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Chickens & Bees  
Thursday, March 14, 2013  
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### CHICKENS

- San Leandro Patch Article
- Lot Size - Requirements vary by City
- Accessory Structures – Maximum Height 15 Feet
  - Concerned Height may be too High – Suggestion Made for 6.5 Feet Max Height
- Proposed Regulation – No Structure within 20 Feet from an Adjacent Dwelling
- For Residents with a Permanent Coop in Backyard
  - Is a “Train Tractor Coop” (Mobile Coop) permissible
- Discussions with Community – Regulations can be Modified in the Future
- Roosters are NOT Permitted – Too Many Noise Complaints
- Compliment – Flexibility in the City of San Leandro to Create Ordinance

### ANIMAL FANCIERS PERMIT

- Treatment for Sick Chickens
  - Animal Control Division can Provide Assistance for Vet Care
- Section 2 – Recommended Expansion on Treatment & Sanitation
  - Compile List of Resources – Brochure format
  - Rationale for Care of Animals
- Research with Other Cities – Permits Required and Permit Processes?
- Guidelines are Understandable – Good to Have Available
  - Questions on Permits
  - No Permit Required for 4 Chickens Within 4,500 sq. ft.
- General Term – “Animal Fanciers”
- License Required on Animals
  - Dogs Yes/Trees No
- Positive Comment-Number of Chickens Increased from 2 to 4 before Permit Required
  - Exceeding this Limit can be Problematic
- Suggestion – Residents with Coops to Rescue Abandoned Chickens
- Includes Bantam Chickens/Turkeys Prohibited
- Concerns on Impacts on Native Wildlife – Propose Restrictions
- Huge Population of Ferrell Cats – Control Mice/Rat Population
- Regulations/Guidelines Needed for Enforcement
  - Specifics Needed to Provide/Define Care for Animals
- Maintaining a Business License for Small Profits is a Minor Concern – Many Business Operate Without

## **BEEKEEPING**

- Clarification on Hive Orientation
  - Orientate Hives Away From Other Properties
  - Condition B6 – 6 Foot Solid Fence in Backyard to Maintain Hives
- Section 8 – Education Piece
  - Allergic Reactions to Bee Stings
  - 50 Feet – Immediate/Adjacent Neighbors
  - Proof/Documentation of Medical Diagnosis
- How to Control New Neighbors – Potential New Neighbor Allergic to Bees
  - People Moving/Change of Neighbors
  - Beekeeper Expert – Speak at Council Meeting
- Bees Everywhere/Home and Hives
  - Bees are Attracted to Flowers – Bees Search for Nectar/Pollen
  - Bees are in Yards – Not fair for Neighbors that are Allergic to Minimize Garden
- Regulation for Lot Size is Unrealistic
  - Concern Other Cities Don't Regulate Lot Size
- Propose Notification to Neighbors – Protect Individual Rights
- Contra Costa Beekeeper Association – Social Network
  - Did Not Enhance Expertise for Beekeeping
- Propose City of San Leandro Provides Flexibility for Individual Situations
- Propose Beekeepers Keep Medical Aid on Hand for a Serious Allergic Reaction