



## Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>October 25, 2021</b>	<b>Staff/Council Member(s): Mike Hamp, City Manager</b>
<b>Agenda Item #</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>2021</b>	
<b>Department:</b>	<b>City Manager's Office, WPD</b>	
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Amendments to Chapter 14, Animals of the City Code</b>	

**Background:** In August of this year, City Council received recommended amendments to Chapter 14, Animals, of the City Code. There was significant objection to proposed limits on the number of dogs, cats, and total dogs and cats a household could own, as well as objection to a proposed process to license cats. In response to the public input and direction from City Council, those provisions have been removed from the revised recommended amendments.

Remaining key provisions include:

- Incorporates language necessary to bring the ordinance into compliance with state law and regulation.
- Updates related to the dog exercise park.
- Prohibits roosters, providing for a period of delayed enforcement one to three years according to Council's determination.
- Prohibits free-range chickens and establishes setback requirements related to residences, certain water features and poultry processing plants. Staff seeks guidance as to whether the number of chickens shall be limited. Original staff proposal was a limit of 10.
- Limits the possession of goats except for limited for agricultural purposes.
- Clarifies the existing prohibition of swine or provides limits under which swine may be kept.

**City Manager's Recommendation:** Noting that Council will be asked to provide clarification and guidance on certain points, if Council is satisfied with the revised ordinance, it may be introduced, seconded, and discussed. Alternatively, Council may elect to allow additional time for review and schedule the introduction for the November 8 meeting.

Suggested Motion(s): If Council is prepared to do so, move introduction of the ordinance amending Chapter 14, Animals of the City Code. Alternatively, plan to introduce at the November 8 meeting.

**Attachments:** Revised Amended Ordinance