



# City of Stevenson

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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Ben Shumaker  
**DATE:** May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** Farm Animals

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### Introduction

The memo summarizes the Planning Commission's revised recommendation to City Council after remand. Planning Commission Chair, Scott Anderson will be present to provide verbal report.

### Council Remand

Neither the audience nor the City Council were satisfied with the text of the Planning Commission's recommended amendment to the Zoning Code's provisions related to Farm Animals. The Council remanded the draft back to the Planning Commission to be less permissive of Farm Animals in neighborhood settings, with specific instructions to consider 1) additional setbacks for barns and stables, 2) new setback requirements for fences to limit the animals' actual range, 3) reconsider the definitions allowing pigs, and 4) reconsider the maximum animal densities allowed.

### Community Discussions

The City Council and the Planning Commission are not benefiting from the same participants in their meetings' discussions. Where one group predominantly hears from supporters of the right to keep farm animals, the other is hearing from neighbors who bear the burden of those animals' impacts. This may partially explain the disconnect between the two group's expectations. Still, the attached recommendation is more restrictive than the previous draft.

### Issues Considered

#### Additional Setbacks

This issue was only briefly discussed and disregarded fairly quickly. The recommended draft contains to changes along these lines.

#### New Setbacks for Fences

This issue was vehemently opposed by members of the Planning Commission. Reasons for the opposition involved the cost of constructing and maintaining two fence lines on a property. No text changes were made.

#### Specifically Remove Pigs from the Allowed Types of Animals

Staff assumed this would be the easiest pathway to compromise between the Council's and the Commission's goals, but this idea was also disregarded. Pigs and cows were discussed but ultimately seen as acceptable for those owners (and their 4H children) in the SR Suburban Residential District that have an acre of property or more. No change was made to the recommended draft ordinance on this issue.

#### Maximum Densities

Compromises have been proposed in this category. After a great deal of discussion, the maximum number of Farm Animals per acre has been reduced from 15 animals to 5 animals. These animals would continue to only be allowed on properties larger than an acre.

\*Note. Though not asked to review the provisions related to Urban Farm Animals (chickens, ducks, rabbits), the Planning Commission also recommended being more lenient with the maximum number of these animals. Instead of 15 animals per acre on any lot, the cap has been removed entirely and the whole regulatory program is simplified as a result.

#### Duration

The Planning Commission also briefly considered duration limits on when Farm Animals would be allowed. They quickly disregarded this idea with minimal discussion.

#### **Action Requested**

The amended draft Ordinance 2016-1093 includes the Planning Commission's recommendations and is attached for the City Council's review and potential approval. Draft Ordinance 2016-1094 regarding goats for is also attached for the City Council's review and potential approval.

Prepared by,

Ben Shumaker  
Planning Director

#### Attachments

1. Regulatory Handout
2. Draft Ordinance 2016-1093
3. Draft Ordinance 2016-1094



# Farm & Urban Farm Animals in Stevenson

In 2016, the Stevenson City Council updated its regulatory program for animals in city limits. The new regulations recognize both the general incompatibility of farm animals and urban farm animals in close-density housing areas and the many benefits residents can realize by raising the animals on their own property. This handout helps explain the City's approach in allowing residents to keep animals while reducing real and potential neighborhood concerns.

## **Permitting Process**

None! Unless you are building a fence, a barn, a coop, or some other structure to house them, you do not need the City's approval to keep animals.

## **Farm Animal Calculator**

Only properties in the SR- Suburban Residential zone are allowed to have alpacas, cows, goats, horses, pigs, roosters and other larger animals. However, even there, only lots 1 acre or larger can have these large animals. If lot is 43,560, it can have up to 5 farm animals, and 1 additional animal is allowed as lot size increases by increments of 8,000 sf.

## **Urban Farm Animal Calculator**

Don't worry about it! As long as your property isn't downtown, you can have as many chickens, ducks, geese, and rabbits on your property as you want. You'll be able to keep collecting those eggs as long as your animals don't become a nuisance to the neighborhood.

