

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT/RECOMMENDATION:

Amend Clearwater Code of Ordinances Chapter 8, Animals, Section 8.04, Exceptions to Section 8.03, to add subsection 11 allowing for the keeping of chickens pursuant to Section 3-204.1 of the Clearwater Community Development Code; amend Section 8.33 to include chickens in the list of animals owners are prohibited from allowing to roam at large; and pass Ordinance 9489-21 on first reading.

SUMMARY:

At the City Council meeting on May 6, 2021, the Council engaged in a discussion with city staff, residents, and chicken advocates regarding the possibility of allowing chickens in certain residential zoning districts within the City. At that meeting, the Council directed staff to prepare an ordinance that would allow such chickens.

In order to implement the necessary revisions to the Community Development Code as proposed in Ordinance 8488-21, certain revisions to the Clearwater Code of Ordinances are required. Currently, Section 8.03 does not allow for the keeping of backyard chickens. This ordinance creates an exception to that prohibition. In addition, it amends Chapter 8.33 to add chickens to the animals that owners are prohibited from allowing to roam at large.

APPROPRIATION CODE AND AMOUNT: N/A