



# Municipal Code Update: Regulating Chickens and Bees



**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**



# 2013-2015 City Council Goal



Support and implement programs, activities and strengthen communication that **enhance the quality of life**, including wellness, in San Leandro and promote a sense of community and civic pride



# Staff Recommendations



- 1. Determine the appropriate square footage requirement for the keeping of four (4) chickens by right (no permit).**
- 2. Adopt the proposed ordinance amending section 4-11-1105-Grandfathering all existing roosters in the R/O district.**
- 3. Adopt the proposed fees for animal permits, beekeeping permits and renewals.**
- 4. Review ordinance after 1 year.**



# Previous Action



**09/10/09** – Business and Housing- Zoning Code Amendments

**09/08/11** – Business and Housing- Amending Zoning Code Regarding Urban Farming

**10/13/11** – Business and Housing- Prioritization of Current Projects and Initiatives

**12/08/11** – Business and Housing- Discussion Regarding Planning Division Priorities

**07/17/12**-Community Development Committee Meeting

**11/07/12**-Rules and Communications Committee Meeting

**12/11/12**-Rules and Communications Committee Meeting

**01/07/13**- Rules Committee recommended that staff develop draft regulations

**01/30/13**- Town Hall Meeting for Districts 3 /4 – Included Proposed Ordinances  
Chickens and Bees



# Previous Action



- **Jan 2013: Council rules committee directed staff to:**
  1. Develop draft regulations, incorporating the information presented by staff, with the following:
    - Reduce minimum square footage from 6,000 to 4,500 for allowing a maximum of four chickens without a permit;
    - Provide setbacks consistent with the setback requirement for an accessory structure;
    - Eliminate neighbor approval for beekeeping.
  2. Community meeting to present the draft regulations and to gain community input. **(March 2013)**
  3. Bring draft ordinance back to Council.



# Recommended Chicken Regulations



## Allowed **without** a permit:

- 4 chickens on property size of 6,000 Sq. Ft or greater
- No roosters
- Regulation outlines:
  - Housing and care requirements to maintain the health and safety of animals
  - Size of chicken coops consistent with accessory structures
- Chickens on < 6,000 Sq. Ft require animal permit



# Recommended Animal Permit



- **Required for animals exceeding the limits or regulations of the municipal code**
- **Renewal every two years**
- **New permit required for changes to the number or types of animals**



# Recommended Beekeeping Regulations



- **Number of hives allowed dependent on lot size, not to exceed 3 hives**
- **Minimum 6,000 sq. feet**
- **Beekeeping permit required**
- **Renewed every two years**
- **No hives in front or side yard**
- **Needs consistent and reliable water source**



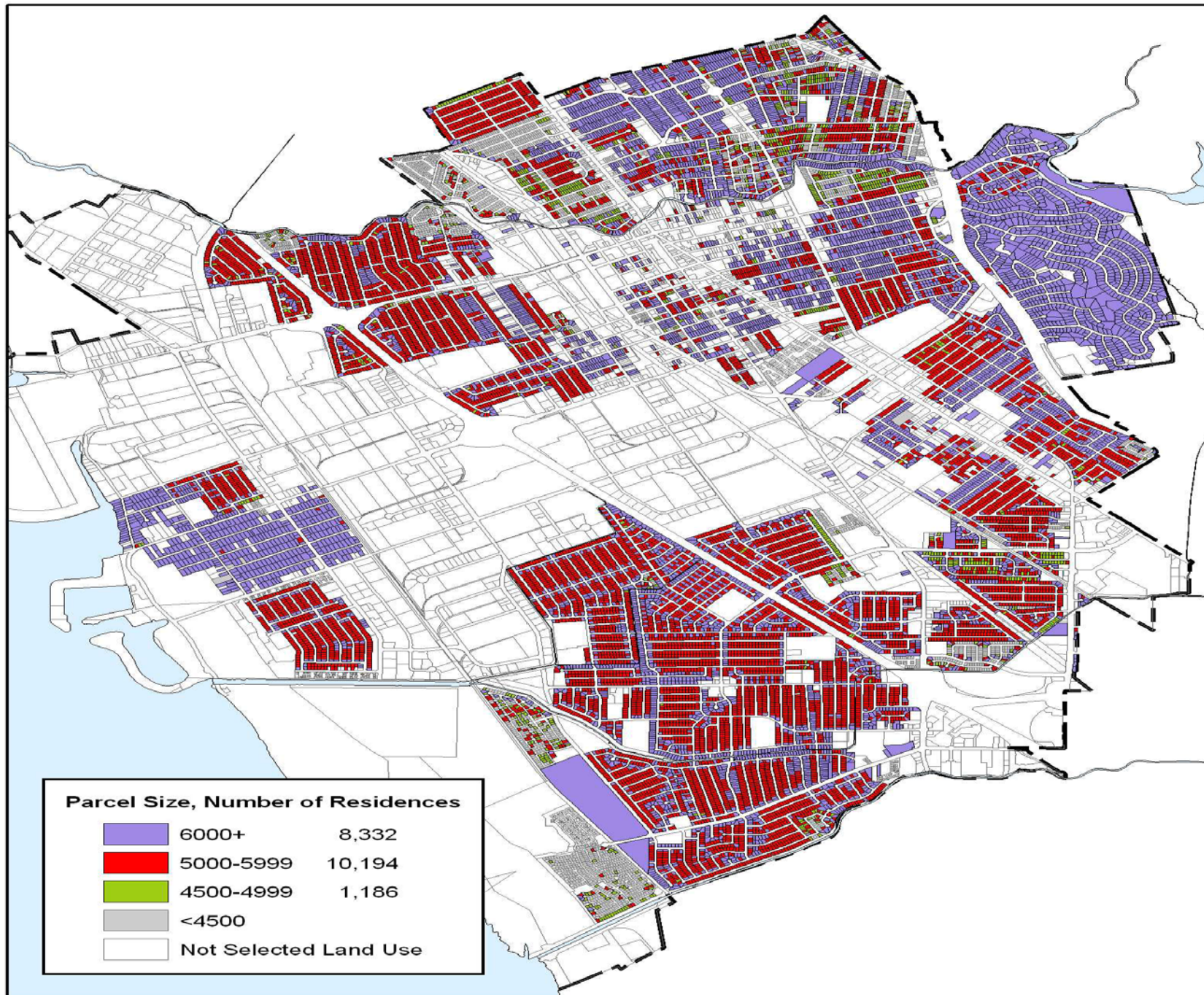


# Recommended Beekeeping Regulations



- **Hive orientation (set by beekeeping standards):**
  - 50' from any existing dwelling,
  - Entrance faces a house or building on the premise and,
  - Shall be surrounded by a 6' solid fence- within 30" of hive.

**Parcel Sizes for Selected Land Uses**  
19,712 Residences (Approximate) 8/12/13





# Recommended fees



- Permits renewable every two years
- Fees allow for partial cost recovery to process permit
- Proposed fees:

Animal Permit (New)	\$15.00
Animal Permit (Renewal)	\$15.00
Beekeeping (New/ Renewal)	\$15.00



Questions?