<u>Lot Size*</u>	<u>Farm Animals Allowed</u>
0 to 43,559 sf	0
43,560 to 47,999 sf	5
48,000 to 55,999 sf	6
56,000 to 63,999 sf	7
64,000 to 71,999 sf	8
Etc.	

\*Note: 1 acre equals 43,560 sf

^Note: Some large properties in the R1 District could seek conditional approval to allow the keeping of farm animals.

## **Common Sense Animal Care**

In addition to the number limit, the City wants property owners to show they are mindful of both their neighbors' and their animals needs by taking the following steps:

**Good Fences Make Good (Animal) Neighbors-** Your animals can't run at large in the City or on neighboring lots. Please ensure fences or other structures are secure enough to keep your animals on your property.

**"Pee-Yooooo!"-** The flies and the smells from animal wastes don't make very many people happy and the City asks you to make sure all wastes are cleaned up and disposed of before they raises a neighborhood stink.

**Look out for those little guys-** The animals are relying on you for healthcare, food and water and to provide some protection from extreme weather and predators. If you don't have their back, the City's animal cruelty regulations will.

**No kidding! Goats for Fire/Weed Control-** If you've got a blackberry patch you'd like to get rid of, you might find a friend with some hungry goats or sheep. You can let up to 6 animals do all that thorny work for you. Two weeks later, you can send those satisfied goats and sheep back to their owner and start using your lawn again.

**Holler at us-** If you have concerns or questions call us at (509)427-5970, email [planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us](mailto:planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us), or browse through the regulations yourself at SMC 6.10, SMC 6.12, and SMC 17.40.095.

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1093

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STEVENSON ZONING CODE PROVISIONS (SMC TITLE 17) RELATING TO ANIMAL USES; AND REPEALING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCES 894 AND SECTIONS 4.3.B AND 4.4.G OF ORDINANCE 1077.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Goal 2 of the Stevenson Comprehensive Plan envisions a future where Development within the Stevenson Urban Area wisely considers the long-term interests of the community.”, and

WHEREAS, Objective 3.1 of the Comprehensive Plan seeks periodic review and revision of land use regulations based on residents changing social and economic needs, and

WHEREAS, Objective 3.4 of the Comprehensive Plan seeks to ensure appropriate maintenance of properties in the city, and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems the expanding the areas where urban farm animals may be kept and reducing the areas where farm animals may be kept are components of achieving these Comprehensive Plan policies, and

WHEREAS, the City has determined these regulations to be exempt from threshold determination under the State Environmental Policy Act under the Categorical Exemption in WAC 197-11-800(19)(b);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council have given due public notice of hearings relating to this ordinance and have held such hearings;

AND WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended that the City Council approve these regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Stevenson do ordain as follows:

**Section 1-** THAT, the following shall be added to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.09: “SMC 17.09.095 – Farm Animals & Urban Farm Animals. The council finds that farm animals and urban farm animals are generally incompatible with close-density housing within the city limits due to noise, odor, public health, and security issues. However, even in an urban setting, citizens may keep certain farm animals with minimal impact to adjoining neighbors, while helping residents access inexpensive, healthy food and environmentally-friendly alternatives to fertilizer, pesticide and noxious weed control.”

**Section 2-** THAT, the following definitions shall be added to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.10:

**2.A-** “SMC 17.10.025 – Adult Animal. “Adult Animal” means an animal that has been weaned from reliance on its mother and/or has reached the productive age for which it is bred or raised. For bees, a bee colony as it is defined in RCW 15.60.005 is considered one (1) adult animal.”

**2.B-** “SMC 17.10.302 – Farm Animal. “Farm Animal” means any large animal commonly raised or bred on a farm. “Farm Animal” includes alpacas, cattle, donkeys, emus, goats, horses, llamas, mules, ostriches, pigs, ponies, roosters, sheep, and similar animals. “Farm Animal” does not include pets (SMC 17.10.632) or urban farm animals (SMC 17.10.303).”

**2.C-** “SMC 17.10.303 – Farm Animal, Urban. “Urban Farm Animal” means any small animal commonly raised or bred on a farm but which have minimal impact when kept in residential areas. “Urban Farm Animal” includes bees, chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, pheasants, turkeys, rabbits and other fur bearing animals, and similar small

animals. “Urban Farm Animal” does not include roosters, pets (SMC 17.10.632) or farm animals (SMC 17.10.302).”

**2.D-** “SMC 17.10.632 – Pet. “Pet” means any animal commonly considered to be household pets, such as a cat, a dog as regulated under SMC 6.04, a fish kept in a tank or landscape pond, a gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, parakeet, parrot, or similar bird or rodent-like creature kept in a cage.”

**Section 3-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.16:

**3.A-** Subsection SMC 17.16.010(C), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.16.010(C) Agricultural uses including:

1. Subsistence or hobby type gardening.
2. Indoor and outdoor horticulture.
3. Nursery.”

**3.B-** Subsection SMC 17.16.010(D), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed in its entirety.

**3.C-** Subsection SMC 17.16.010(E), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.16.010(E) Animal uses as follow, subject to the specific performance standards of SMC 17.40.095:

1. The keeping of farm animals.
2. The keeping of urban farm animals”.

**3.D-** Subsection, SMC 17.16.030(C), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.16.030(C) Home occupation, including retail and wholesale sales of agricultural and animal products raised or produced on the premises;”

**3.E-** Subsection SMC 17.16.030(H), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.16.030(H) Animal uses as follow: the keeping of pets.”

**3.F-** Subsection SMC 17.16.030(I), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed in its entirety.

**Section 4-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.18:

**4.A-** Subsection SMC 17.18.020(K), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.18.020(K) Animal uses as follow:

1. The keeping of farm animals, provided that, at a minimum, the Planning Commission finds the proposal to be compliant with the performance standards in SMC 17.40.095.
2. Kennel.”

**4.B-** Subsection SMC 17.18.030(F), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.18.030(F) Animals uses as follow:

1. The keeping of pets.
2. The keeping of urban farm animals subject to the specific performance standards of SMC 17.40.095.”

**4.C-** Subsection SMC 17.18.030(G), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed in its entirety.

**Section 5-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.20:

**5.A-** Subsection SMC 17.20.020(L), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed in its entirety.

**5.B-** Subsection SMC 17.20.030(F), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.20.030(F) Animal uses as follow, and excluding kennels and the keeping of farm animals:

1. The keeping of pets.
2. The keeping of urban farm animals subject to the specific performance standards of SMC 17.40.095.”

**5.C-** Subsection SMC 17.20.030(G), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed in its entirety.

**Section 6-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.22:

**6.A-** Subsection SMC 17.22.030(F), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.22.030(F) Animal uses as follow, and excluding kennels and the keeping of farm animals:

1. The keeping of pets.
2. The keeping of urban farm animals subject to the specific performance standards of SMC 17.40.095.”

**6.B-** Subsection SMC 17.22.030(G), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed in its entirety.

**Section 7-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.24:

**7.A-** Subsection SMC 17.24.030(F), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.24.030(F) Animal uses as follow, and excluding kennels and the keeping of farm animals:

1. The keeping of pets.
2. The keeping of urban farm animals subject to the specific performance standards of SMC 17.40.095.”

**7.B-** Subsection SMC 17.24.030(G), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed in its entirety.

**Section 8-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.28:

**8.A-** Subsection SMC 17.28.010(C), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.28.010(C) Retail sales, personal and other services including kennel services, and rental operations;”

**8.B-** A new subsection, SMC 17.28.030(E), shall be added as follows:

“SMC 17.28.030(E) Animal uses as follow, and excluding the keeping of farm animals and urban farm animals: the keeping of pets.”

