

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(4)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: August 25, 2009

TITLE: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Article III, “Livestock and Wild Animals,” of the Carrboro Town Code

DEPARTMENT: Police	PUBLIC HEARING: NO
ATTACHMENTS: A. Ordinance B. Excerpt from 6/16/09 BOA Minutes	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, 929-3905; Carolyn Hutchison, 918-7412

PURPOSE

The Board of Aldermen directed staff to prepare an amendment to the Town Code to make a limited exception for fainting goats and to revise the Town Code to allow neighbors to appeal the granting of a permit for goats. The Town Attorney prepared the attached ordinance for the Board’s consideration.

INFORMATION

On April 7, 2009, Ms. Marianne Prince of 104 Cathy Road requested that the Board of Aldermen amend the Animal Control Ordinances related to keeping livestock and fowl in urban areas. At that time, the Board asked staff to provide follow-up information related to this request, and staff prepared a report in an effort to answer the Board’s questions and provide the requested information. During the Board of Aldermen meeting of June 16, 2009, the Board received staff’s report and directed staff to prepare an amendment to the Town Code to make a limited exception for the type of goats requested by Ms. Prince (fainting goats) and to revise the Ordinance to allow neighbors to appeal the granting of a permit for goats. The Town Attorney drafted such an amendment for the Board’s consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT

It is difficult to quantify the fiscal impact of this amendment to the current Animal Control Ordinance; however, this change should not require additional staffing or additional services. Therefore, the fiscal impact should be minimal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the proposed ordinance.