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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 16, 2013

To: Mayor and Councilmembers

Thru: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Karen Cumbo, Planning Development and Transportation Director *KC*
Laurie Kadrich, Community Development and Neighborhood
Services Director *LK*

From: Lindsay Ex, Senior Environmental Planner *LE*

Re: July 16, 2013 Council Agenda Item #31 - Urban Agriculture

Staff has received additional public comment regarding urban agriculture since the packet was submitted to Council.

These comments are attached to this read-before memo.

From: Jodia Peters [mailto:kevinandjodia@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 06, 2013 8:31 AM

To: Lindsay Ex

Subject: Re: Urban Ag Last-minute update - option for allowing goats

To the Council-

I desire to have goats for our family to have fresh goat milk for my family to drink, make cheese and soap, and am happy and willing to do what is needed to have that available for a lower a cost to me, knowing what my goats eat and what they are exposed to.

I'm excited to take the class on goat keeping, to see what precautions we need to make for goats being in the city and closer to other people who may have a higher risk for contracting infection.

Someday we would love to live out in the country with lots of land, but financially that's not going to happen anytime soon, and we enjoy raising our children in Fort Collins, close to so many things that benefit our family. Our backyard is a perfect home for little goats, and we will be making sure they are not a risk for anyone that lives near us, or visits us.

Thank you,
Jodia Peters

From: Marjorie Smith <csmssmith@comcast.net>

Date: July 7, 2013, 3:26:21 PM MDT

To: <cityleaders@fcgov.com>

Subject: urban agriculture

City Council,

Once again I am disappointed in the decisions you are making concerning our city. As a resident of the city of Fort Collins, I think you as the City Council are making a mockery of our regulations and laws that contribute to making Fort Collins a city to be proud of, and to have you as the council represent all of the residents, not just the people that want to change the rules for their own personal benefit. What is wrong with leaving the zoning the way it is at present. Does the City Council not want to stand for maintaining standards in our city?

What you seem to overlook, is that there are many residents of the city of Fort Collins, that are not in favor of urban agriculture within the city limits.

If you would use common sense, the majority of the people who are wanting this ordinance to pass, originally purchased there property when it was zoned non agriculture. Just because they want to change the zoning, does not mean that the majority of the residents want the irritations, the noise, the pollutions, or the stink right next door to us.. The old saying, "give them an inch, they'll take a mile, and thus the neighborhood starts to deteriiate. It is bad enough to be overrun with dogs and cats within the neighborhood, much less have other animals next door. These residents that are requesting this change, should not expect to get there way all the time, and if they are so determined to have goats, chickens, etc., please protect the majority of the residents that do not want the zoning changed in order for them to play farmer. Let them move to an area that is already zoned for farming, and leave the rest of us alone. I think you, the City Council should consider the residents that are happy with the present zoning and let us continue to have our peace and quiet without urban agriculture all around us.

Thank you, and please reconsider, and halt the change of the ordinance for urban agriculture!!

Marjorie Smith

Citizen of the City of Fort Collins

From: [Cheryl Distaso](#)
To: [City Leaders](#)
Cc: [Lindsay Ex](#)
Subject: Urban Agriculture
Date: Tuesday, July 16, 2013 1:43:33 AM

Dear City Leaders,

Looking through your council packet materials this afternoon, I was very impressed with the way in which staff addressed councils concerns regarding the inclusion of two miniature goats in the urban agriculture proposal. Partnering with CSU veterinarians to study the incidents of Q fever in an urban environment will provide one more opportunity for Fort Collins to be among the leaders in the urban agriculture movement. Additionally, the added educational component in the licensing process provides an opportunity for the City to work with nonprofits such as the Rock Mountain Sustainable Living Association (RAMSLA) to conduct workshops, so that potential goat owners go into the process knowing how to responsibly raise goats and understanding the breath of the commitment.

As I mentioned at the last meeting, this entire process represents an exemplary degree of transparency and inclusivity, and the outcome is reflective of that. Lindsay Ex has done an outstanding job.

I urge you to vote for the urban agriculture ordinances.

Thanks much,
Cheryl

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