**Section 9-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.30:

**9.A-** A new subsection, SMC 17.30.030(E), shall be added as follows:

“SMC 17.30.030(E) Animal uses as follow, and excluding kennels:

1. The keeping of pets.
2. The keeping of urban farm animals subject to the specific performance standards of SMC 17.40.095.”

**9.B-** Subsection SMC 17.30.050(E), a portion of Ordinance 894, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.30.050(E) Animal uses as follow: a limited allowance of farm animals when kept for the sole purpose of providing recreational horse, pony, mule and donkey rides, but excluding all other farm animals.”

**Section 10-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.32:

**10.A-** A new subsection, SMC 17.32.010(H) shall be added as follows:

“SMC 17.32.010(H) Kennel.”

**10.B-** A new subsection, SMC 17.32.030(E), shall be added as follows:

“SMC 17.32.030(E) Animals uses as follow, and excluding the keeping of farm animals and urban farm animals: the keeping of pets.”

**Section 11-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.33:

**11.A-** Subsection SMC 17.33.020(B), Section 4.3.b of Ordinance 1077, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.33.020(B) Animal uses as follow: the keeping of farm animals; provided, that at a minimum, the Planning Commission finds the proposal to be compliant with the performance standards in SMC 17.40.095.”

**11.B-** Subsection SMC 17.33.030(G), Section 4.4.g of Ordinance 1077, shall be repealed and replaced as follows:

“SMC 17.33.030(G) Animal uses as follow, and excluding kennels:

1. The keeping of pets,
2. The keeping of urban farm animals subject to the specific performance standards of SMC 17.40.095.”

**Section 12-** THAT, the following changes shall be made to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.34:

**12.A-** A new subsection, SMC 17.34.030(E) shall be added as follows:

“SMC 17.34.030(E) Animal uses as follow: the keeping of pets, farm animals and urban farm animals. The keeping of farm animals and urban farm animals in the PR District is not subject to the performance standards of SMC 17.40.095.”

**12.B-** A new subsection, SMC 17.34.040(J) shall be added as follows:

“SMC 17.34.040(J) Kennel.”

**Section 13-** THAT, the following shall be added to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 17.40: “SMC 17.40.095 – Farm Animals & Urban Farm Animals.

**13.A-** A. Where allowed by this code, the keeping of farm animals and urban farm animals is subject to the baseline standards in Table 17.40.095-1.

<b>Table 17.40.095-1 Baseline Standards</b>	
<b>Animal Type</b>	<b>Maximum Density</b>



	<u>Lot smaller than 1 acre</u>	<u>Lot 1 acre or larger</u>
<u>Farm Animal<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>0 farm animals</u>	<u>1 adult animal per 8,000 sf</u>
<u>Urban Farm Animals<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>No maximum number</u>	<u>No maximum number</u>
<u>1-Both the animal owner and the property owner upon which the animal(s) are kept shall be jointly and severally responsible to comply with the provisions of this chapter.</u>		

<b>Table 17.40.095-1 Baseline Standards</b>			
<b>Animal Type</b>	<b>Maximum Density<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>Duration<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Farm Animal<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Lot smaller than 1-acre</b>	<b>Lot 1-acre or larger</b>	<b>Any</b>
	<b>0 farm animals</b>	<b>1 adult animal per 3,000 sf</b>	
<b>Urban Farm Animal<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Lot smaller than 1-acre</b>	<b>Lot 15,000 sf or larger</b>	<b>Any</b>
	<b>15 adult animals</b>	<b>15 adult animals plus 1 adult animal per 3,000 sf of lot area over 1-acre</b>	
<b>1 These baseline standards may be subject to adaptive management under SMC 17.40.095(I).</b>			
<b>2 Both the animal owner and the property owner upon which the animal(s) are kept shall be jointly and severally responsible to comply with the provisions of this chapter.</b>			

**13.B- B. Animal Wastes.** Any person who keeps animals under this title shall be responsible for the ~~removal-disposal~~ of any excreta deposited by the animal(s) on public areas or private property. Such person shall further not permit such excreta or food supplies, on the property of such person or elsewhere, to be or become a breeding place for insects or flies, to be or become unsanitary, or to give offensive odor.

