

**CITY OF RAYTOWN
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
WORK SESSION/DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**Raytown City Hall
Board of Aldermen Meeting Chambers
10000 East 59th Street
Raytown, Missouri 64133
July 7th, 2022
7:00 pm**

1. Welcome by Chairperson

2. Work Session/Discussion.

Informal meeting to gather public comments and discuss the proposed draft regulations permitting and regulating miniature goats in low density residential areas of Raytown.

NOTE: There will be rules of decorum established by the Chairman at the beginning of the session to ensure that comments from the public are received in as equitable and fair a manner as possible.

The draft regulations, and the comments received as of July 1, 2022, are included with this agenda.

3. Adjourn

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL

Sec. 50-4. – Definitions.

<<THE FOLLOWING DEFINITION TO BE ADDED INTO SECTION 50-4 IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER WITH ALL EXISTING DEFINITIONS>>

Animal Husbandry means the branch of agriculture concerned with animals that are raised for personal enjoyment such as horses, or for meat, fiber, milk, or other products, including cows, goats, sheep, llamas, alpacas, and similar animals. Regardless of the reason for having such animals, they shall conform to all code requirements. Please reference Section 50-127 of this Chapter for regulations related to this activity as a permitted Accessory Use in the R-1, Low Density Residential District, in accordance with very specific requirements. This definition should also be construed to include outdoor Fowl, Rabbits, and other small animals (which are regulated by Chapter 6 of the Raytown Municipal Code) but can have overlap with larger animal activities on some properties.

Miniature Goat means a member of one of the following four breeds of miniature goats that can be kept within the City Limits of the City of Raytown in accordance with Section 50-127 of this Chapter and do not exceed 29 inches in height as measured at the shoulder of the animal: Pygmy, Nigerian Dwarf, Kinder, and Pygora. All other breeds of miniature goats and all full-size goats, are prohibited from being kept, including any goat that cannot be definitively identified or proved to be a member of, or a mix of, the four listed breeds, or exceeds the height limit of 29 inches measured at the shoulder of the animal.

Open Roaming Space means that area of open space on a parcel or lot that is available for animals identified under the Animal Husbandry definition and is located behind the front face of the principal structure on the property not including accessory buildings, decks, paved driveways and parking areas intended for the use of motor vehicles, or swimming pools.

(Code 1969, § 16-1; Ord. No. 139, § 1, 7-19-1966; Comp. Ord. of 4-20-2010, §§ 2-1, 11-7; Ord. No. 5571-17, §§ 1, 2, 3-7-2017; Ord. No. 5580-17, §§ 1, 2(Exh. A), 9-5-2017; [Ord. No. 5640-20](#), §§ 1, 2(Exh. A), 2-18-2020)

CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE IV. – DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT MAP

DIVISION 2. LOW-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (R-1)

Sec. 50-127. – Use Regulations.

The uses listed below shall be permitted in the Low-Density Residential District. No other building, land or premises shall be used, and no building or structure shall be hereafter erected or altered unless otherwise provided for in these zoning regulations.

- (1) Single-household dwellings, which, excluding manufactured or mobile homes, shall have a permanent foundation.
- (2) Dwellings used for small group living, subject to the following requirements:
 - a. No alterations or additions shall be made to a dwelling or accessory structure which will alter the residential appearance of such dwelling.
 - b. No dwelling used for small group living shall be located within 1,200 feet of another dwelling used for group living, large or small, or a residential care facility, as measured from the nearest property line to the nearest property line.
 - c. No traffic shall be generated by such group home between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such group home shall be met by off-street parking areas not located in a required front yard.
 - d. The dwelling shall meet all requirements of the city's adopted codes relating to the safety of occupants, including, but not limited to building and fire codes.
- (3) Foster homes.
- (4) Churches, chapels, mosques, synagogues and temples shall be located on a minimum of a one acre size lot, if located in accordance with at least one of the following:
 - a. On a lot having a sideline common to a public park, playground, or cemetery, or directly across a street from any one of combination of said uses.
 - b. On a corner lot having a minimum of 100 feet frontage on one side.
 - c. On a lot three sides of which adjoin streets.
- (5) Golf courses used for daytime use only, including accessory clubhouses and related daytime driving ranges, but not independent golf driving ranges, pitch and putt or miniature golf courses.

- (6) Art galleries and museums shall be placed on lots greater than one acre.
- (7) Accessory uses, including automobile parking areas, customarily incident to the above uses and located on the same lot therewith, not involving the conduct of a business or industry, are permitted. ~~Such accessory uses shall not include raising animals, with the exception that one horse per 40,000 square feet lot may be kept in a detached stable. Detached accessory structures should be at least five feet from any property line. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 720 square feet.~~
- (8) Private swimming pools located behind the front edge of the structure, if more than two feet deep, are subject to the following conditions and requirements:
- a. They must be located behind the front building line and not less than ten feet from any rear or side lot line, and in the case of corner lots, not less than 15 feet from a side street line and at least 20 feet from a principal building on an adjoining lot.
 - b. If located in the side yard, they shall not be less than 40 feet from the front line and not less than 15 feet from the side lot line.
 - c. The area in which the pool is located shall be entirely enclosed and separated from adjoining property by a protective fence or other permanent structure of a non-climbable variety at least four feet in height but less than six feet in height.
 - d. Such protective enclosures shall be provided with gates equipped with locks, which shall be locked when the pool is not attended.
 - e. Adequate pool-drainage facilities shall be provided for which the plans and specifications shall be approved by the director of community development or some other duly qualified individual.
- (9) Home occupations, subject to the following use standards:
- a. Said use shall be conducted solely within the confines of the main dwelling and shall not exceed 25 percent of the floor area.
 - b. Garages or carports, whether attached or detached, shall only be used for the storage of automobiles related to the home occupation.
 - c. All materials, equipment and samples associated with such home occupation shall be stored completely within the dwelling.
 - d. No alterations or additions shall be made to a dwelling or accessory structure for business or commercial purposes which will alter the residential appearance of such dwelling.
 - e. There shall be no entrance or exit way specifically provided in the dwelling or on the premises for the conduct of the home occupation.
 - f. Permitted home occupations shall not include the employment of any persons not residing on the premises.

- g. No traffic shall be generated by such home occupation between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood, and any need for parking generated by the conduct of such home occupation shall be met by off-street parking areas not located in a required front yard.**
- h. The home occupation shall not cause the elimination of required off-street parking.**
- i. No uses that create excessive illumination, noise, odor, dust, vibration, air pollution, water pollution or conflict with the use of adjacent property for residential uses are permitted.**
- j. A family day care home may be operated as a home occupation, subject to the following conditions:**

 - 1. The family day care must be operated by a person who resides in the single-family dwelling.**
 - 2. Care is provided to no more than five children not related to the day care provider, at any one time.**
 - 3. At least 500 square feet of contiguous, compact outside play area in the rear yard of the premises must be available for outside recreation of children.**
 - 4. Play area must be enclosed with a fence at least 60 inches in height.**
 - 5. An off-street, unobstructed, paved parking area for the pick up and drop off of participants must be provided.**
 - 6. Any body of water, natural or manmade, must be fenced and secured in accordance with this Code.**
 - 7. No family day care home shall be located within 1,200 feet of any other type of day care, as measured from nearest property line to nearest property line.**
- k. An adult day care may be operated as a home occupation, subject to the following conditions:**

 - 1. The adult day care must be operated by a person who resides in the single-family dwelling.**
 - 2. Care is provided for no more than five adults at any one time. An adult day care participant, who is not mentally or physically capable of negotiating a normal path to safety, shall count as three persons. The city may request a statement from a physician that a participant is mentally and physically capable of negotiating a normal path to safety. When assistive devices or aids are necessary for an adult day care participant to negotiate a normal path to safety, the adult day care shall be handicap accessible.**

