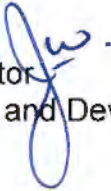




Interoffice Memorandum

August 2, 2021

TO: Mayor Jerry L. Demings
— AND —
County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: August 10, 2021 –Adoption Public Hearing – 2:00 P.M.
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 – Zoning; Relating to
Standards for Residential Backyard Chicken Keeping
Program
(Continued from June 8, 2021)

On May 18, 2021, at 5:01 p.m., the Board held the first of two required public hearings to consider amending Chapter 38 – Zoning; relating to standards for Residential Backyard Chicken Keeping. Staff presented the ordinance as recommended by the Local Planning Agency/Planning and Zoning Commission (LPA/PZC) at a public hearing on April 15, 2021, with additional staff clarifications and minor revisions to the definition of chickens, requirements for property setbacks, and standards for care and maintenance, all in redline format. Also presented by staff were recommendations for the maximum number of permits to be issued in unincorporated Orange County (130) along with a proposed permit fee (\$60.00). No action was requested at the May 18, 2021 hearing.

On Tuesday, June 8, 2021, the Board held the second public hearing to review the proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 38 – Zoning, relating to standards for Residential Backyard Chicken Keeping, including those same staff clarifications and revisions. In addition, pursuant to a recommendation from the LPA/PZC, staff presented a change to Appendix "A" of the ordinance to simplify the formatting of a portion of the Use Table for consistency with the raising and keeping of poultry and chickens as an agricultural use. Staff also presented an addition to the Use Table addressing two residential zoning districts, Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC) and Neighborhood Center (NC) intended for residential zoning as a Future Land Use

Designation within District 6, Holden Heights area, for completeness and consistency with other similar residential uses.

Lastly, staff presented requests for Board approval of the maximum number of permits available and establishment of a revised one-time permit fee (\$57.00).

The Board continued the public hearing to August 10, 2021 to allow staff to research compatibility measures of backyard chicken programs in response to Board questions and public comments.

The requested actions at this hearing will be adoption of the ordinance, with all of the staff's recommended clarifications and revisions, as well as approval of the recommended number of permits and permit fee.

ACTION REQUESTED: Make a finding of consistency with the County's Comprehensive Plan and adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 38 of the Orange County Code; Relating to Residential Backyard Chicken Keeping; Providing Effective Date; Establishing the Maximum Number of Permits to be 130 for Unincorporated Orange County; and Establishing a Permit Fee of \$57.00. All Districts.

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Attachment: Draft Ordinance, including Appendix "A"