



## Planning and Economic Development

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From: Chris McLeod, AICP, Planning Manager  
To: Members of the Planning Commission  
Date: 10/14/2026  
Re: Keeping of Animals Zoning Ordinance Amendment Discussion

As the Commission is aware, the Keeping of Animals ordinance draft was discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting. At that meeting, there were a number of residents that raise chickens and other forms of poultry that provided input on the Ordinance draft as a part of public discussion on the matter. In addition, as a result of that meeting and public input, many of the Planning Commission members met onsite, as a part of an advertised meeting, at one of the properties where chickens and other typical farm animals were being raised. The purpose of the meeting was to view firsthand a farm type operation, to learn more about how these types of operations work and what may and may not work in regards to potential regulations for the keeping of such animals. Some of the property owners that keep animals have also provided their additional input via emails and many of those recommendations have been incorporated (at least in part) into the latest ordinance draft. That correspondence has also been included in full for the Commission's consideration.

**Current Task:** The purpose of tonight's meeting is to hold the required public hearing for the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

**Next Steps:** Once the Planning Commission is satisfied with the proposed Ordinance Amendments, they Commission will need to forward the proposed amendment along with a recommendation to the City Council. If the Planning Commission acts at tonight's meeting, the anticipated meeting for the City Council to take up this matter is November 9<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please let us know.