

CITY OF WHITE SALMON

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02-961

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WSMC 6.08.030 and 6.08.040, LIVESTOCK, FOWL AND OTHER FARM ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the public appeared before the City Council at its regular meeting of January 7, 2015 and spoke in favor of allowing lambs in the City for limited durations of the year to allow children to participate in 4-H and FFA activities.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to revise the provisions of Chapter 6.08:

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of White Salmon do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 6.08 of the White Salmon Municipal Code (WSMC) is incorporated here by reference and by such reference set forth at full length.

Section 2. Sections 6.08.030 and 6.08.040 as currently written are repealed and hereafter shall read as follows:

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6.08.030 - Goats and lambs permitted under limited circumstances.

Upon issuance of a permit authorized in Section 6.08.040, a resident of the city may maintain goats solely to reduce brush and other fuels which would otherwise contribute to the risk of uncontrolled fires: and lambs (sheep less than one year old) for the months of March through August, provided the owner shows proof of participation in 4-H or FFA. Goats or lambs shall not be maintained within the city for any other purpose including meat, milk or cheese production or as pets. Any person who maintains a goat or lamb within the city subject to permit shall provide shelter for the goat or lamb in the event of extreme weather conditions; take precautions to ensure that the goat or lamb is protected from predators; provide appropriate health care, food and water for the goat or lamb; ensure that the goat or lamb does not cause damage to the property of neighbors or others; or interfere with anyone's use or enjoyment of property.

6.08.040 - Permits to maintain goats, lambs, chickens, ducks or rabbits.

A resident of the city may submit a written application to the clerk-treasurer or designee for a revocable permit to maintain chickens, ducks, rabbits, ~~and/or~~ goats and/or lambs (“Allowed Farm Animals”) within the city. The application shall include the name and address of the city resident who will at all times be responsible for the goat(s) in compliance with this chapter. The application shall also include at least the following information:

- A.** Number of Allowed Farm Animals to be maintained pursuant to the permit;
- B.** Location(s) where the Allowed Farm Animals will be maintained;
- C.** In the case of chickens, ducks and rabbits, all animals must be contained inside a secure enclosure with interior dimensions of not less than three square feet per animal, or larger area if required for the animals’ or residents’ health or safety, with not less than five feet of setback from dwellings;
- D.** In the case of goats, tethering or fencing planned or in place to prevent damage to neighboring properties and an explanation as to why goat(s) are the preferable method for controlling brush and reducing fuel;
- E.** In the case of lambs, proof of participation in 4-H or FFA, and an acknowledgment that the sheep may not be kept during the months of September through February.
- F.** Where and how shelter will be provided for the Allowed Farm Animals in the event of extreme weather conditions;
- F.** G How the Allowed Farm Animals will be protected from predators, including dogs, wolves, coyotes, cougars, etc.;
- G.** H. Planned health care provisions for the Allowed Farm Animals;
- H.** I. The property owner’s permission to allow city representatives or its designee permission to enter and inspect the facility at any reasonable time, and assuring the Director that the issuance criteria have been met. If the Director has reasonable grounds to believe that an inspection is necessary, the Director shall inspect the facility in order to determine whether the issuance criteria have been met.

In determining whether to grant or deny a permit, the clerk-treasurer or designee shall evaluate the application for consistency with the requirements of this

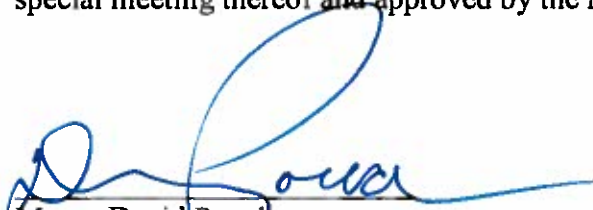
chapter, and may obtain professional evaluations as necessary at the applicant's expense.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provision of this Chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Chapter or the application of the provisions to other circumstances is not affected.

Section 4. Effective date. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its publication according to law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, at a special meeting thereof and approved by the Mayor 9th day of February, 2015.




Mayor David Poucher

ATTEST:



Leana Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form only:



Kenneth B. Woodrich
City Attorney