



City of Killeen

Legislation Text

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Consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Animals, adopting backyard chicken regulations and amending miniature swine regulations.

DATE: February 21, 2023

TO: Kent Cagle, City Manager

FROM: Danielle Singh, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Consider an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Animals adopting backyard chicken regulations and amending miniature swine regulations.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

On September 20, 2022, the City Council issued a motion of direction for staff to bring back a backyard chicken ordinance for further discussion, after discussing with the Animal Advisory Committee. On January 12, 2023, staff presented a draft ordinance to the Committee. The Committee recommended three changes to the ordinance, adding a definition for coop, increasing the number of chickens from (6) six to (12) twelve, and decreasing the distance from the coop to the nearest building on an adjacent lot from (50) fifty feet to (25) twenty-five feet. Staff agrees with these changes and has included the changes in the proposed ordinance.

On May 10, 2022, the City Council approved an ordinance to allow miniature swine within the City Limits. A change made during the approval of the ordinance placed more restrictions based on the type of housing. The changes were not consistent with the City's zoning designations. The proposed ordinance clarifies the regulation to make it consistent with zoning designations.

THE ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

1. Do not approve the amendment to Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances.
2. Approve the amendment to Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances, with revisions.
3. Approve the amendment to Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances as drafted.

Which alternative is recommended? Why?

Staff recommends that the City Council consider the ordinance request.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This item complies with all applicable policies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

What is the amount of the expenditure in the current fiscal year? For future years?

This action does not authorize any expenditure of funds.

Is this a one-time or recurring expenditure?

N/A

Is this expenditure budgeted?

N/A

If not, where will the money come from?

N/A

Is there a sufficient amount in the budgeted line-item for this expenditure?

N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that City Council consider the amendment to Chapter 6 Animals of the Code of Ordinances. On January 12, 2023 the Animal Advisory Committee voted to recommend that the City Council adopt the ordinance with the incorporated changes.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal

ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance