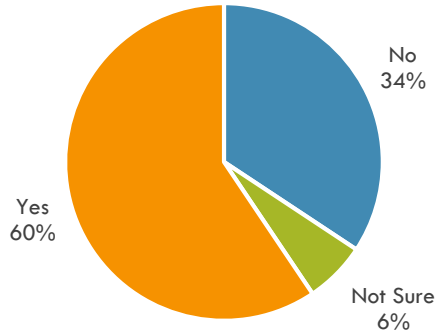
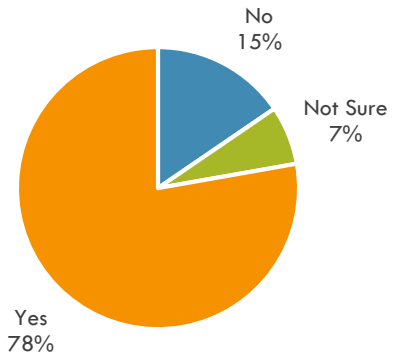


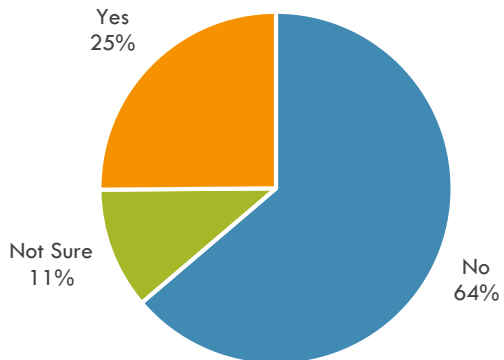
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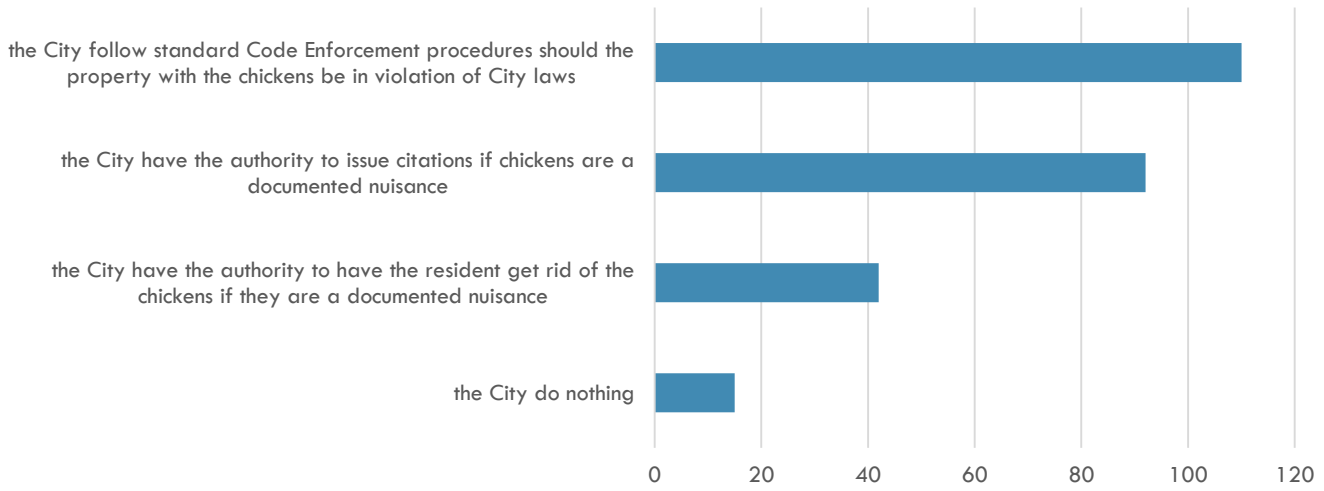
Should the number of chickens allowed on a property correspond to the size of the lot?



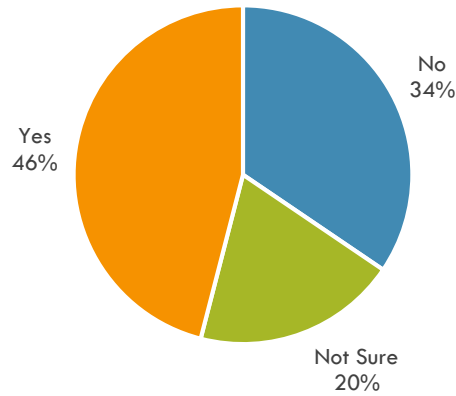
Should citizens be required to register chickens with the City?



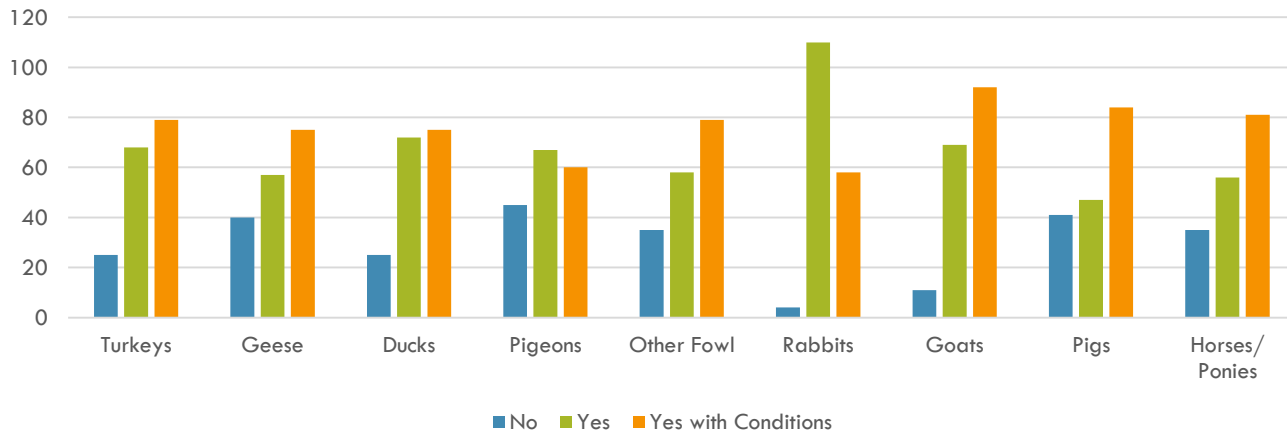
If chickens are permitted and the City receives a complaint about chickens at a specific property, should:



Do you think other farm animals (animals other than common household pets, which are intended to be kept for commercial and/or family food production and sale, education, or recreation) should be permitted in residential zones within City limits?



Do you think the following farm animals should be permitted within Residential Zones in the City?



What type of conditions/regulations would you recommend?

By neighborhood vote as to whether farm animals be allowed. Also have it based on lot size.

Lot size

Manure disposal

Fence restrictions depending upon the type of animal Quantity limit depending upon the size of the coop / pen

I would like to hear a public discussion about these issues before commenting, as I do not have vast experience with these animals myself, but do not see why a person shouldn't be able to keep a few geese or rabbits, or even goats, if they have sufficient land. We had chickens and quail growing up in the middle of Los Angeles.

The animals should have adequate space for their health and well being. Horses and ponies should only be allowed on larger lots. There are currently properties within the city limits that have excessive amounts of kennel dogs living in questionable conditions. A maximum number of dogs should be required.

Chickens and other small fowl are much cleaner than dogs and cats. My neighbors have chickens and asked my permission first. Never have I had an issue with smell nor predators. The noise from chickens is a low cluck unless a squawk while laying an egg. They are so quiet at night unlike barking dogs. Once they go to roost you don't hear a peep out of them. It is an educational tool for children and fun for the family. Big cities all over the country allow backyard chickens, why not us here in sleepy Allegany County. If they are not cared for properly, the city should step in accordingly. Otherwise, it's a chicken providing food...worry about the big things in this county. Take care of them only if they are a nuisance because of not being cared for properly.

Chickens should be contained on the specific property. I would be concerned about the lot size, adequate housing/stable and management of animal waste, with larger animals. If the waste is not managed appropriately, it breeds nuisance insects and foul smells. Not enjoyable if you are the neighbor working in your garden or having a picnic. I once had neighbors who's dog went to the bathroom right at my fence line and they never cleaned it up. It went flying when the grass was cut and I was inundated with flies in and outside my house. And I always smelled dog crap when I was trying to enjoy my own back yard or just opening a window for a breeze. The larger the animal, the worse the problem, if you do not have responsible, respectful neighbors. And larger animals attract flies, irregardless. Why aren't llamas, cows and sheep on the list, if you are considering goats, pigs and horses (just wondering)?