**13.C- C. Animal Health & Well-Being.** Any person who keeps animals under this title shall provide shelter for the animal(s) in the event of extreme weather conditions, take precautions to ensure that the allowed animal is protected from predators, and provide appropriate health care, food and water for the animal(s).

**13.D- D. Running At Large.** No person who keeps animals under this title shall allow the animal(s) to run at large within the city. Structural features or equipment shall be installed to maintain and control the animal(s) so as to reduce the nuisance impact on adjacent land uses.

**13.E- E. Setbacks.** Stables and barns housing farm animals shall be set back at least 60 feet from all property lines. An existing stable or barn having a setback of less than 60 feet shall be considered a nonconforming use if the proponent can provide proof that the structure housed farm animals at the effective date of the ordinance codified in this section. Coops, hives, hutches and other structures housing urban farm animals shall be subject to the minimum density and dimensional standards required elsewhere in this code.

~~**13.F- F. Self-Issuing Permits Required.** Any person desiring to keep animals under this title shall first submit to the administrator a revocable permit on a form provided by the administrator to maintain farm animals or urban farm animals within the city. The application shall include the name and address of the person who will at all times be responsible for the animal(s) compliance with this section. The application shall also include at least the following information:~~

- ~~1. Size of the lot on which the animals are proposed;~~
- ~~2. Number of animals to be maintained pursuant to the permit;~~
- ~~3. Location(s) where and method(s) by which the allowed animals will be maintained on the property;~~
- ~~4. Where and how shelter will be provided for the animals in the event of extreme weather conditions;~~



5. ~~How the animals will be protected from predators, including dogs, wolves, coyotes, cougars, etc.;~~
6. ~~Planned health care provisions for the animals;~~
7. ~~Planned method of removal of animal wastes;~~
8. ~~The property owner's permission to allow the administrator permission to enter and inspect the facility at any reasonable time, and assuring the administrator that the issuance criteria have been met.~~

~~**13.G** G. Inspections. If the administrator has reasonable grounds to believe that an inspection is necessary, the administrator shall inspect the facility in order to determine whether the issuance criteria have been met. In determining whether to continue, manage, or revoke a permit, the administrator shall evaluate the application for consistency with the requirements of this section, and may obtain professional evaluations as necessary at the applicant's expense.~~

~~**13.H** H. Adaptive Permit Management, Optional.~~

1. ~~Permits issued under this section may be amended from time to time as permittees' animals or conditions change.~~
2. ~~Adaptive Management. If the administrator finds that the permittee has violated any provisions of this section, or the provisions of this section, as applied to the specific facts of the permit, are inadequate to **[protect the public health, safety, and welfare] OR [prevent interference with the enjoyment of property of adjacent owners or residents]** the administrator may modify the permit to impose appropriate conditions. When modifying the permit, the administrator may use adaptive management strategies such as the following:
 
  - a) ~~Reduce number or type of animals permitted;~~
  - b) ~~Add or increase buffers around sensitive land uses;~~
  - c) ~~Reduce allowed duration of animals;~~~~
3. ~~The decision by the administrator to amend a permit and use adaptive management strategies is discretionary and optional and may not be appropriate for all permits.~~

~~**13.I** I. Permit Revocation, Effect, Appeals.~~

1. ~~Permits issued under this section may be revoked from time to time as permittees' animals or conditions change.~~
2. ~~Permit Revocation. The administrator shall have authority to revoke a permit under the following circumstances:
 