3. When assistive devices or aids are necessary for an adult day care participant to negotiate a normal path to safety, the adult day care shall be handicap accessible.
 4. The rear yard must be enclosed with a fence at least 60 inches in height.
 5. An off-street, unobstructed, paved parking area for the pick-up and drop-off of adults must be provided.
 6. No adult day care home shall be located within 1,200 feet of any other type of day care, as measured from nearest property line to nearest property line.
- l. The following uses are specifically prohibited as home occupations: retail or wholesale sales; sales to the public on the premises not incidental thereto; equipment rental; sale of any parts; lawnmower, appliance equipment and machinery repair; automobile and other motor vehicle repair services and/or sales; and uses requiring the storage or use of highly flammable, toxic or other hazardous materials. Specifically prohibited home occupations may receive a home occupancy accessory use permit from the board of zoning adjustment.
 - m. A home occupation permit shall be issued to the applicant, and the same shall not be transferable or assignable, nor shall it be contained on the subject property after the use shall have been discontinued or abandoned for a period of 60 days.
 - n. Home occupations established prior to the enactment of these regulations will continue to be subject to the zoning regulations in effect on the date that the home occupation was commenced. A home occupation permit subject to the provisions of these zoning regulations will be required after the discontinuance or abandonment of such a home occupation.
 - o. Home occupations based upon production and off-site sale of goods derived from a permitted animal husbandry operation as regulated in subsection 10 below shall be required to follow the same standards as all other home occupations with the exception that the animals that provide the raw materials are permitted to be kept outdoors. This includes the requirement to apply for a home occupation permit and submit to an on-site inspection.
- (10) Animal Husbandry (reference detailed definition contained in Municipal Code Chapter 50, Article I, Section 4) is permitted as an Accessory Use in the R-1, Low Density Residential District only and if the following conditions can be met:**
- a. These regulations do not apply to legally existing riding stables, commercial stockyards, or any land zoned for agricultural use.
 - b. A one-time permit application with fee is required for all new animal husbandry operations and includes an on-site inspection to determine property compliance with these regulations. The applicant is required to be the resident of the principal home on the property and, if not the owner, a signed and notarized statement from the property owner is required authorizing the application to be filed.

- c. **Minimum lot size is one acre of open roaming space (See definition).**
- d. **Animals permitted to be kept (animal types not listed are prohibited):**
 - 1. **Horses. One per acre of open roaming space, maximum of 2. May not share acreage with goats for purposes of calculating number permitted.**
 - 2. **Miniature Goats. Two per acre of open roaming space, maximum of 4. Limited to Pygmy, Nigerian Dwarf, Kinder, and Pygora breeds only that do not exceed 29 inches in height as measured at the shoulder of the animal. All goats over 7 months of age are required to be neutered. May not share acreage with horses for purposes of calculating number permitted.**
 - 3. **Outdoor Fowl, Rabbits, and Similar Small Animals. Outdoor Fowl, rabbits, and similar small animals are not subject to the open roaming space requirements of this section but the keeping of such shall be in accordance with the specific requirements of Municipal Code Chapter 6, which shall be followed in its entirety. Where permitted by Municipal Code Chapter 6, outdoor Fowl, Rabbits, and other small animals may be kept in addition to the animals listed here and will not require dedicated acreage per this section.**
 - 4. **Harboring of any animals defined under Animal Husbandry that do not meet all regulations contained within this section are prohibited and shall be deemed a nuisance.**
- e. **Any animal shelters placed on a parcel of land for animal husbandry purposes shall be at least 100 feet from any neighboring dwelling not including the dwelling occupied by the owner of the animals and at least 25 feet from all property lines. If there is more than one dwelling unit legally existing on a parcel of land, this same distance separation shall apply to the additional dwelling units. Animal shelters are accessory buildings and specific requirements are as follows:**
 - 1. **No more than two accessory buildings may be placed on any residential property, regardless of purpose. If just one building, it can be as large as 720 square feet if all setbacks, maximum height, and lot coverage requirements are met. If two buildings, then the second accessory structure cannot exceed 120 square feet.**
 - 2. **Permits may be required for construction of an accessory building for use as an animal shelter. Consult with Raytown Community Development Department staff to confirm permit requirements prior to performing any work.**
 - 3. **Construction of any accessory building in Raytown, regardless of purpose without proper permits is not permitted and the owner can be issued a citation to appear in Raytown Municipal Court.**

4. Any shelter constructed for animal habitation shall be kept regularly clean to prevent buildup of waste and old bedding material such as straw. Permitting an animal shelter to accumulate waste can result in the spread of foul odors to neighboring properties and in the spread of disease among the animals.
- f. Minimum standards of operation for an animal husbandry accessory use:
1. Failure to regularly provide food, water, or veterinary care to the permitted animal types shall be considered a nuisance.
 2. Failure to regularly maintain and clean animal shelters shall be considered a nuisance.
 3. Fencing requirements for areas where animals are kept:
 - (a) Any property hosting any of the permitted types of animals shall ensure the entire area within which the animals are to be kept shall be fenced in a manner to prevent their escape. Failure to regularly maintain fencing and promptly repair any damage caused to fencing shall be considered a nuisance.
 - (b) Miniature goats are natural climbers. If these animals are being kept, a 6-foot solid and smooth surface fence that meets City material standards, with no protrusions on the inside to provide footholds, nor easily consumed by chewing, shall be constructed around the entirety of the area where these goats are kept. Any new fence installed is required to also present a smooth surface out to the neighbors per existing fencing regulations in residential districts.
 4. Animal noise shall be mitigated to the extent possible by the owners of the animals. Should animal noise reach a level where it disturbs the repose of neighboring property owners or residents, the noise shall be considered a nuisance.
 5. The City reserves the right to request any owner of animals under this section to provide liability insurance for damages the animals may cause upon escape from the owner's property in an amount deemed appropriate by the City on a case-by-case basis.

~~(Comp. Ord. of 4-20-2010, § 4-2)~~

CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE III. – CARE AND CONTROL REGULATIONS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 6-59. - Certain livestock prohibited in city.

(a) No agricultural domestic animals ~~(except horses)~~ shall be kept, harbored or maintained within the city **except those permitted by regulations contained in Chapter 50, Article IV, Section 50-127.**

~~(b) No horses shall be kept or maintained within 100 feet of the nearest portion of any building in any way used by human beings, other than those occupied by the owner or keeper of any such horses. Beyond this limitation of 100 feet, not more than two of the aforesaid horses, shall be kept, provided that the limitations of two horses shall not apply to a riding stable, nor shall~~
Limitations on livestock in the City shall not apply to the limitation of two such animals apply to a commercial stockyard or land zoned for agricultural use. ~~Stables for the housing of any of the horses shall comply with all zoning restrictions.~~

(c) All manure accumulations in the area where animals are kept shall be removed, stored or disposed of in such a manner as to prevent noxious odors, the breeding of flies, and the spread of disease.

~~(d) Wild animals not prohibited from being kept as pets shall also be so kept in compliance with the statutes, regulations and treaties of the state and the federal government.~~

(e) Animals currently authorized under existing ordinances of the city and approved by the director shall be allowed to continue in existence so long as said animals shall continue to meet all requirements of said existing ordinances. ~~The housing of such animals shall be in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.~~

(Code 1969, § 4-17; Ord. No. 2039-80, § 2, 3-20-1980; Ord. No. 4276-97, §§ 1—5, 6-3-1997; Ord. No. 4680-01, § 1, 2-20-2001; Ord. No. 5191-07, § 1, 3-6-2007)

State Law reference— Authority to prohibit livestock, poultry at large, RSMo 79.400.

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 1:10 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats
Attachments: [REDACTED] Miniature Goat Public Comment.pdf

The attached file is a PDF document of this email in case email format is hard to read.

6/27/2022

Raytown Planning and Zoning Commission and the City of Raytown,

Thank you so much for considering a fair ordinance to allow the keeping of miniature goats in appropriate ways that balance the varied needs and interests of all the residents of Raytown. I am proud and thankful to live in Raytown, a place that allows its citizens to participate in creating "A crossroads community, embracing diversity and working together."

There is a trend among many in my generation towards growing one's own food, keeping chickens, and even keeping miniature goats. I know of many friends and young professionals looking for places where they can do so while living near urban and suburban jobs (see attached article from REALTOR Magazine, "The Rise of the Backyard Farm"). Because of this, over the past 10-20 years many cities throughout the nation including cities in the Kansas City metro area have been passing chicken friendly and small livestock friendly laws. In response to the Raytown publicization that they are considering permitting miniature goats, I came across responses from people that wanted to move to Raytown if that is allowed.

There has been a lot of local interest and support for a Raytown ordinance permitting miniature goats. All of the neighbors around me have expressed interest and support in the future possibility that I may have miniature goats. 13 neighbors representing 10 households surrounding me all signed. When I left an open letter in Doughboy Donuts to the Aldermen requesting a yes vote for the creation of an ordinance, over just a few days 58 members of the community signed (signature available on request). Through this process I have interacted with many neighbors, other citizens of Raytown, Aldermen, and city staff, and have grown to appreciate and enjoy this city even more.

The City Staff's draft miniature goat ordinance was well crafted and comprehensive. It addressed many aspects of keeping miniature goats well and while balancing the needs of the whole community.

I have two recommendations to enhance the ordinance. I believe the recommended changes are very important to fairly protect the interests of both miniature goat owners and the community:

Recommendation 1: Add requirement that miniature goats have no horns.