As long as the city holds up its end by making sure these animals are registered and being taken care of properly I see no issues with them in the city. But it has to be a joint effort by the owners, the city and the police to correctly make sure people are obeying all laws in regards to these animals.

Corresponds to land size and proper housing for the animals.

Lot size appropriate, grazing and roaming areas, proper shelter, cleanliness

Any animal should be properly contained. Animals running loose is what causes problems.

The animals need to have proper space. The neighbors should not be bothered by odor

That the animals be caged or behind a sturdy fence so they can not get out and cause a nuisance to the neighborhood. They must be taken care of properly and must not be neglected.

Proper enclosures, appropriate numbers for the lot size, regular surprise inspections possible

Ducks should be limited to 2 or 3 depending on size of property. Ducks are dirtier than chickens or turkeys Should be kept in cages specified for the particular animals. You should own at least an acre to have a horse/pony.

There must be a large enough space for the animals to live comfortably. They also must have access to the correct environments - Ducks/Geese should have access to water, Horses should have a pasture to graze and ample space to roam, etc.

All animals should be kept in a properly fenced in yard from which the animals are unlikely to escape (*animals that are capable of flight are an exception) and sufficient space must be available at all times for them to be happy and healthy. The quantity and type of animals should be dependent on the amount of space available at any particular location and all pets and/or farm animals should be kept to a reasonable number. Furthermore, no animals kept in the City of Frostburg should present a substantial danger and/or nuisance to the community. *Anyone who chooses to have animals that are capable of flight shall be responsible for damage caused by them as it is not possible to humanely restrict their movement. No other member of the community shall be held responsible for injury or death to ducks, geese, etc. who have left their owners' property (i.e., a duck landing in a yard where a dog lives and being injured or killed by the dog).

Minimum lot sizes per SPCA and USDA recommendations, minimum shelter requirements per same governing bodies

Having the appropriate accommodations to house animals such as a water for ducks, geese, etc. Allowing horses to have a barn and a fresh pasture.

Best handling practices

Making sure they will remain on the residence property!

Housing should be appropriate to the animal, all animals should have enough yard/acreage to exercise, move about and be healthy. All animals should be raised and treated humanly including shelter, food and water appropriate to the animal (s). If animals are to be raised for family food, slaughtering should be done in enclosed areas with strict enforcement of removal of innards and no rotting carcasses or parts of the animals left out to draw vermin and insects. The raising of animals is fine as long as the owners are respectful of their neighbors. Geese, ducks and pigeons fly considerable distances and heights and are not really humanly contained without removing feathers or tethering them to keep them from flying away and so should not be kept in residential areas. All animals must have sufficient room for proper growth and exercise! Just like a puppy mill in a residential home is wrong, one horse on 0.25 acre would be wrong.

For horse/pony a minimum lot size (acres) and shelter/fenced space regulations. The turkey, geese, ducks should follow chicken guidelines. They can mostly be in the same enclosure as chickens. Maybe regulations on cleanliness of the area the animals are kept and they need to be contained so as not to wander onto a neighbors property. For the chickens and other fowl there should be no minimum lot size as long as they have space to have an enclosure that safely houses the animals where they can move freely.

Lot size, noise, sanitary conditions, proper solid privacy fencing to protect neighbors, etc. one warning, if not corrected lose permit.

They can't be running around free, they have to be in cages or chicken houses. Or for larger animals need to be fenced in.

Limited numbers base on lot size, enclosed by fence.

Amount of animals should correspond with lot size.

Lot size sufficient to accommodate the animals.

enough room is provided to adequately meet the needs of the animal in question.

I think that property owners who want a small amount of farm animals should be allowed if it doesn't negatively affect their neighbors way of life, the general aesthetics of their lots, (probably should be kept to their backyards) or environmentally. Farm animals kept for food is very important to people and their health, but there are a lot of variables. However, the city should absolutely allow chickens, and charge a small application fee to deal with any headaches and phone calls, etc. Hens should be allowed if kept to a certain number based on how much land and exposure to streets and neighbors.

Animals should be kept a specific distance from a neighbors residence and be fenced or caged.

Make sure that animals have enough space/room to live a good life.

An inclosure suited for the specified animal/animals on that property.

