

Goat Request

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Town of Apex Code of Ordinances Sec. 4-3. Prohibition of Certain Animals

“The keeping of livestock and male chickens is prohibited within the corporate limits of the town. Livestock includes, but is not limited to, cows, **goats**, sheep, swine and other similar animals.

The following animals are exempt from this section:

- (1) Horses
- (2) Ponies
- (3) Rabbits; and
- (4) Fowl except male chickens.
- (5) Miniature pigs- provided that **no more than 2** are kept per dwelling, that all pigs over the age of eight weeks are neutered, that they be **no more than 20 inches in height** at the shoulders when full grown, and they are kept within the dwelling house of the owner or possessor unless outside in a fenced area for exercise or controlled by a leash in the same manner as required for dogs.”

Woodridge HOA Covenants

7. “No animals, livestock, or poultry of any kind shall be kept or maintained on any Lot or in any dwelling, except that dogs, cats, or other **household pets** may be kept or maintained, provided that they are not maintained for commercial purposes.”

I would argue...

Goats are small, cuddly, relational animals, that would be a part of our household just like our dog and cat.

They will be housed in a well maintained, professionally built, enclosed shelter, to protect them from predators at night, which is more than our indoor/outdoor cat gets.

The Nigerian Dwarf goat breed is approximately the same height as the allowable pigs, per town ordinance, when they are full grown.

It seems as though they have more in common with the allowed animals than differences

What you Need to Know Nigerian Dwarf Goats



Much
smaller
than your
average
goat



Fully grown
they are an
average of
22.5 inches
tall

What our Neighbors Think

We had an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from the people on Starita ct. ...

“Of course!” -Jackie & Mark Coats (next door)

“We love idea of little tiny goats as pets!”

-Kirk & Lisa Krauza

“Yes! We want to visit them!” -John & Sandy Swick

“Sounds awesome!!” -Amy & Paul Levering

“Go for it!” -Jen Swick

“I would love it!!” -David McCall

“I have no issues with it!” -Kristy Isaacs

“We are 100% in support and would love to meet them!” -Rachel & Reese Miller

(We did have mixed results, however most of the feedback was positive. Additionally, it started a discussion on whether or not our 20 ‘year old’ neighborhood covenants need to be updated)

Fun Facts

- Especially friendly and cuddly (more so than other goats)
- Most often used as therapy animals
- Makes them the ideal goat yoga goats
- Eat poison ivy and briars



“The entertaining nature of goats is among the qualities that make them excellent therapy animals. Their playfulness can bring people out of their shell, lift their spirits, and even lower blood pressure. ... They’re also funny and happy animals, so they make you laugh as well.”

<https://backyardgoats.iamcountryside.com/ownership/therapy-goats-from-hoof-to-the-heart/>

What They Need

- Two nigerian dwarf goats need a 4x5 shelter space
- We already have a space we could convert into a shelter that extends well beyond that limit (8x10)
- Snuggles and human interaction

Why Should Goats be Allowed now?

Its 2020 😊...

Traditional ideas about what makes a neighborhood desirable are changing. Smith Farms is a new neighborhood that has replaced a conventional neighborhood pool with garden plots for the people to grow their own food to make for a healthier environment.

Goats can do the same thing, they can bring joy and happiness to our homes and neighborhoods in these trying times, because they are such silly and loveable creatures.

Apex is an inclusive community. I would like to include Nigerian Dwarf goats as one of my household pets.

Thank you for Your Time!