Miniature goats are sometimes born without horns ("polled" goats) and sometimes have the horns "disbudded" soon after birth so that they do not grow. A goat WITH horns is more likely to get its head caught and injure itself trying to get untangled. There is also more likelihood of a goat with horns injuring people or other goats. A goat without horns is less likely to injure itself or others.

Recommendation 2: Change "6-foot solid and smooth" fence requirement to A minimum 5-foot fence without gaps or nearby objects that allow escape.

A “6-foot solid and smooth fence” is not the fence recommended by goat literature to prevent climbing and escape, is not required by other miniature goat law, may be detrimental to the health of the goats, and could be cost prohibitive and unnecessarily burdensome for the owner.

“6-foot solid and smooth” is not the fence recommended by goat literature

A 5-foot fence that does not sag or have gaps large enough for the goat to squeeze through is the recommended fence according to goat literature. Climbing happens from sagging fences or objects near the fences. A 5-foot fence is a more than adequate height for almost all goat breeds. Gaps in fence should not be more than two inches. See highlights in excerpts from articles in Appendix A – Goat Literature Recommended Fence

“6-foot solid and smooth” is not required by other cities’ miniature goat laws

Of the many cities that permit miniature goats, not a single ordinance that I have encountered require a “solid and smooth” fence. Typically the law simply requires that goats be contained, not allowed to be at-large. Of the few that address fence height the requirement is a minimum 4-foot or 5-foot fence. From my survey of 13 cities’ ordinances allowing miniature goats, here are the only two that addressed fence height:

Lakewood, CO – “A fence with a minimum height of 4 feet shall enclose the yard area.”

San Diego, CA – “Secured with a minimum five-foot tall fence”

These cities allow miniature goats but do not address fence height:

Lee’s Summit; Independence; Belton; Kansas City, MO; Olathe; Shawnee; Kansas City, KS; Denver, CO; Seattle, WA; Pittsburgh, PA; Cleveland, OH.

None of the goat laws surveyed required a solid and smooth surface and none required a 6-foot height.

See Appendix B – Other Cities’ Miniature Goat Laws

“6-foot solid and smooth” may be detrimental to the health of goats

Observation of the goats is critical to the keeping of goats. A 6-foot solid and smooth fence would inhibit the keeper from observing the goats for loss of appetite, changes in behavior, injuries, signs of distress, etc. A 6-foot solid fence could also lead to overheating due to lack of airflow.

Cost prohibitive and unnecessarily burdensome to owner

A 6-foot solid and smooth fence would cost at least twice as much as very solid and more than adequate goat fencing. According to 2022 fencing cost calculators, an average DIY wood privacy fence would cost \$22/linear foot totaling **\$3,300** to fence a small 37x37 foot pen and **\$12,980** to fence half an acre. A vinyl privacy fences would be even more expensive.

In comparison, the average cost for a DIY goat fence at \$11/linear foot is \$1,650 to fence a small 37x37 foot pen and \$6,490 to fence half an acre. Based on:

Wood Privacy Fence Cost 2022 <https://www.lawnstarter.com/blog/cost/privacy-fence-price/> and

Farm Fencing Cost 2022 <https://homegardenguides.com/fencing/farm-fencing-cost/>

See Table A – Fence Cost

Beyond the financial cost, an even larger burden and loss for the owner with a solid and smooth fence would be the loss of enjoyment of seeing the miniature goats in the pen. The owner could not see them playing, admire their beauty, and enjoy them. This is perhaps the greatest reason of all to have a fence that enables the daily the appreciation and enjoyment of the animals since enjoying watching them is one of main reasons many miniature goat owners want to have them.

Again, thank you so much for your careful consideration and crafting of a fair and strong ordinance.

Sincerely,



Table A – Fence Cost

	Wooden Privacy Fence \$22/ft			Farm fence \$11/ft		
Do It Yourself Average Price	Per foot	Small Pen	1/2 Acre	Per foot	Small Pen	1/2 Acre
Price	\$22	\$3,300	\$12,980	\$11	\$1,650	\$6,490
Linear feet		150	590		150	590
Square feet		1406	21,780		1406	21,780

Based on:

<https://homegardenguides.com/fencing/farm-fencing-cost/>

Farm fencing Cost 2022

\$3 per linear foot DIY

<https://www.lawnstarter.com/blog/cost/privacy-fence-price/>

Wood Privacy fence Cost 2022

\$22 per linear foot DIY

Appendix A – Goat Literature Recommended Fence

<https://www.chelseagreen.com/2021/good-fences-and-good-gates-make-good-goats/>

Good fences and good gates make good goats

The following excerpt is from [Holistic Goat Care](#) by Gianaclis Caldwell. It has been adapted for the web.

[M]ake sure the fence is tall enough to prevent the goat from even attempting to jump over. A 3-foot (0.9 m) fence is usually tall enough to contain adult Nigerian Dwarf or miniature goats. **5-foot (1.5 m) fences are sufficient for most goats.** **10-foot (3 m) fences are recommended for most goats,** particularly in areas where they spend a lot of time loafing, rather than foraging or grazing.

The best fences for smaller goat pens and paddocks are panels made of rigid steel rods welded into place, creating a structure that can hold up to all of the abuses and challenges goats provide. Hog panels are one example of this type of fencing. These panels have a grid pattern with smaller openings toward the bottom, and they are about 3 or 4 feet (1–1.2 m) tall. Another example is security or horse panels, which are **5 feet (1.5 m) tall and have openings that are only 2 inches wide (by 4 inches tall (5 × 10 cm).**

Storey's Guide to Raising Dairy Goats

Stock fencing. "It is made of welded steel rods in 16-foot (4.75 m)-long panels of 3-foot (almost 1 m) or 5-foot (1.5 m) heights. The ideal is 13-wire combination fence sections **that are 5 feet high and have narrower spacing at the bottom than at the top.**"

5th Edition, page 69.

<https://www.justagric.com/fence-height-for-goats/>

Fence Height for Goats

First, consider fencing height. You will want to make sure that your goats are safe. If you want to keep your goats from jumping **the fence should be at least four feet tall.** This is the minimum fence height for goats, and they will often try to jump over a fence if they are spooked. If you are not sure about the height of your goats' fence, you can use a fence that is only 54 inches tall.

Goats have high jumping ability, and they will leap over a fence. A fence height of four to five feet is generally adequate for most goats. **Miniature goats and adult Nigerian Dwarfs can live comfortably in a three-foot high fence, while a five-foot fence is recommended for all goat species.**

<https://www.agdaily.com/livestock/best-fence-for-goats-owners-need-know/>

Best fence for goats – what owners need to know

How tall should a fence be for goats?

The recommended height for a goat fence is 4 feet (48 inches) tall. This is enough that most goats won't be able to jump over it — and are less likely to injure themselves trying. Taller fences work fine, too, but that's usually overkill, especially for the added costs involved.

Because our goats haven't been disbudded, we've gone with 2-by-4-inch wire — we found it was better when it came to keeping the animals from getting their horns caught between the slats.

<https://backyardgoats.iamcountryside.com/feed-housing/building-the-best-fence-for-goats/>

Building the Best Fence for Goats

Tips and Options for Escape-Proof Goat Fencing

The best fence for goats should typically be between four and five feet high

Galvanized wire steel mesh fence has 2"x4" spacing, making it desirable for baby goats and smaller breeds.

<https://thefreerangelife.com/goat-fencing/>

The Best Options for Goat Fencing

- Make your goat fences tall. Some goats love to jump. 4 ft is the minimum height you should have.
 - Choose wire that can withstand climbing and leaning (ie. woven wire NOT welded wire)
 - Choose wire that your goats can't get their heads stuck through- especially those with horns.
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<https://insteadof.com/blog/goat-fencing/>

5 Goat Fencing Options And Details To Consider

Fence Height

Many sources recommend making fencing at least 4 feet high. Goats can and will jump over any fence that's shorter. For most breeds like mountain and alpine, 4 feet is the height to start.

Be sure that any gaps, whether they are formed by the spaces between posts, cross-braces, or the squares of a wire panel, are no larger than 4-by-4 inches.

<https://couchtohomestead.com/can-a-goat-jump-a-fence/>

How High Can a Goat Jump and Can They Jump a Fence?

Aim for a fence height of at least 4 feet, but 5-6 feet can work best, especially for the smaller breeds that can jump higher.

<https://couchtohomestead.com/can-a-goat-jump-a-fence/>

Best Goat Fencing Options and How to Effectively Confine Your Goats

Regardless of what type of [fence](#) you choose, your fence should be between [4-5-feet in height](#). The larger the breed, the taller the fence.