Clean and sanitary conditions

The City of Denver allows chickens

Not sure if my previous survey went through. Short version recap: 1. There should be a statement of what citizens can reasonably expect having chosen to live in city limits, as opposed to on a farm, re: volume, smell, maybe other considerations then conditions should support those 2. Regulations should recognize the respect neighbors in close quarters owe one another. SOUND I shouldn't have to listen to blaring stereos or the bleating of lambs just because my neighbor wants to have them. That's one party dominating public sonic space. SMELL Just because I want chickens shouldn't mean my neighbors have to accept that the smell of chicken manure is the new normal in their life. SLAUGHTER Similarly, they should be able to send their kids out to play in the yard without them suddenly witnessing the slaughter of a pig. It seems to me that, in city limits, slaughter should be slaughter: if you can't do it to a dog, then you can't do it. Take it elsewhere. Or maybe a rule about it having to be out of view. There would also need to be some kind of rule to keep sloppiness from threatening public health, i.e. leaving bits out to rot. I am in favor of farm animals in city limits, but wish it to be allowed in such a way that honors neighbors.

proper cages/barn/accommodation for the animal that does not endanger the animals life.

Assessments on proper safe and humane housing for each animal should be specified, and if a property within city limits meets these standards, they should be allowed to house these animals. Codes citing humane and proper care should be specified and upheld. It is one thing to allow a proper space to contain animals, but it should be documented that the animals are being properly cared for. If these stipulations are outlined in an ordinance, code enforcement can be taken if there is a complaint.

Size of lot, compliance with noise and property upkeep ordinances

Size of lot. Safe housing for the animal. Proof of veterinary care.

Limit number of total farm animals to a reasonable amount based on lot size. If animals are not well cared for including food, water, shelter they will be removed Follow the lead of other towns where this type of effort has been successful... model Frostburg program after that. Contact local farmers for public training, allow them to sell their goods at the training events in exchange for them providing training to public

Standard Health issues for all involved

As long as they: -are confined to the property -not causing damage to another property -shielded from public view (privacy fence) if the neighbors find them "unsightly" & complain -not violating the noise ordinance -not violating any health department regulations -animal waste is being disposed of in an appropriate and safe manner -are limited in number by the size of the property (square footage of open area on property not occupied by manmade structures). -are not using the animals as part of a commercial enterprise or for profit venture

If the animals are being properly cared for and have sufficient space that the home/property owner is willing to house these animals on with shelter, fencing and ranging room, I see no problem with any of these animals. I do not however think it is okay to have 4 goats in 1/8 acre lot or have free range chickens roaming Frostburg.

Size of lot, distance from other houses, shelter/pens provided, number of other animals

Lot size Distance from neighbors house Write plan for fecal removal per large animal size

Proper disposal of manure so it doesn't smell up the neighborhood barbeque

there should be a balance to ensure that the welfare of the animals is placed foremost, and then preventing any nuisance.

Specific lot size, containment area/housing for animal, registration, education related to care of specific animal, home ownership or documented permission of owner.

Limits to the number of each animal as well as requirements of space determined for each animal. Specific laws need to be in place should these animals be caught or killed by others.

Proof of vet care...upkeep on property and livestock health conditions...animal control should have authority as well...

Amount limits on all species. Size limits on goats, pigs, and other larger species.

Keeping of farm animals on residential property should follow USDA/FDA conditions. This includes waste, carcass and population density. We don't need an epidemic of avian flu. These animals are being raised for food and redistribution should be highly regulated. Exotic animals (snakes, lizards, etc) should be expressly forbidden. Inevitably predators will encroach (skunks, fox, raptors, racoon, etc). What is the tipping point for removal of farm animals or predators?

The size of the lot should correspond to the number/size of animals.

I would recommend that the land be applicable to the size of the animal. Also, all waste be cleaned up and disposed of properly on a regular basis.

size of property for animal well being, distance of animal housing from roadway and neighbor, proper removal of waste, appearance of animal housing and safety.

I would say with chickens allow 1 or 2 roosters if no worries from a neighbor. Horses need room pigs need room and proper care of same with goats. All bird animals need to have their own pen not free range this will keep neighbor at ease they won't be destroying their property reason I say 1 or 2 roosters is to allow owner to hatch eggs to replenish their egg layers when they slow down or stop laying eggs

You do what you have to to keep your family safe & not hungry.

lot size and feces clean up

Restricted to R1 Zone or with special exception. Minimum property size and an established maximum number of animals per sq ft. Waterfowl should require appropriately sized habitat.

Proper containment of said animal Clean kenneling of said animal Proper and safe weatherization of said animal in all seasons. Proper feeding, hydration and care of said animal. Proper health/ medical treatment of said animal. Proper signage alerting the neighbors to the ownership of said animals.

so many animals for square footage of lot size

I think residents should be required to get a license for the animals just like we do for our dogs.

NA

Lot size for horses.

large enough lot to not bother neighbors. Why aren't cattle listed?

Number allowed and noise limits

Beekeeping should be allowed as well. Limited home use for all animals should be allowed.

N/A

Lot size and proximity to uninhabited space.

Limitations on number of larger animals. Fowl are small and easy to maintain. Larger animals might need to be limited based on property size.

Size of lot Cleanliness and care of animals Nose regulations

I would imagine having restrictions on property size vs. type of animals being kept would be a responsible decision. Say if a person wants to own a horse they must have the proper space for the animal to be healthy.

Proper pens and enough space for size of animal.

Adequate area for the health of the animal.

Lot size has to permit a comfortable living situation for the animals. The owner needs to provide appropriate winter condition sleeping area for animals. The animals cannot freeze to death and must have access to food and water.

Lot size, number of animals, and cleanliness are the biggest issues. Most city lots are too small for horses, cattle, or other large animals, but most city lots would allow for keeping a small animal, including a pig or goat. As long as there weren't too many animals, they weren't too loud, and the animals and property were clean and did not smell, I think keeping small livestock as either pets or for food production should be permitted without requiring forms, permits, and fees. If neighbors complain to the city, the city should investigate and ensure that the ordinances were being met and enforced. Frankly, the same criteria should apply to other animals, like dogs and cats. I have neighbors whose cats roam freely on my property, and barking dogs left in back yards are much more disturbing than chickens.

The code enforcer should have to register the animals and make sure they are healthy.

Limited number of individual animals and minimum lot size to keep these animals and adequate fencing as a requirement (i.e. No free ranging chickens)

An adequate size lot and at a specified distance from all neighborhood lots.

There should be lot size requirements (for instance, 1 acre per horse), number of animals allowed, as well as restrictions on how far the animals should be from neighboring properties.

Proper space and shelter for the given animal to be determined by previously set regulations developed by the city government. Subject to inspection and regulation by city officials with proper notice or on receiving a complaint.

I know Baltimore city allows up to 6 chickens in city limits. I think its reasonable Frostburg do to. Other farm animals maybe not so much, but small domestic birds, rabbits, maybe A Single goat with conditions, all sounds reasonable.

If the animals are nuisances and improperly kept and/or if the parcel of land in which they are kept is improperly suited for them or it is being improperly kept up (dirty, unsanitary) conditions. Then property/animal owners should receive a warning first, then a fine, then be made to get rid of them.

If persons desire to keep stock animals etc they must provide the proper space and facilities for the accepted care of such animals and must maintain such animals and their facilities to a specified degree to not endanger public health or be a nuisance.

Code of standards. Maintaining and upkeep..

Please share other ideas, concerns, or suggestions that you have regarding the regulations of farm animals within City limits in Residential Zones.

Farm animals don't belong in city limits. If you want a farm animal, you need to own farm land outside of the city.

I think chickens and rabbits should be permitted - and all other animals if certain conditions are met. In small lots in residential or commercial areas should have limits, but properties with 1+ acre should have some freedom.

I would love to be able to own a few chickens, and if I had more yard space, a few pigs, but there needs to be limited to no inconveniences to neighbors. There will always be those people who are going to complain about everything, but I think, in general, small farm animals will be a benefit to our community.

See last post about excessive numbers of dogs inside/outside of properties. Also, dog feces is the number 3 contaminate of water in the us. So many people let their animals poop on city and private property without picking it up (blows my mind how much dog poop is all through town). Additionally some properties have huge amounts of dog waste in their own yards that they don't pick up- which gets into the water supply spreading bacteriA and disease.

I think farm animals need space to roam and chickens need to free range. Where can farm animals to that in city limits?

I am absolutely opposed to farm animals including chickens within the city limits. Having grandparents who owned a farm, they are very dirty and stinky animals. I for one DO NOT WANT that next to my back yard. If people want fresh eggs, there are many places to get them that are as fresh as any they could produce. My husband and I say NO WAY to this fiasco!!

Small Goats and Pigs have been domesticated enough to be just as clean and socialized as dogs. I think with proper regulations those could be acceptable.

It would be great to be able to have a few chickens in my yard. I think it would be important to have regulations on keeping up with the amount of feces they produce to prevent the spread of salmonella by wind or storm runoff.

