



Text Amendment to amend Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl to allow for miniature goats.

Applicant: Jasmine Miller

Background

The Applicant, is currently keeping 2 miniature/dwarf goats at her single-family residential home in Carolina Beach.

Town staff received a complaint which led to a violation warning being issued to Jasmine for keeping animals that are restricted by the town ordinance from being kept within the jurisdiction.

After the violation warning, Jasmin applied for a text amendment and worked with Town staff to draft the proposed ordinance.

The proposed ordinance was reviewed at the Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting on October 7th.

Town staff along with the applicant proposed additional restrictions for keeping miniature/dwarf goats within the town.

Text Amendment

Sec. 4-2. - Harboring and keeping of animals and fowl; term defined.

- a) As a result of the location and density of residential and commercial developments, and the seasonal influx of population, and the general seasonal weather and insect conditions encountered, and in protection of the lifestyles and business investments of the citizenry, and as protection to the community's tourist industry alike, it shall be unlawful for any person, business, firm and/or corporation to keep or harbor any animal or fowl not considered a commonly accepted domestic animal or fowl within the jurisdictional limits of the town.
- b) For the purpose of this chapter, the term "commonly accepted domestic animal or fowl" means any animal and/or fowl which can be kept or harbored within or outside a residential dwelling and which requires reasonable and minimal attention and/or maintenance and shall include generally accepted animals and fowl such as dogs, cats, caged birds, rabbits, miniature Vietnamese pigs, [miniature/dwarf goats](#), gerbils, hamsters, ferrets, hens, and other animals and fowl of similar size and type and generally accepted reptiles such turtles and small nonpoisonous lizards. The term "commonly accepted domestic animal or fowl" shall not include goats, sheep, pigs, hogs, cows, bulls, horses, mules, ostriches, roosters, ducks or geese or other similar types of large size animals and fowl or other reptiles or snakes, poisonous or nonpoisonous.

Text Amendment

Sec. 4-9. Specific Regulations for miniature/dwarf goats.

- (a) No person shall keep miniature/dwarf goats unless they are on a tract of land maintained as follows:
 - (1) No more than one miniature/dwarf goat per 2,500 square feet of lot area. The maximum number of miniature/dwarf goats shall in no instance exceed three.
 - (2) The tract of land shall be developed with only one single-family residence.
- (b) Standards for miniature/dwarf goat shelters.
 - (1) The shelter is where the goats may be kept outside, and it shall be fully contained.
 - (2) A shelter to enclose miniature/dwarf goats shall meet the following:
 - a. The size of the shelter shall be limited to 80 square feet in area and shall meet the zoning requirements for accessory structures.
 - b. It shall be located behind the principal structure.
 - (3) miniature/dwarf goats shall not be utilized for commercial purposes.

Text Amendment

Sec. 4-~~9~~ 10. Dogs and other commonly accepted animals and fowl on public rights-of-way, public lands, and property.

Sec. 4-~~10~~ 11. Impoundment.

Any animal may be impounded when found at large. The town official shall notify and turn over any animals to county animal control

Motion

Approval – to amend Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl to allow for miniature goats.

Denial – to amend Chapter 4, Animals and Fowl to allow for miniature goats.

Further Direction/Discussion