However, if you're raising a smaller breed of goats, be sure to consider a fence which is durable at the bottom because they'll be more likely to squeeze under it.

Appendix B – Other Cities' Miniature Goat Laws

Kansas City, MO

Limit two, kept at least 200 feet from neighbors. May be kept closer than 200 feet if letter of permission obtained from neighbor.

https://library.municode.com/mo/kansas_city/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodetid=PTIICOOR_CH14AN_S14-12KELIGEKEWIAN

Sec. 14-12. - Keeping of livestock generally; keeping of wild animals.

(a) As used in this section, the term "livestock" includes but is not limited to the following animals: horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, ostriches, emus, and cassowaries. No livestock or wild animals of similar or larger size shall be kept, maintained, pastured or fed within 200 feet of the nearest portion of any building in any way used by human beings, other than the dwelling occupied by the owner or keeper of any of such animals. Beyond this limitation of 200 feet, not more than two of such animals shall be kept, provided that the limitation of two horses shall not apply to a commercial riding stable licensed pursuant to [section 40-64](#) as a riding academy, nor shall the limitation of two such animals apply to a commercial stockyard or land zoned for agricultural use. Stables, coops, pens or other structures for the housing of any of such animals shall comply with all zoning restrictions. This section shall not

apply to livestock located within property which is zoned district RA or for which a certificate of legal nonconformance for agricultural, horticultural, stables or animal husbandry purposes has been issued.

(b) Livestock shall not be allowed to run at large, and when legally kept must be restrained in a manner and by such means as will prevent such animals from escaping, straying or running at large. Gates used to restrain livestock shall be kept closed with a chain and padlock to minimize vandalism. Each time that livestock are found running loose or not kept as required by this section is a violation.

Lee's Summit

Goats, pigs, cows, horses may be kept over 400 feet from any neighbor.

Chapter 5, ARTICLE IV. - DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Sec. 5-58. - Distance from residences.

It shall be unlawful to keep or have any domestic animal anywhere in the City kept nearer than four hundred (400) feet from the residence of any other inhabitant.

<https://cityofs.net/animal-control/regulations#:~:text=Animal%20Limit%20%2D%20No%20resident%20is,from%20the%20next%20nearest%20residence.>

- **Livestock** - Residents are not allowed to have livestock (pigs, goats, horses, cows, etc.), unless the animals reside more than four hundred feet from the next nearest residence.

Independence

Two livestock (including goats) kept over 75 feet from neighbors and kept on at least ½ acre.

Sec. 3.02.005. - Operation and maintenance of places for keeping livestock.

B. No livestock shall be kept or maintained within 75 feet of the nearest portion of any building occupied by or in any way used by human beings other than that dwelling occupied by any owner or keeper of such animals. No more than two head of livestock over the age of six months shall be kept or maintained within the City limits of Independence and 21,780 square feet of land (one-half acre) shall be provided for each such head of livestock.

Belton

At least 75 feet from neighbors, two animals per acre or part of acre.

Sec. 4-196. - Keeping livestock near residences; number of animals kept.

No livestock shall be kept or maintained within 75 feet of the nearest portion of any building occupied by or in any way used by human beings as a residence, other than such dwelling occupied by the owner or keeper of such animal or animals. Beyond the aforementioned limitation of 75 feet, not more than two animals per acre or part of an acre shall be kept or maintained; provided, however, a limitation of two animals shall not apply to a riding stable, a commercial stockyard or land zoned for agricultural purposes.

Olathe

Property less than three acres, permit required, limit 10 animals.

Over three acres, no limit.

18.50.030 Animals

2. Keeping of animals is subject to the standards set out in this section. For purposes of this section, "large farm animal" means horses, ponies, cows, hogs, pigs and other similarly sized animals and "small farm animal" means chickens, rabbits, pygmy goats and other similarly sized animals.

Small Farm Animals	< 3 acres	Yes	10 animals; roosters prohibited
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Shawnee

Limit 2, permit needed. Stable/shed must be 100 feet from neighbors.

6.10.010 - Special Animal Permit

2. Large Animals, as defined in [Chapter 6.04](#):

- a. A Special Animal Permit shall be required to Own, Keep, or Harbor one (1) and/or two (2) Large Animals, as defined in [Chapter 6.04](#); provided that no more than two (2) Large Animals shall be allowed;

6.04.010 - Generally.

F. *Animal, Large* means any pig, hog or other swine including Vietnamese pot-bellied or other miniature pigs, cow, ox or other bovine, goat, sheep, horse, donkey, mule or other beast of burden, or any other domestic or wild animal of similar or larger size, not including dogs.

Kansas City, KS

50 feet from neighbors, limit two, permit required.

Sec. 7-172. - Keeping livestock.

(a) In this section, the term "livestock" includes, but is not limited to, horses, mules, cattle, sheep, and goats.

(b) Except in areas zoned agriculturally, no livestock or animals of similar or larger size shall be kept, maintained, pastured or fed within 50 feet of the nearest portion of any building in any way used by human beings, other than the dwelling occupied by the owner or keeper of any of such animals. Beyond this limitation of 50 feet, not more than two of such animals shall be kept, provided that the limitation of two horses shall not apply to a licensed commercial riding stable, as a riding academy, nor shall the limitation of two such animals apply to a commercial stockyard or land zoned for agricultural use, or on parcels of five or more acres. Stables, coops, pens or other structures for the housing of any of the aforementioned animals shall comply with all zoning restrictions.

Seattle, WA

https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal_code?nodeId=TIT23LAUSCO_SUBTITLE_III_LAUSRE_CH23.42G_EUSPR_23.42.052KEAN

Section 23.42.052

A. Small Animals. Up to three small animals may be kept accessory to each business establishment, other than an urban farm, or dwelling unit on a lot, except as follows:

1. In no case is more than one miniature potbelly pig allowed per business establishment or dwelling unit (see subsection 23.42.052.B).
2. In single-family zones,
 - a. accessory dwelling units shall not be considered separate dwelling units for the purpose of this [Section 23.42.052](#);
 - b. up to four small animals are permitted on lots of at least 20,000 square feet; and
 - c. one additional small animal is permitted for each 5,000 square feet of lot area in excess of 20,000 square feet.Accessory structures, including kennels, for four or more animals must be at least 10 feet from any other lot in a residential zone.

F. Miniature Goats. The types of goats commonly known as Pygmy, Dwarf and Miniature Goats may be kept as small animals, provided that male miniature goats are neutered and all miniature goats are dehorned. Nursing offspring of miniature goats licensed according to the provisions of this Code may be kept until weaned, no longer than 12 weeks from birth, without violating the limitations of subsection 23.42.052.A.

Lakewood, CO

<https://www.lakewood.org/files/assets/public/planning/development-assistance/pdfs/zoning-ordinance/2019-08-26-new-articles/title-17-zoning-ordinance-adopted-2019-07-08.pdf>

17.4.3.1

D. Animals, Small

b. Dwarf Goats:

- i. A permit for the keeping of dwarf goats must be obtained from the City.
- ii. A maximum of three female dwarf goats or two females and one wether shall be allowed on a single property. Goats shall be counted towards the total number of household pets permitted on a property. Unneutered male dwarf goats shall be prohibited.
- iii. A predator-resistant enclosure must be provided. The enclosures shall have a minimum of 10 square feet of living space for each animal, and shall be secure, roofed, and well ventilated. However, the total size of an enclosure shall not exceed 90 square feet, and shall not exceed 10 feet in height.

