



April 4, 2011

To: City Council Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee

Re: Food-Producing Animals Ordinance

Dear members of the City Council LUTI Committee


Unfortunately, the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation Delegation has not had time to take a position regarding the proposed Food-Producing Animals ordinance. It will do so on April 9. However, please note that the INC Zoning and Planning Committee has recommended the following, which the INC Delegation will consider on April 9:

1. The ordinance should not remove the currently-required notification to Registered Neighborhood Organizations and abutting neighbors and posting of a sign regarding a person's desire to have no more than 8 chickens or ducks (combined) and no more than 2 dwarf goats.

(Passed by the ZAP Committee – 15 in favor, 1 opposed and 5 abstentions.)

2. The ordinance should be amended to:
  - a) Increase the minimum amount of coop space from 1 sq. foot per bird to 4 sq. feet per bird and a 6-foot minimum height for the coop.
  - b) Increase the amount of permeable land from 10 sq. feet to 16 sq. feet per bird and specify a 6-foot minimum height and perches.
  - c) Require an initial license or permit fee, then an annual fee.
  - d) Increase the required distance from a structure on an abutting lot from 10 feet to 25 feet.

(Passed by the ZAP Committee – 12 in favor, 7 opposed and 2 abstentions)

  
Steve J. Nissen, Chair  
Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation