

ORDINANCE NO. 2411
INTRODUCED BY: Taddeo

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO,
AMENDING SECTION 6-4-900 OF THE BRIGHTON MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO
MINIATURE GOAT KEEPING

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2021, the City Council of the City of Brighton, Colorado passed Ordinance No. 2356, which created a two-year pilot program for the keeping of miniature goats that automatically expires unless action is taken by City Council to continue the program; and

WHEREAS, residents have indicated a desire to permanently implement the program for backyard miniature goat keeping and no complaints have been received during the two-year pilot program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is necessary for the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of Brighton to continue the program for backyard miniature goat keeping; and

WHEREAS, City Council supports amending Section 6-4-900(e)(3) to allow Brighton residents to continue to keep backyard miniature goats in accordance with the City's regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 6-4-900(e)(3)(a) of the Brighton Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) Miniature Goat keeping. Miniature goat keeping shall be allowed on single family residential properties with a permit.

a. Permit required. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep miniature goats within City limits without first having obtained a City miniature goat keeping permit as required by this Section 6-4-900.

1. Filing. Applications for a miniature goat keeping permit under the provisions of this Chapter shall be on a form furnished by the Director of Community Development or Designee and submitted to the Community Development Department for review.

2. Applications. The Director of Community Development shall not accept an application that is incomplete. If an omission or error is discovered by the Director of Community Development, the application shall be rejected and returned to the applicant for completion and correction without further action by the Director of Community Development. All fees shall be returned with the application. For purposes of this Chapter, the date the Director of Community Development accepts an application which is complete in every detail shall be the filing date.

3. Compliance with City regulation. No miniature goat keeping permit shall be issued until:

- (a) The permittee has received information pertaining to the keeping of goats including, but not limited to, animal husbandry, care, disease prevention and management, and methods to minimize the risks of exposure to Q fever during the goat birthing process;
- (b) The permittee has passed a test administered to prove the permittee's knowledge on the care and needs of a goat;
- (c) The premises to be permitted meets the shelter and enclosure requirements in this Section 6-4-900 and all necessary building permits are obtained;
- (d) If the permittee is not the landowner, the permittee has provided proof of consent from the landowner to allow goat keeping on the property;
- (e) The permittee has submitted a waste management plan that is acceptable to the City;
- (f) The permittee has submitted written approval for goat keeping from his or her Homeowner's Association (HOA) if applicable; and
- (g) The permittee has demonstrated compliance with the requirements of this Section 6-4--900 during inspections conducted by City staff.

4. Permit term. Permits shall be effective unless revoked in accordance with this Section 6-4-900.

5. Non-transferrable. Permits shall be specific to the permit holder and the premises. A change in either the permit holder or the premises nullifies the permit and necessitates a new permit application, subject to the requirements of this Section 6-4-900.

6. Permit fee. The fee shall be set by City Council as part of the annual fee resolution. The fee shall be due with the submission of the miniature goat keeping permit application.

7. Periodic Inspection. To observe and analyze the impacts of miniature goat keeping on neighboring properties, the Community Services Supervisor or Designee may schedule periodic inspections of the permitted premises and the permittee shall allow such inspections as an additional condition of the permit.

8. Denial or Revocation. The Director of Community Development may deny or revoke a permit to keep, maintain, or possess miniature goats if the Director determines that any provision of this Section 6-4-900 is being or has been violated.

Section 2. All sections, subsections, and definitions of Section 6-4-900(e)(3) not expressly amended or modified herein remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. As provided in City Charter Section 5.9(A), this Ordinance, either as presented or as amended, shall be published in full as it was adopted prior to taking final action. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after its final publication, as provided in City Charter Section 5.8, except as set forth herein.

INTRODUCED, PASSED ON FIRST READING, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED THIS 7th DAY OF MARCH 2023.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING AND ORDERED PUBLISHED BY TITLE ONLY THIS 21st DAY OF MARCH 2023.

CITY OF BRIGHTON, COLORADO



GREGORY MILLS, Mayor

ATTEST:



NATALIE HOEL, City Clerk

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