- iv. Goats shall be kept in the enclosure or in a fenced yard at all times. A fence with a minimum height of 4 feet shall enclose the yard area.
- v. An enclosure or fenced area shall not be located in a front yard or closer to any property lines than the accessory structure setbacks for the applicable zone district identified in Table 17.5.1
- vi. A permit shall apply only to the occupant of the property at the time of approval.
- vii. The Director may revoke any permit issued pursuant to this Section at any time if the Director finds that any provision of this Zoning Ordinance has been violated

Denver, CO

https://www.denvergov.org/content/dam/denvergov/Portals/646/documents/Zoning/DZC/Complete_Denver_Zoning_Code.pdf

11.8.5.1 Keeping of Household Animals

A. Animals Permitted Without a Zoning Permit

Dwarf Goats

- No more than 2 Dwarf Goats, except any number of their offspring younger than 6 months, may be kept per zone lot.
- No structure used to house the animals may be closer than 15' to: (1) a structure on an abutting zone lot containing a dwelling unit, and (2) a dwelling unit not the residence of the animal keeper(s) and located in a primary structure on the same zone lot.
- On any residential Zone Lot, the goats shall be maintained in the rear 50% of the Zone Lot Depth.
- Slaughtering of the animals as part of keeping such animals is prohibited

Pittsburgh, PA

https://library.municode.com/pa/pittsburgh/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=PIZOOC_TITNINEZOOC_ARTVUSRE_CH912ACUSST_912.07URAGACUS

912.07.B Urban Agriculture (Accessory Use) With Animals

Urban Agriculture (Accessory Use) applications for the housing of chickens, ducks, goats, and honeybees shall be authorized as permitted by right and shall be subject to the following standards:

- (13) For property between two thousand (2,000) square feet and ten thousand (10,000) square feet in size, the resident is permitted to keep no more and no less than two (2) dehorned, adult, female or neutered male, miniature goats (and offspring less than twelve (12) weeks old) with no other livestock;
- (14) For property with a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) square feet in size, the resident is permitted two (2) dehorned, adult female or neutered male goats. For every additional five thousand (5,000) square feet of property, the owner is permitted one (1) additional dehorned, adult, female or neutered male, goats;
- (15) All animal structures and roaming areas shall be kept sanitary and free from accumulations of animal excrement and objectionable odor;
- (16) Outdoor roaming areas for chickens, ducks or goats shall be sufficiently enclosed and screened from the street and neighboring properties to protect them from vehicular traffic, and other predators, and serve to contain the chickens or ducks on the property, and to minimize external impacts of the outdoor roaming areas;
- (17) The keeping of chickens, ducks or goats shall be permitted only where there is an occupied residence.

Cleveland, OH

https://s30428.pcdn.co/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/09/Cleveland_farm_animal_ordinance_1.pdf

347.02 Restrictions on the keeping of Farm Animals and Bees

(c) Goats, Pigs, Sheep and Similar Animals. The keeping of goats, pigs, sheep and similar farm animals, and stables and enclosures for the keeping of such animals, shall be governed by the following regulations.

(1) In Residential Districts.

In Residential Districts, no goats, pigs, sheep or similar farm animals shall be kept on a parcel of land less than 24,000 square feet in area. For a parcel that is at least 24,000 square feet in area, a maximum of two (2) such animals may be kept on the property, with one (1) additional animal permitted for each additional 2,400 square feet of area. Stables or other enclosures for such animals shall not be permitted in front yards or in side street yards and shall be set back at least forty (40) feet from any street and from any property other than a property located in an Industrial District and shall be set back at least one hundred (100) feet from a dwelling on another parcel or from the permitted placement of a dwelling on an adjoining vacant parcel.

San Diego, CA

<https://docs.sandiego.gov/municode/MuniCodeChapter04/Ch04Art04Division03.pdf>

44.0307 Cattle, Goats and Sheep

(a) It is unlawful to bring or maintain, within a non-agricultural zone within the City, any cattle, bovine animals, goats, or sheep.

(b) Section 44.0307(a) shall not apply to the following:

(1) Dairies or dairy farms licensed during the month of July 1953.

(2) Any goats brought in temporarily, to privately-owned non-agricultural zones for the purpose of performing brush management in accordance with the Land Development Code section 142.0412.

(3) The keeping of miniature goats on a premises zoned for a single dwelling unit or developed with a single dwelling unit consistent with the following requirements.

(A) Miniature goats are those goats commonly known as Pygmy, Dwarf, and Miniature Goats. (B) All miniature goats shall be dehorned.

(C) Male miniature goats shall be neutered.

(D) No more than, and no less than, two miniature goats shall be kept on the premises, except that offspring may be kept onsite for up to twelve weeks from birth.

(E) Miniature goats shall be housed in a shed designed to be: Ch. Art. Div. 4 4 3 6 San Diego Municipal Code Chapter 4: Health and Sanitation (7-2018) (i) Predator proof; (ii) Thoroughly ventilated; (iii) Easily accessed and cleaned; (iv) Watertight and draft free; (v) A minimum of ten square feet of interior space; and (vi) Located outside of all required setbacks as established by Chapter 13, Article 1 of this Code.

(F) Direct access from the shed to an outdoor enclosure shall be provided with the outdoor enclosure designed to be: (i) Secured with a minimum five-foot tall fence; (ii) A minimum area of 400 square feet; (iii) Secured from the outside in a manner that prevents the miniature goats from escaping; (iv) Free of objects that would enable the goats to climb out of the enclosure; and (v) Easily accessed and cleaned.

(G) Goat's milk, goat's cheese, and other goat-related food products shall be for personal consumption only; sale of such products is prohibited.

(c) Property owners shall remove and properly dispose of droppings from cattle, goats or sheep as needed to prevent accumulation, to avoid a health or sanitation problem, or the breeding of flies, and to prevent discharge into the Storm Water Conveyance System, as defined in section 43.0302.

Supplementary Article

REALTOR® Magazine

The Rise of the Backyard Farm

<https://magazine.realtor/news-and-commentary/feature/article/2015/07/the-rise-of-the-backyard-farm>

July 13, 2015

By Mag White

Whenever there's an open house for a listing on her street, Rosalind Creasy expects a knock on her door. Not only does the landscaping—bursting with squash blossoms, golden-stemmed chard, and ruby-red strawberries—bring curious kids and hungry honeybees to her yard, it also brings real estate agents.

Many want to know if she's interested in putting her Los Altos, Calif., home up for sale, but they're also drawn to the beauty and fragrance provided by the kumquat trees and sugar snap peas, just like anyone else. "I could sell my house in a minute," she says. "Right now it's because it's got an apple tree in bloom, but really, there's always something beautiful happening."

However, Creasy's edible landscaping hasn't always been admired by the local real estate community. The landscape architect and author remembers a "traumatic experience" decades ago, after replacing a couple's lawn with raised garden beds and helping them cultivate kiwi and pomegranate plants there. Three years later, the couple divorced and put the house on the market. Creasy happened to stop by the listing and saw the landscaping had been all stripped out, lawn back in place. "I looked up in horror," she remembers. "The real estate agent told me houses with lawns 'sell faster.' I could have killed her!"

Understanding this focus on backyard agriculture as an emerging real estate niche may expand your reach with buyers and sellers. As a [national speaker and edible landscaping expert](#), Creasy has seen a sea change in how the public views growing food and tending to food-producing fauna in their yards. She says that, just as a segment of society has traded in the allure of the huge, gas-guzzling Cadillac for sleeker, more efficient cars, so too have we redefined the concept of a desirable outdoor space. "It used to be that having a big lawn and lots of shrubs was a status symbol, showing you have

so much land and so many servants and so much money you didn't have to use your land to just grow food," Creasy says. "But now edibles have cachet. They are in. They're sustainable. They're healthy. Wealthy, educated people in particular are aware that this is the new status symbol."

A Buzz in the Air

It's not just gardens that are creating buzz. There's no doubt in the mind of American Beekeeping Federation President Tim Tucker that the backyard beehive trend is going mainstream. "The number of beekeepers of one to five hives is growing by leaps and bounds," he says. Part of this is fueled by the shock over the problem of colony collapse disorder, a mysterious event where entire colonies of bees perish. "People do want to help," he says. However, Tucker says he also sees a growing interest from older home owners, some of whom are having trouble finding wild bees for fruit trees and other plants that rely on pollination. "There's also this movement of the baby boom generation toward more sustainable practices. They see it as a hobby that will help their garden."

Chicago home owner Jean Bryan says she's excited about the uptick in people interested in agriculture in her Rogers Park neighborhood. "This neighborhood is very chicken-heavy," she says with a smile. "There's a real tipping point in terms of our awareness of healthy food and the need for having food closer at hand."

With the increasing interest in local food production, Bryan knows her yard—at 50 by 170 feet, it's larger than the average Chicago lot—is enviable for city dwellers. She has room for a coop that offers protection and a "chicken run" that allows her seven hens outdoor space to scratch and forage. "There's an increasing interest in home production of food—chickens are a subset of that—and the size of our yard would be very attractive to someone who was into that."

The yard also offers a head start for gardeners that's been decades in the making. "Besides the size of the yard, which would be a big selling point, we already have a raised-bed garden that was started by the original owners of the house," Bryan says. "That part of the yard has been a garden for decades, and its soil has been built up significantly."

Bryan says she and her husband are not looking to sell right now, but that having a real estate pro who understands the market for their home would be important. She says she thinks today's chicken coop is yesterday's solar panel. While a few years ago, agents might have recommended terminating a solar panel lease at a home before putting it on the market, "I really think they're becoming something of value."

Josh Friberg, green, sales associate with Keller Williams Realty in Portland, Ore., says it's simple to change your thinking about the needs of this subset of buyers. "It takes a different kind of property for a Yorkie versus a Great Dane," he says. "It really only takes a small shift in mindset to consider what's going to be appropriate for chickens."

Knowing the Rules

Governments are beginning to see benefits to localizing food production. More than a dozen states have recently enacted legislation promoting small-scale agriculture, and a smaller number, including

Hawaii, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Oklahoma, have looked into or introduced incentives to encourage people to pursue backyard food production on residential property, according to [the National Conference of State Legislatures](#).

Where municipalities and agencies do restrict or monitor agricultural activity on residential land, they are rarely out to squelch those practices with regulations, which are often created to protect home owners. Tucker says part of the reason it's hard for his organization to get reliable numbers about the beekeeper population in the U.S. is because many residents with just a few hives try to avoid state monitoring programs. "Unfortunately it's going to get more involved and there are going to be more requirements for beekeepers," he says. However, he notes this will make for healthier bees, as agricultural agencies track disease and ensure that pesticide companies are aware of any no-spray zones in residential areas.

Other restrictions are based on so-called "nuisance laws," which attempt to keep neighborhoods harmonious. Friberg says the complaint-based system in Portland is governed by this principle. He needed a permit for his backyard farm, which is home to goats, turkeys, chickens, honeybees, and a massive vegetable garden (the city allows residents to have up to three livestock animals without a permit). However, he says the permitting process is easy if you have a good relationship with your neighbors. Even visits from county disease control officials center on how comfortable nearby people are with his activities. "They mostly want to know what your relationships are with neighbors," he says. "Also, I make homemade beer and a lot of that does go over the fence. All of a sudden you've got really happy neighbors!"

You might counsel buyers interested in residential food production to reach out to potential neighbors before committing to a new home. "It's always a good idea to know your neighbors," Tucker says. He adds that because bees need access to water, even a nearby bird bath can draw their attention. If a potential neighbor has both an outdoor swimming pool and a severe bee allergy, it might not be the best fit. (Another tip from Tucker for mobile beekeepers: Don't pick a place that's too close to the previous hive. "If you only move [the bees] a quarter of a mile, they're going to go back to their old site.")

But in the early stages of helping buyers, it's important to know the local laws. When Sarah Snodgrass, agent with Better Homes & Gardens Real Estate Kansas City Homes in Kansas City, Mo., was looking into the possibility of starting a coop in her backyard, she found the overlapping regulations incredibly confusing. "Before I got chickens I thought, 'Well, am I allowed? What's the deal?'" she remembers. A home may be in a city where a coop is acceptable but "you might be in a subdivision that doesn't allow chickens."

Cities might mandate minimum space requirements around coops or restrict the number of chickens home owners may legally have, and some prohibit rooster ownership altogether. Additional restrictions may exist on a smaller scale, through home owner associations. To make the situation clearer, Snodgrass put together [a chart on her blog](#), which she updates as changes occur. Not only does she reference it often in her own business, she says clients and real estate pros often come to her for advice on urban farming. "They think I will understand them and be able to help them better than anyone else," Snodgrass says.

Marketing Your Expertise

Snodgrass is currently working with buyers looking to start up a backyard chicken coop. But it's not just her blog that helps her connect with this community. She's currently working toward becoming a master gardener, taking classes through the University of Missouri's extension program and volunteering in the community. She says agents who want to follow her lead should gather expertise in what they're passionate about. "Be yourself. You have so many ways to connect—from local activities to online outreach via social media. Get out there, be professional, but, most important, be authentic," Snodgrass says. "Buyers and sellers want to work with a real estate pro who will understand them."

Friberg says his agricultural expertise has led to several referrals. He holds his annual client appreciation event at a pumpkin patch, mentions how the livestock are doing in his newsletter, and can be seen taking his goats for leashed walks around the community. "This is who I am, and people know that," Friberg says. "I just got an e-mail from a former neighbor who said, 'I really want to have the lifestyle that you and your wife have, and I think you could help me with that.'"

So what happens when a seller with a coop, beehive, or massive garden is ready to sell? Bryan suggests agents ask chicken coop owners whether they plan to take the coop with them. Creasy says conversations with sellers can also inform your marketing plan: "Ask them what are the things in their yard that make them happy," she says. "If they say, 'I've grown \$700 worth of food out of this box,' don't you think that's worth mentioning to buyers?"

Creasy also recommends using the fruits of edible landscaping in staging, perhaps gathering a few sun-ripened tomatoes from the garden and arranging them in a rustic basket. She's helped several clients get their yards ready to sell and says anything from a mini-orchard to a tidy herb garden off the kitchen can help. "Plants like thyme are so easy; they don't ask for anything," Creasy says. "I call them edible plants with training wheels." But you may need several months' lead time to make sure all the plantings are ready. "It's different with landscaping," she says. "You can't walk in and set up a few decorative pillows and take down the pictures."

Friberg suggests ensuring farming structures are in good shape. He remembers working with one seller whose chicken coop was in disrepair. "We had to spend time mucking out the coop to really make it look nice. We were also prepared to remove it [if buyers insisted]," he says. "The goal was making it look as pleasing as possible." Friberg helps widen the appeal of chicken runs by suggesting alternative uses in his listing notes, such as repurposing them for dogs or gardening. "It's all about recognizing that there are multiple functions for these items," he says. "I make sure this is part of the conversation."

Creasy says the industry will benefit from understanding the growing mini-farm movement: "Real estate agents should get to know more about food, because the public is integrating food into their whole lifestyle." And we've all got to eat.

Meg White

Meg White is the former managing editor of REALTOR® Magazine.

There has been much discussion about farming goats within the city limits of Raytown. I would like the Aldermen to think long and hard about the process to allow goats in our city.

Goats are herd animals and are unhappy if there is only one. Usually, the farmer will have 3-4 goats at a time. Imagine 3-4 goats playing in the backyard, bleating all day and half the night.

It is important to have a goat shed so the animals can get out of the rain, snow, and wind. The property must be big enough to allow for this.

There absolutely must be a sturdy fence. My grandmother always said it was easier to fence out water than fence in goats.

In order to have goat milk and cheese, the nanny goats must be bred. The smell of a Billy goat in rut is worse than that of a skunk. The billies like to spread their urine and feces all over the paddock to get the nannies attention. The Aldermen may be able to regulate the number of goats, and the protection necessary to keep the goats healthy, but I'm not sure how you will be able to address the smell. Goats are also famous for eating a lot of the landscaping, leaving muddy patches in the yard.

It's one thing to choose to live next to property that has goats. It's another to have someone move in next to you and start a goat farm. Some of us have lived in our homes 20 – 30 – 40 years or more. I believe one of the requirements included in the ordinance should be a written agreement signed by all adult homeowners whose property abuts to the goats. The agreement must state all problems associated with the goats, including the smell and the noise. Once the farmer attains all the necessary approvals, only then could they come to the city for a permit. Thank you.

Bob Tubbs

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Hello Chris,

This email is to show support for allowing miniature goats to be raised within Raytown city limits. It would absolutely be a wonderful improvement to the culture of Raytown with the possibility of local milk and food products at the city farmers market for example. Did you know goats milk is a great substitute for formula shortage? That's just one immediate example pertinent to now times; aside from giving residents the freedom to make decisions on how they'd like to live. It poses no harm to the neighbors and only adds to the culture here.

Thank You,
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 7:51 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Good morning Chris,

If Raytown's municipal code currently allows for horses, chickens and potbellied pigs on varying sizes of land, I don't see why they can't allow miniature goats!

[REDACTED]
Raytown Resident

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 5:21 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Chris,

I am in support of having miniature goats in Raytown and for approval of the updates to Chapter 50 of the city code..

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Raytown, MO 64138

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 7:59 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Please allow miniature goats in the city of Raytown. They are clean animals that are relatively quiet and not smelly. They can be beneficial in getting rid of unwanted vegetation in some areas. Plus, they are very entertaining.

Yes, to miniature goats.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED] >
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 6:17 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Dear Chris,
I am very much in favor of the amendment to allow certain types of miniature goats in Raytown.
Thank you,
[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 7:39 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Please no! Nobody needs goats!

Tell the person who just moved here to go back. Raytown has more important things to do than deal with mini goats.

Goats can be loud and destroy fences.

Why is this even a thing?

NO on Goats!

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 9:47 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Mini goats

I support allowing mini goats in the zoning regulations.

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:46 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

I support allowing miniature goats in the city of Raytown. At least they would not be barking like dogs in our area. There should, however, be restrictions for them to have shelter in winter and summer months.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:47 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

I would like to be able to have goats on my single-dwelling property from time to time to eat weeds and overgrowth on a very steep hill and other areas that are difficult to mow. I understand they can eat poison ivy which could be very helpful. If they prove to be good pets, I would consider owning one.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Raytown, MO 64133
[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:54 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Good afternoon!

I just wanted to offer my support for the new potential ordinance that would allow miniature goats on properties that already are allowed to home horses in the city of Raytown. I think that would be an improvement for the city and a positive draw for future home owners.

Thanks!

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 2:56 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Hi Chris,

I heard about the potential law change for the City of Raytown and just wanted to say I support the right to own miniature goats within city limits. I think its a quality of life improvement and good for the sustainability of small families.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:08 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Good afternoon,

I am writing to show that I support a law being written to allow miniature goats on private properties in Raytown, MO. I think this would be an improvement for the city, allowing people to move towards self-sufficiency (goat milk), and it is fair, because horses are already allowed.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Hello,

To whom it may concern- I believe allowing miniature goats in Raytown would be an improvement to the city. What a great idea!

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:22 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Thank you for asking for feedback.

Seriously, we have a major cat issue in our neighborhood. We are currently dealing with a mom cat, her 5 kittens, and an older kitten from her litter who have taken up residence in our backyard.

We have animal rescuer/vet tech who lives across the street who has rescued at least 3 strays this week and is trying to get them fostered. And she is fostering a number of cats in addition.

There are several people in our neighborhood who have moved and left their cats and pit bulls.

I do not want a goat, chicken, pot bellied pig issue and the smells and sounds that come along with having farm animals.

Perhaps the humans should just move to a rural community where it is common to have these animals. We are not a rural community. Humans are having enough trouble being responsible for dogs and cats.

Leaders have to guide humans sometimes by just saying "no".

I say no to farm animals in Raytown.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® A

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:33 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Fw: Miniture goats

----- Forwarded Message -----

[REDACTED]
To: <mailto:chrisg@raytown.mo.us>
Subject: Miniture goats
Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2022 20:21:16 GMT

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

We shouldn't even be considering allowing any goats, pigs, nor chickens in Raytown. Firstly we are not a rural community, where farm animals are the norm.

Secondly we have an epidemic of dogs, mostly pitbulls, and cats running loose in the town. This due to irresponsible and inconsiderate people who won't take seriously the necessary responsibility to care for them. Not to mention the local animal shelters are over run with the same.

The city of Raytown appears to be unable to handle the pets either let loose or turned out by its residents. Allowing the afore mentioned farm animals will only compound an already overwhelming situation.

We shouldn't be bowing to the wants of a very vocal minority who considers fringe behavior their rights; These are the very same who won't take care of the pets they have, nor will they be responsible in taking care of a farm animal. These individuals should move to a rural community if they wish to have such animals.

Regards,

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:46 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Yes it should be allowed

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 3:47 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

I have no issue with miniature goats. Resident of Raytown since 2015, Southwood neighborhood.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:28 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Mini goats

I completely support mini goats for Raytown.
Thank you

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Jenna Bruton
616 598 7984

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 4:20 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: MINIATURE GOATS

I believe they should be allowed in Raytown with several conditions.

1. The person(s) should have to get an okay in writing from next door neighbors.
2. The person(s) should have to have a fenced back yard and the yard should be at least 3/4 acre.
3. They should have to have proper accommodations for the miniature goats.
4. I would think you would want to limit the number according to the size of the property. I don't know what that would be.
5. Those who want to own miniature goats should understand that if there are people who suspect the miniature goats are not being properly cared for or abused in some way, they should understand the goats will have to be surrendered. If they fix the problems regarding not being properly cared for, they will be returned. If they had been abused in some way, they should not expect to get them back.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 3:34 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Minature Goats

I have no problem with miniature goats as long as they are not making a bunch of noise. However, do something more useful and raise the number of chickens we are allowed. Come on only 4 chickens really? Especially now how expensive eggs are. We should be able to have at least 20 chickens. So we always have 10 chickens laying eggs. Because during molt chickens do not produce eggs. That should cover up to a family of 5 and maybe a bit extra. Stop hindering people from growing their own food.

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 2:39 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Goats

Hello,

I am for the city to change the law to allow goats in the city limits. Besides them being great for milk they are good lawnmowers. With gas price people will be able to keep their grass at a reasonable length.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

Sent from my T-Mobile 5G Device

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 11:52 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Goats

Hey just wanting to post my comment on the ownership of goats in Raytown. As somebody whose owned plenty of livestock, I believe that it should be allowed for any individual to own goats in Raytown. Even more so, I think it should be more than 2 goats per acre, as long as the animals don't cause harm to neighbors. Since I live right in a neighborhood, I'm unable according to current statutes, but I would like to be able to own goats, not just miniature goats, as an augment to my food supply. Times are hard right now and being able to feed your family is a right to an individual. The same goes for poultry. Current rules are far too restrictive, especially given the current economic climate.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 9:50 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Raytown goats

Good evening,

I think goats being allowed within city limits is a wonderful idea, but I think the acre limit should be reduced. We have a large backyard, with a garden and chickens, but we are not on an acre. We would love to introduce one or two goats, but the acre requirement is not feasible for most homes. Please consider lifting this, or adjusting accordingly.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 8:28 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Hi Chris,
I approve of goats as pets in Raytown.
Thank you,

[REDACTED]
Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2022 7:24 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Chris Gilbert

I think that Miniature Goats should be allowed , After all Horses are allowed in Raytown , Why not goats ? More people are trying to go back to being self sufficient in times like these , So do the right thing pass the ordnance

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 10:22 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: miniature goats

my concerns
goats need plenty of yard room
they can be destructive on fences
goats are better in 2's if not they get lonely and destroy things
I'm not a fan of this nor would I want my neighbor have one

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Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 11:03 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

Good morning,

I think miniature goats should be allowed! As long as they're cared for.

I also think it would be good to make up animal care sheets/checklists, so that people could quickly reference ordinance information about the specific animal they have or want to purchase. Is that something anyone can make and distribute, or would it have to be done by someone who works for the city?

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 11:46 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: miniature goats

Yes, Yes, Yes!

My wife and I would potentially move to Raytown, and bring my small software company with us if you pass this law. We have wanted to replace lawn mowers with more eco friendly goats for a long time.

I think it is a shame that in the home of the American Royal, there are so many regulations forbidding a reasonable balance of "farm" animals in the city.

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 5:28 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats Comments

To whom it may concern,

I approve of allowing the people of Raytown to have miniature goats. I also think the city should keep some goats on staff to assist with lawn maintenance of public spaces

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: Brianna Gray <briannagray2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 7:08 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Hello! I heard about your town trying to make a decision on whether or not to include little goats in the area and thought maybe a few details on what life is like with goats might be helpful in making your decision. We own a small farm with about 20 Nigerian dwarf goats (a small breed, about 50 lbs full grown). They are our pets as well as providing us with milk... We have a 5 foot tall fence and have never had a goat escape. They do not smell, unless you are including bucks, they go into rut between August and September... They are super friendly and also not very loud, but if you are late on chore time they will let you know! The babies are extremely adorable and we often turn into a mini petting zoo whenever it's kidding season... we have several neighbors who walk over and bring grandkids just to play! The babies can be anywhere between 2 and 3 1/2 pounds- no bigger than a small cat, and are super fun. I hope your town will allow this fun addition to the neighborhood.

Thanks for you time,

Brianna Gray

Chris Gilbert

From: Kenneth Lee <kennlee26@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2022 4:11 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: "miniature goats...yes"

Dear Mr Gilbert

Yes! I welcome all animals. They make good neighbors. I enjoy hearing a local rooster greet the morning sun. When I first moved to Raytown in 1967, I chose to live next to a horse farm.

Kenneth Lee
11800 E. 77 St
Raytown, MO 64138
816-353-0085

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 25, 2022 10:26 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: miniature goats

I think it would be great to allow miniature goats. Could there also be an allotment for chickens?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats in Raytown

Dear Chris,

[REDACTED] have lived in Raytown for 44 years. I love the idea of miniature goats in Raytown. I wish we had enough land to allow for them at our home.

It makes me smile when I go by a house on Raytown Road by City Hall to see chickens in the large fenced yard. It would really make me smile to see little goats roaming around in the yard. I wish I lived closer to them so I could see the little goats for myself on a regular basis.

I feel that since surrounding cities allow miniature goats we should also. I have not heard any reasonable argument against allowing them in Raytown.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 11:31 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Goats

Here is my two cents, If approved, how will the city of Raytown be able to enforce the ordinance in regards to the goats? How will the goats be transported if found at large? Does the city of Raytown have the facilities to hold the goats?

What will be the legal hold time for goats. I do not believe the current state law addresses the amount of time a goat must be kept, before it becomes city property.

How is the city going to respond to complaints for odor emitted from the goats?

How many goats will legally be allowed to be kept on a property?

How often do the goats have to be fed, watered?

Is the city of Raytown requiring a permit for goats, what type of monitoring will take place to ensure that residents who acquire a goat(s) stay in compliance with the proposed ordinance.

Is the city of Raytown going to be contracting with a vendor to impound the goats?

Who will care for the goats if they are impounded?

Hope these questions are brought forth to your council for the pending decisions, before you get a knee jerk reaction and no way to be able to logistically handle the goats.

Sent from my Galaxy

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 7:27 AM
To: Chris Gilbert; Nathan Bergen
Subject: Miniature Goats

To: RAYTOWN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

One of the best kept secrets about Raytown is that many of the older homes in the city were built on large tracts of land — so large that city ordinances allow for the stabling of horses, raising chickens, rabbits and potbellied pigs.

I was fortunate to grow up in one of those neighborhoods. Next door to us were eight acres of undeveloped land located at Gregory Boulevard and Raytown Road.

The property was owned by a local veterinarian.

He had horses, mules, chickens and donkeys. The land passed on to another owner who continued the small farm with one addition, miniature pygmy goats.

Our home in Raytown was built on the remains of an apple orchard. Because of this, all of our hoofed friends would hang out near our property because they knew if they were patient, they would end up enjoying some of the apples from our trees.

The miniature goats were not a problem. In fact, they were quite entertaining.

They do have some peculiar habits. They can jump straight up to about 4 feet, so they must be fenced in well to keep them from wandering.

Miniature goats are extremely clean animals that thrive in our Midwestern climate. Their lifespan is 15 to 20 years. They have a temperament similar to that of a well trained dog. They love to play. They can even be trained, just like any other pet.

Chris Gilbert

From: Patti Harris, Patti@harris.com
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 4:21 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

No.

I do not support amending existing Raytown ordinance to allow miniature goats.

This seems to be a conditional use or special use permit situation, not a situation that could be widely used to enhance quality of life of a large number of citizens. I have tried to look up the existing information to find the reason for the request and have been unable to find a reason other than ONE person wants to keep these animals.

I cannot see that the specifications for lot size would apply to any more than 10% of the existing private property residential properties in Raytown. Therefore it appears to be a frivolous request better suited to special or conditional use zoning request. If this ONE person moves out of Raytown, then a large amount of resources have been wasted to research, review, approve, manage this one off request.

Additional concern....if there are specific vaccination or health requirements for these animals, do our animal control staff have knowledge of how to manage or protect goat disease?
What happens when/if a resident decides they dont want to manage their goats any more and allows them to get out, or abandons them? Where is the animal shelter for goats?

Sorry, Raytown has more important priorities, too many current animals are not being properly cared for or kept in their property.

Patti Harris

Chris Gilbert

From: Stephanie Kramer [mailto:skramer77@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 7:31 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Dear Mr. Gilbert,

I am a resident of Raytown and I support changing the city ordinances to allow goats. Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Stephanie Kramer
11109 E 74th Street
Raytown MO 64133
skramer77@yahoo.com

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 7:44 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Just putting in a vote for YES! I would love to have a mini goat! My yard would really benefit! lol

Raytown section 5

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Tisha Roberts-James
CO CREEK
PHONE: 521.744.0000
213.980.3395

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 1:55 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats and other animals

Most animal restrictions are not valid. I could have 4 great Danes, but not more than 4 cats. Who makes the greater mess. Goats are far less a problem than households with huge dogs, so what's the problem? No roosters is understandable, yet they don't bark throughout the night. So why would goats or a flock of egg laying chickens be an issue?

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Chris Gilbert

From: Andrea Roberts <aaanikroberts@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 8:31 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: In support of goats

To Whom it May Concern,
I would like to show my support of goats ownership in Raytown MO.
Thank you for your time.

Andrea Roberts

Chris Gilbert

From: Annette Fagan <ansula70@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:07 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

I think people should be allowed to have a limited number of miniature goats if they have the means and space to keep them healthy. And as long as they don't pose a nuisance to the neighbors.

Annette Fagan

Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 4:19 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Hi Chris, my name is [REDACTED] and I was asked to reach out to you to speak up on behalf of people wanting goats in the city.

The part of the ordinance that is requiring the 6-ft privacy fence doesn't sound like the best fit to me. I've been raising goats for 15 years and have used different types of fencing over the years.

I raise Nigerian dwarf goats and the best fence I have used is called horse panels that can be bought at Orschelns they're approximately 5 ft tall with 2x4 squares and are 16 ft long.

Any woven wire fence 5 to 6 ft tall with squares approximately 2 inch by 4 inch size would be the best. Six foot tall chain link fencing would be great too. If goat owners were to use privacy fence it would definitely hinder their ability to see the goats and keep an eye on them. I would not want my goats enclosed in privacy fence.

Basically you want something with holes small enough that they cannot get their heads through and you do not want to use welded wire (except cattle panels which are a much heavier gauge wire) because it will break and not hold up, it must be woven wire fencing. I do think allowing people to have goats in the city would be a great move forward. For someone who has never had goats it's hard to understand how much joy and enrichment these animals can add to your life.

They are definitely not just a livestock animal they can have awesome personalities. I recommend allowing them to be kept in the city and it is critical that you allow at least two to three, you cannot have a single goat and have a happy goat.

Hope this helps
[REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:19 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Morning sir this is [REDACTED] you know me from when I worked with Raytown water i am now with Jackson county public water #2 i hope all is well with you
I have nigerian dwarf goats would love for you to come see them since you are dealing with matters of them I do not agree with wooden privacy fence it really cuts down on the wind that hits them a chain link fence an or a no climb fence is best any questions you have call ne [REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 11:35 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats

We say No to Miniature Goats. Thank you [REDACTED]

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 1, 2022 11:04 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: goats

I say yes to goats

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 1:46 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature goats

Good afternoon!!

I see there has been an interest in allowing goats in Raytown! I think that is a great idea! Having lived in Raytown for 29 years, I don't see a problem with it at all!! In fact, I think it would benefit residents by allowing them, the residents and their families, to be more self sufficient. Especially in the times we are living in, being able to depend on your own land for food and other resources is becoming vastly underrated. If goats were allowed, they would not only provide companionship, but could also provide milk which could also be made into cheese, soap, and other goods!

I've lived in Raytown long enough to know people with pigs, horses, emus, and all sorts of other animals. We should go ahead and allow goats as well!! Let's welcome these friendly, useful animals to Raytown!

Thank you for reading!!

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2022 11:49 AM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: Miniature Goats - two additional comments
Attachments: Nathan Bergen Part 2 Miniature Goat Public Comment.pdf

6/30/2022

[REDACTED]
Two comments to add to the comments sent on June 27:

Recommendation 3: Add the word “male” to clarify that all male goats over 7 months of age must be neutered. (10) d. 2.

The ordinance currently reads, “All goats over 7 months of age are required to be neutered.” This language is ambiguous and needs clarification.

Male goats are the goats that need to be neutered. Neutering male goats prevents smell and mating.

Female goats do not need to be spayed because they do not have the smell that an unneutered male has. Furthermore, female goats are almost never spayed by vets because goats do not do well with the general anesthesia that the more invasive surgery of spaying requires.

Regarding “6-foot solid and smooth fence” (10) f. 3. (b) the main concern is regarding solid and smooth.

The requirement that the fence be solid and smooth is a major concern. The 6-foot height language in the ordinance, although more than is standard for miniature goat requirements, is not the primary concern with this part of the ordinance. As described in detail under Recommendation 2 on June 27, a solid and smooth fence is not the recommended fence type by goat literature, is not required by other cities’ miniature goat laws, may be detrimental to the health of the goats, and could be cost prohibitive and unnecessarily burdensome for the owner.

Chris Gilbert

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 8:00 PM
To: Chris Gilbert
Subject: fences for goats

[REDACTED]
Dear Nathan,

You are absolutely right, miniature goats do not need a 6 ft. tall fence that is made of solid wood with a privacy fence design. I use a 4 ft tall fence composed of woven wire, designed for sheep, with t posts and wooden posts braced at each corner and at the gate. The goats do not get out, though they have pushed it around a little, but it has securely held up. The ideal would be a chain link fence, but that can be expensive. The best woven wire fence for goats I have seen, though do not have, is 5 ft tall and has unique wire knots connecting the horizontal and vertical wires. This fence holds up really good against goats rubbing along the fence and resting their front hooves on it. It is made of high tensile wire and is called a fixed knot fence. Excellent fencing for goats, I highly recommend it. Hope this helps you, good luck fixing the requirements for having miniature goats in your town! God bless!

[REDACTED]
Drew

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