

changes identified by the Town of Carrboro Animal Control Board of Appeals and staff during review of the matter. Where applicable, associated provisions in the draft Town Code amendment are presented in italic text.

1. Chicken coop size requirements - four square feet per chicken. *Table in Section 10-3(d)(1) establishes this as minimum coop/hutch size.*
2. Chicken run size requirements - six square feet per chicken. *Table in Section 10-3(d) (1) establishes this as minimum run /pen size.*
3. Regulate permissibility of keeping chickens based on locational requirements related to adjoining properties rather than minimum lot size. *Minimum lot size provisions are removed in this draft. Table in Section 10-3(d) (1) establishes locational requirements based on minimum setbacks for the coop and run.*
4. Consider allowing a certain number of chickens without a permit. *Section 10-3 (d) (1) establishes a requirement for submittal of a drawing that shows that coop and run installation will meet locational requirements. Section 10-3(d)(4) requires written permission of the property owner where chickens are being kept, per recommendation of Orange County Animal Control staff that contact information and tracking capabilities are in place in the event of avian flu outbreak or some similar reason.*
5. Remove requirement that chickens can only be kept for eggs for the consumption of the owners of the lot where they are located. *Section 10-3 (d)(5) allows the sale of eggs off-site outside of residential zoning districts.*
6. Clarify linkage to Orange County Unified Animal Control Ordinance - *A preamble describing the Board of Aldermen's adoption of the County ordinance and resolution regarding County enforcement has been added at the beginning of Chapter 10.*
7. Establish safety and health standards for chickens and rabbits - *Section 10-3(2) establishes minimum standards for protection from adverse weather, cleanliness of facilities, security of food containers from rodent infestations, and adequacy of enclosures.*
8. Consistency with Unified Animal Ordinance - *Some terminology is revised, such as changing 'domestic' to 'domesticated,' and noting the use of 'poultry' to also refer to fowl.*
9. Consistency with North Carolina state law. *Express recognition of NC General Statutes is included in Section 10-3(d)(3).*
10. Noisy roosters or other birds or fowl. *Section 10-3(d)(6) prohibits the keeping of birds or fowl that produce noise that constitutes a public nuisance.*
11. Slaughter of animals. *Section 10-3(d)(7) specifies that the slaughter of animals must occur within a fully enclosed structure and remains must be disposed of in accordance with state law.*
12. Notification and permit approval process. *Section 10-3(e) states that the applicant and immediate neighbors will be notified of a date and time when they may comment on any concerns they may have regarding the issuance of a permit.*

During the February 21, 2017 meeting, the Board asked for clarification on three additional items:

-Consideration of sizing requirements for turkeys and geese. Staff has added a provision to the draft amendments, which doubles the size requirements for both the shelter size and run area for larger fowl.

-Explanation of requiring a minimum of three chickens. In researching and preparing this item, staff learned that chickens are social animals by nature and tend to do better in terms and health and general well-being when accompanied by other animals.

-Sales of eggs in residential districts. The Town's Land Use Ordinance does not allow retail sales to occur on residentially zoned properties. Eggs may be sold off site in nonresidential areas.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Minimal staff impact associated with updating the Town Code.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the Town Code provisions provided as Attachment B.