Overview of Recommended Animal Ordinance Amendments

The proposed animal ordinance amendments would:

- Permit ownership of two goats under certain circumstances
- Expand ownership of beehives under certain circumstances
- Clarify and update chicken ownership
- Make minor revisions to animal shelter, vaccination and leash requirements

Fremont Resident Input

City staff conducted a community meeting and solicited feedback via "My Fremont" the City's new community engagement platform. Common themes included:

- Support for ordinance amendments that would allow residents to keep goats
- Support for ordinance amendments that would expand beehive ownership
- Questions regarding the City's proposed property line and square footage requirements for keeping certain types of animals
- Questions regarding how the City intends to enforce new and existing ordinances

Goat Ordinance Summary

CURRENT (as of 2018)			
Number of Goats	**Minimum Distance From Any Adjacent Dwelling**	**Lot Square Footage**	**Permit Required**
0			
PROPOSED			
Number of Goats	**Minimum Distance From Any Property Line**	**Lot Square Footage**	**Permit Required**
2	10 feet	10,000 +	Yes

Beehive Ordinance Summary

CURRENT			
Number of Beehives	**Minimum Distance From Any Fence Line**	**Lot Square Footage**	**Permit Required**
0	5 feet	5,999 or less	Yes
1	5 feet	6000 +	Yes
up to 2	5 feet	8000 +	Yes
up to 3	5 feet	10,000 +	Yes
no more than 5	5 feet	21,780 +	Yes
PROPOSED			
Number of Beehives	**Minimum Distance From Any Fence Line**	**Lot Square Footage**	**Permit Required**
4	5 feet	n/a	Yes

Chicken Ordinance Summary

The enclosure where chickens are kept must be a minimum size of ten (10) square feet of permeable land per chicken. The enclosure where chickens are kept must be located at least a minimum distance away from any other person's property line, as follows:

Number of Chickens	Minimum Distance From Any Property Line	Lot Square Footage	Permit Required
0		6,000 or less	
1-6	10 feet	6,001-9,999	No
7-10	35 feet	10,000-21,779	Yes
11-15	50 feet	21,780 +	Yes