We are a rural community. Some people are homesteading & we should not have to go to a grocer for things we can sustain ourselves! Regulations on the amounts to be kept should go by property size. Again government wanting us to go green but yet limiting how we can!

Honey Bees should be allowed in the city. Sound best management practices to keep them from being a nuisance should be utilized. The value of honey bees for pollination should be considered. Some larger US cities require those wanting to raise livestock inside the city limits to take an appropriate educational class to learn proper management of the species desired.

Having any farm animals within City Limits should have the stipulation of approval based on lot size.

There is a horse a few doors down that is fine with me. I hear wild turkeys in the woods at night. My only concern would be odor from improperly cleaned housing for the animal.

If someone owns at least an acre of land, they should be allowed to have a limited number chickens if the animals are properly prohibited from going to adjacent properties and are not deemed to be a nuisance. Larger farm animals are not appropriate unless the property owner has at least five acres of land.

We have more dog problems (barking continuously) and Skunks in the area that are not taken care of, so why not chickens.

we have a barking dog and roaming cat problem now . we do not need any other animals living in our neighborhoods city is too congested with people to have space for farm animals. I grew up in a neighborhood that had geese, a cow, horses and a goat. summer evenings were had quite an aroma. . I live beside a woman who had 3 big dogs in a fenced back yard. evenings were not enjoyable on the back deck. If people want farm animals-- go buy a farm!!!!

We are at the point that we have to change the way we live. I'm confident many Frostburg residents have been affected by higher food prices at the grocery stores - and those prices aren't going to decrease anytime soon (read: never). There is a grassroots movement promoting a "grow food, not lawns" approach to city life. * Note: My answers in this survey pertain to single-family and duplex style homes and do not consider apartment complexes. It's entirely possible those living in apartments have additional restrictions.

None additional

With animals, there is always the concern of how to dispose of animal "waste". That should probably be addressed to prevent piles of it stinking up the neighborhood. An arrangement to allow for it to be hauled to the greenhouse to be composted might be a good idea.

I think you should be allowed one rooster. I noticed you didn't address cows, steer or a large number of other "farmed" animals. It sounds like this question is geared toward a specific problem. Why don't you post the current regulations and then have a public hearing to discuss changes to those regulation. I only said no to pigs because they smell terrible and need to be on an actual farm not someone's backyard farmette. Chickens, turkey, geese, ducks are excellent pets and a good source of food. Be generous with regulations on them. The rest I understand why you would want tougher regulations in town.

Keeping your own chickens for eggs is more humane than buying commercial eggs that come from inhumane factories. The City of Frostburg should not hold someone back from keeping chickens. Lets evolve and make conscious decisions about where our food comes from. - Also it was inconvenient that I had to sign up for a google account to complete a city survey. :(

Thanks for the survey.

A number of states allowing resident to keep small collection of birds. We should do the same. This is a green way to live.

Absolutely no farm animals other than ordinary household pets should be permitted within the city limits of Frostburg.

i think chickens should be allowed with cost of eggs and meats it helps out collecting your own eggs and eating your own meat

We currently live in Garrette County Md. and are recently retired our house is for sale and are planing moving to Frostburg we curenly own six laying Hens which porvied our Family with wholesome organic eggs for our Family which we would to contuine as resedents mof frostburg. We do not believe that there should be a permint fee to owns Chickens. How ever there should be a liment on the amount on the Hen you can mantaine in the acortences with the amount of propety you own. Thank you for excepting our replay

I think that as long as the resident is smart and keeps the animals in a responsible way then there shouldn't be a problem.

We think a small number of chickens and ducks and maybe small goats should be permitted. These animals make nice and interesting pets if properly housed and cared for.

Do it.

The main concern for me is the treatment of these animals and whether citizens will properly care for them.

We have chickens living next door very close to our property and are happy to have them there.

most farm animals in the city don't cause any problems. But there should be a way to monitor and deal with any problems that arise.

Not a place for farm animals, this is why they are called FARM animals, it will be more of a hassle then a help, plus if you have that one person who doesnt clean them right or leaves them run wild without a fence you will have a chicken problem instead of cat problem with over population.. cause face it people are lazy now a days thanks

It should be defined very clearly what is considered a nuisance complaint and the owner should be given ample time to remedy the situation. They may have to save up over a couple pay periods as an example. I have wanted a chicken coup myself for a while for personal reasons including consumption of eggs and meat. I trust the source and I despise how chickens are treated in a commercial setting. I also am aware of negative instances concerning chickens and have researched many remedies through other peoples experiences.

