

Backyard Goats



The City of Brooklyn Park is exploring a code change to allow goats and other animal types at residential properties.



Note: Not every household will want to own goats.

Did you know?

Goats are currently allowed in Brooklyn Park if you have a property larger than 5 acres.

Did you know?

Goats love to eat buckthorn and can be used to clear land without the use of chemicals.

Under the proposed change

- The ordinance would limit the breed of goat to small goats such as the Nigerian Dwarf, pygmy, pygora, or Kinder.
- Bucks will not be allowed, and goats must be de-horned.
- The number of goats allowed would be limited to 2.
- Goats do make noise – the noise is called a bleat. They bleat to communicate with other goats or their owners.
- Good fencing is a must and goats need a shelter.
- Goats require daily care and pens and shelters must be kept clean and manure properly disposed of.
- Slaughtering will not be allowed.
- The sale of milk will not be allowed.

Things to Know

- Goats come in all sizes.
- Goats are herd animals.
- Goats are social animals who need the company of at least one other goat, but also get along with other animals.
- Goats can live to 12-14 years or longer.
- Goats are ruminants (multi-stomached animals) and rely mainly on hay or pasture for their dietary needs.
- Goats are browsers not grazers – they will choose to eat the shrubs and trees before eating the grass.
- Goats do need yearly vaccinations and deworming. They need hoof trims every 6-8 weeks.

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This information is intended only as a general guide. Other codes and ordinances may apply. You can reference the city ordinances on the city's website: www.brooklynpark.org