

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(5)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 16, 2009

**TITLE: Report on Petition Regarding an Amendment of Livestock Ordinance**

<b>DEPARTMENT: Police</b>	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> <b>A. Resolution</b> <b>B. Memo from Chief Hutchison</b> <b>C. Relevant excerpts from the current Animal Control Ordinance</b> <b>D. Petition</b> <b>E. Minutes from BOA meeting on 8/18/92</b> <b>F. Copies of ordinances from Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington</b> <b>G. Summary of ordinances from nearby towns</b> <b>H. Information about Tennessee fainting goats</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Hutchison, 918-7412</b>

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a report to the Board of Aldermen regarding Marianne Prince's petition to amend the Animal Control Ordinances related to keeping livestock and fowl in urban areas.

### INFORMATION

The tract of land at 104 Cathy Road, where Ms. Prince resides, consists of 0.574883 total acres (approximately 25,042 square feet) and is home to two Tennessee fainting goats, approximately 50 chickens, a rooster, and some ducks.

This tract of land does not meet the requirements of Carrboro's Animal Control Ordinance Article III, Section 10-5(b) for a variety of reasons, and the Town is unable to issue a permit for the keeping of goats on the property.

Ms. Prince requested that the Board of Aldermen draft a "more contemporary ordinance."

### FISCAL IMPACT

It is difficult to quantify the fiscal impact of any change to the current Animal Control Ordinance; however, if any such change should require additional staffing or additional services provided, there would certainly be some fiscal impact.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen receive the report.