Chickens should be kept in housing that is appropriate for them. Tractor supply and other various on-line stores sell appropriate chicken coops that are small for chickens that are pets. Some children are allergic to dogs and cats, but chickens will not affect their allergies. Also, if keeping chickens bedding should be sawdust or small amounts of hay -- this will keep it so there is very little odor. I also believe chickens should have a specified run and not be free range.

Am wondering if there have been complaints regarding the keeping of farm animals. The city should definitely have a policy .

I don't see it as a problem if someone wants to raise smaller animals as a food source (eg. raising chickens for eggs or poultry) for their own use. But, I don't think they should be permitted to raise smaller animals and use the animals or animal products as part of a commercial enterprise. That should not be permitted in a residential neighborhood. I also think the number of animals should be limited to the property size and number of residents on the property. That could assist as a deterrent to prevent anyone from using it for commercial purposes.

I think allowing livestock, within reason to the size of the yard, would be good for many people in our city and could help feed families, help them make money and bring back lost independence for many. I, for one, would love fresh eggs close to home.

Number of hens per people in the house

I think it would be great if residents could keep a small number of hens, such as 3.

I 100% support Chickens in the City of Frostburg!

Should be regulated in much the same manor as blighted properties, cars without tags, etc.

I feel it can cause predators to be more prevalent. This could be harmful to residents, especially our children.

Thank you for seeking out the opinion of our city regarding farm animals. I hope to raise chickens for eggs at some point in the future (next 3-5 years). I would like to have a small number of hens in a henhouse in my backyard. I have a fenced-in yard, but I am not sure if my lot is a half acre or not. I do think that the City should have the authority to regulate chickens. I can see where some chicken owners could have problems.

Just what the name of the survey indicates, Farm Animals, belong on a farm or property not located in the city limits. I would not appreciate my neighbors having such animals. The smell and the noise, no thanks.

keep this simple, limit it to chickens (no roosters) but don't require any permitting. Develop a limit of so many chickens permitted per square foot of open space, and cannot be allowed to range outside property boundaries, must be confined in pens or fenced yard. Please don't make a permit required, keep this simple!!!!

All owners of dogs and chickens should keep the waste products cleaned up daily. Owners of dogs should carry bags to clean up the waste on walks. I sit on the porch and watch the owners walk on after the dog has deposited waste on our property or a neighbors property. Some of the dogs walkers are angry if I speak to them.

I think this is a wonderful idea, if monitored.

I am sure this is not a novel suggestion but different approaches could be gathered from similar communities by mining city sites for regulations and following up with the city leadership for metrics or at least pros and cons.

I could understand if people were raising cattle in their yards. This is chickens. Frostburg maybe be considered a city but it is surrounded by rural areas. What about those that live right outside of town? Times are tough and families are doing what they can to get by, having a few chickens for some eggs of your own is great and maybe necessary for some. Some of these store bought eggs are from those factory farms. Its probably a better idea to have your own eggs. I think it's terrible that you want to bother people with a couple chickens in their yards or people are complaining. Tell these people to mind their own business and leave the chickens alone.

many of these animals are kept for pets which is ok with me. Other animals raised for food and slaughter should not be allowed in the city

This should be dealt with on an individual basis. If the homeowner is not providing a clean coop or proper care, then they should be dealt with accordingly. Don't lump all chicken, duck owners into 1 large lot. Remember that 1 bad apple does not spoil the whole batch!

If things get out of hand citations sound like a good way to address it.

People are turning to livestock to feed their family by no choice of their own. Higher market prices and limited good paying jobs in this area make it difficult to support a family. People have every right to grow or raise their food (garden or animal) to support their family. Next the city will want to rid Frostburg of gardens. Last I checked we are living in a free state and our property is ours to do with what we want, be it raising animals, growing gardens, or nothing at all. Once again this is the government trying to limit the citizens rights and freedoms.

I am fairly certain it is not permitted but we have had neighbors with hens for years in town. They can be a nuisance. We have not been successful in selling our home twice because the neighbor's yard looks like back country and has a lot of junk. Our street has a junk issue. I would prefer to see people cited for not cleaning up their yards, whether related to chickens or just junk.

