 residential property within the City, except that offspring may be kept on the property for  
26 up to six (6) months from birth.

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28 6.20.180 – Goats-Dehorned.

1                   All live goats shall be dehorned.

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3                   6.20.190 – Goats-Neutered males.

4                   Male goats shall be neutered.

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6                   6.20.150200 – Goats-Distance from dwelling.

7                   No person shall keep or maintain any live goat in the City within ~~one~~ten  
8 hundred feet (100') of any other person's dwelling~~residence or place of habitation~~ except  
9 as provided in ~~Section 6.16.010.~~

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11                   6.20.210 – Goats-Enclosure and shelter.

12                   A. Adequate enclosure or fencing must be provided to contain live  
13 goats on the property to prevent escape. The enclosure must be a minimum size of two  
14 hundred and fifty (250) square feet of permeable land for the keeping of two (2) miniature  
15 goats (commonly known as pygmy and dwarf goats), or five hundred (500) square feet of  
16 permeable land for the keeping of any other combination of miniature and non-miniature  
17 goats.

18                   B. Adequate shelter must be provided to protect the goats from the  
19 elements, and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining entry.

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21                   6.20.46220 - Rabbits or goats-Enclosure sanitation.

22                   Wherever live rabbits or goats are permitted to be kept or maintained in the  
23 City, no person so keeping or maintaining such rabbits or goats shall fail at any time to  
24 keep the pens, hutches, spaces or other enclosures wherein such rabbits or goats are  
25 enclosed in a clean and sanitary condition or fail to remove the manure or other debris  
26 from such enclosures daily. No person shall fail to conform to and abide by the rules and  
27 regulations of the Health Department with reference to the keeping of such rabbits or  
28 goats in such enclosures.

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6.20.47230 - Rabbits and goats-Running at large and keeping in front yard prohibited.

A. No person shall allow any rabbits or goats owned or controlled by such person to run at large.

B. No person shall allow any rabbits or goats, enclosure or related structure owned or controlled by such person to be placed or kept in the front yard of the property.

6.24.010 - Beehives.

A. ~~No person shall establish or maintain a beehive at a distance less than one hundred feet (100') from a dwelling, except the dwelling occupied by the person establishing or maintaining the beehive.~~ No more than four (4) beehives may be established or maintained on any residential property within the City.

B. ~~No person shall establish or maintain a beehive at a distance less than one hundred feet (100') from a public way.~~ Any person intending to establish or maintain any beehive on any residential property within the City must first register with the County of Los Angeles and provide a copy of such registration to the Director of the Animal Care Services Bureau.

C. ~~No person shall establish or maintain a beehive at an elevation less than ten feet (10') above the ground~~ in the front yard of the property.

D. No person shall establish or maintain a beehive at a distance less than ten feet (10') from all property lines.

E. Beehive entrances shall face away from or be parallel to the nearest property line(s).

F. Beehives must either be screened so that the bees must fly over a six-foot barrier, which may be vegetative, before leaving the property, or be placed at least eight-feet above the adjacent ground level.

G. A water source for bees shall be provided at all times on the property

1 where the bees are kept to discourage bee visitation at swimming pools, hose bibs and  
2 other water sources on adjacent public or private property.

3           DH. For the purposes of this Section, a "beehive" means any box,  
4 container, structure, chamber or shelter within which bees are kept or of which bees have  
5 taken possession.

6           EI. For the purposes of this Section, the term "dwelling" means any  
7 place of human habitation.

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