  - a) ~~If over fifty (50) percent of the total number of adjacent property owners and residents, sign and file a petition with the administrator requesting revocation of the permit; or~~
  - b) ~~Violation of any of the provisions of this section or adaptive management measures imposed on a permit; or~~
  - c) ~~Failure to pay when due any charges, penalties, fees or costs associated with the animal permit; or~~
  - d) ~~When the owner keeps an animal or animals in such a manner as to create a public nuisance, disturb neighborhood residents because of any noise, odor or damage, or interfere with the enjoyment of property of adjacent owners or residents.~~~~
3. ~~Upon revocation of a permit, the permittee shall be allowed seven (7) days in which to remove the animal(s).~~
4. ~~The permittee shall have the right to appeal to the City Council by filing an appeal with the clerk treasurer. The notice of appeal must be filed within five (5) days after receipt of the notice of revocation sent by the administrator. The Council shall consider the appeal within sixty days of the date it is filed. The revocation shall be stayed pending the hearing by the Council.~~

**Section 14-** THAT, this ordinance affects Title 17 of the Stevenson Municipal Code only insofar as set forth herein. All other provisions of Title 17 shall remain in full force and effect, and that where the provisions of this ordinance are the same as the provisions they replace, the provisions of this ordinance shall be interpreted as a continuation of those previous provisions and not as a new enactment.

**Section 15-** THAT, if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its publication according to law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Stevenson and approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

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Nick Hogan, Clerk of the City of Stevenson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KEN WOODRICH, Attorney for the City of Stevenson

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-~~1093~~1094

**AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING THE TEMPORARY KEEPING OF GOATS AND SHEEP ON ALL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY WHEN USED FOR FIRE AND WEED CONTROL.**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Objective 2.6 of the Stevenson Comprehensive Plan seeks to protect public and private property from fire hazards, and

WHEREAS, Objective 3.4 of the Comprehensive Plan seeks to ensure appropriate maintenance of properties in the city, and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to grant limited relief from the Stevenson Zoning Code's regulations regarding the keeping of goats in the City in order to further Comprehensive Plan Objectives 2.6 and 3.4, and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems the limited relief granted herein as an appropriate use of their police power to secure and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined these regulations to be exempt from threshold determination under the State Environmental Policy Act under the Categorical Exemption in WAC 197-11-800(19)(a);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council have given due public notice of hearings relating to this ordinance and have held such hearings;

AND WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed and recommended that the City Council approve these regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Stevenson do ordain as follows:

**Section 1-** THAT, a new chapter shall be added to the Stevenson Municipal Code as Chapter 6.10 Goats and Sheep Used for Fire and Weed Control.

**Section 2-** THAT, the following shall be added to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 6.10: "SMC 6.10.010 – Findings, Intent and Purpose. The council finds that the keeping of goats and sheep is generally incompatible with close-density housing within the city limits due to noise, odor, public health, and security issues. However, even in an urban setting, citizens may temporarily keep certain goats with minimal impact to adjoining neighbors, while helping residents access inexpensive and environmentally-friendly alternatives to fire risk reduction, pesticide, and noxious weed control."

**Section 3-** THAT, the following shall be added to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 6.10: "SMC 6.10.020 – Goats and Sheep, Allowed Temporarily. Notwithstanding the regulations in SMC Title 17, goats and sheep may be kept on any property in the City when used for the reduction of fire risk and/or control of weeds or noxious vegetation. This allowance is limited to no more than six (6) ~~goats-animals~~ for a period of time not to exceed 14 days in any 60-day period."

**Section 4-** THAT, the following shall be added to Stevenson Municipal Code Chapter 6.10: "SMC 6.10.030 – Running At Large Prohibited. No person who keeps a goats or goats-sheep under this chapter shall allow the animal(s) to run at large within the city. Structural features or equipment shall be installed to maintain and control the animal(s) so as to reduce the nuisance impact on adjacent land uses. Both the goat animal owner and the property owner upon which the goat animal(s) are kept shall be jointly and severally responsible to comply with the provisions of this chapter."

**Section 5-** THAT, if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its publication according to law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Stevenson and approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

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Nick Hogan, Clerk of the City of Stevenson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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KEN WOODRICH, Attorney for the  
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