N/A

Yes this would be fantastic, but regulations should be drafted so that animals are not abused (as I have seen done by college students) and are well taken care of. Thank you!!

Be sure this survey cannot be taken more than once by the same person who wishes to slant the results

Thank you for requesting community input regarding this important matter. Please do not be overly restrictive in crafting any city codes/ordinances relating to what are typically considered farm animals so long as the health and safety of the animals in question as well as that of the residents of Frostburg are not adversely impacted.

What if specific sub-division regulations prohibit this. How would this impact these regulations?

Listed them in last comment section. Most importantly, we must make sure the animals are cared for and define what that means for each type of animal allowed.

What is this about? I was under the impression that such animals were not allowed in the city. I am not opposed to the idea of farm animals in the city but it must be done properly.

Chickens are quieter than dogs. I have a neighbor with a few chickens and a neighbor with a dog. The dog is way more of a nuisance than the chickens.

Our neighbors once had chickens in their backyard. They drew rats to the neighborhood. Our houses are close so there was also the odor problem. Some people may keep their yard cleaned up, but you will have some that won't.

I am in favor of farm animals in city limits, but wish it to be allowed in such a way that honors neighbors. It is not true that everyone should be free to do as they wish. People in city limits have different proximities to one another. I think it should only be allowed in such a way that honors the will of those who wish farm animals on their property and all that entails as well as the will of those who do not.

Please see prior question.

If you want to have farm animals, live on a farm

Less is more. Let's not forget everyone's God given right to move if they are not happy. If you want to control what is going on the lot next door, buy it.

Let people enjoy going green with out gov. Interference.

Animals of hoof have not been allowed nor should be allowed in city limits. As a homeowner i do not want chickens,goats,cows excreta close to my home. The college students are animals enough for our small town.

If people care about their chickens then this should t be a problem. It's a problem when people just let them loose and don't tend to their cages or food. All people should be able to have them if they are responsible animal owners

Any animals which become a nuisance should be removed by owners at the request of the city or fines should be charged.

I do not want to live by any type of farm animal! If they want farm animals then they can move to the country! This shouldn't even be considered!

Maximum should be 10 chickens regardless of lot size. Must have a structure for the chickens and the lot must have appropriate fencing around the entire lot to ensure the chickens do not leaving the owners property.

Definitely allow these animals, even if it is with stipulations. This is a rural area, even city residents are of a rural region, farm animals are just part of the local lifestyle. They're visually appealing, AS LONG AS THEY'RE PROPERLY CARED FOR. Maybe just have rules that allow for citations if animals aren't cared for or housing isn't maintained and developes pungent smells. Someone could keep two dozen chickens and if the coop is maintained, it will have no smell.

A bad idea. Concerned about who will monitor/enforce this ordinance as the city can't keep up with maintenance of parks and streets not to mention code enforcement. What happens to hens when their laying days are over? Will they be killed by the owners and eaten? Set loose? Left on premises to die of old age? Will there be a limit to total number of chickens per property? Will there be fencing required? Max/Min size of coop? Why can't the natural food people buy their eggs from local chicken owners like I do? Why can't the natural food people move to a farm? I didn't build in the city only to have a chicken nest near my property. I grew-up with a chicken coop and chickens in my backyard, and in neighbors yards on both sides, and chickens and their coops is not a pleasant smell in hot humid weather. City lots, even the newer much larger lots, are not a size that is suitable for keeping chickens. The newly acquired Hoffman Field or the Glendening complex would be great places for the city to let city residents who are so inclined to form a co-op in order to raise their chickens for natural foods. Also, will this survey be verified to determine its accuracy as opposed to college students and out of city residents having fun with it?

I think that chickens would be okay to allow within city limits. However, I think that there should be a limit to how many people are allowed to have and there should be standards for how they are kept. For example, if the resident has a small lot, they should only be allowed to have a few chickens and they should be kept in pens or in a fenced in area that they cannot get out of. There should also be standards as to how the area the chickens are kept should be maintained. It should not become unsightly or smelly. If the chickens are noisy and cause a disturbance, the residents should be fined. Just as if there is a barking dog complaint. The same should apply to chickens. I do not think other farm animals should be allowed within city limits; unless somewhere in the city limits has a large farm area. It all depends on the size of the land and the proximity to other homes.

I believe cattle should be permitted if the homeowner has a large enough lot to maintain them.

Properties are too small not to infringe on neighbors privacy. Property values in the surrounding area would suffer. Zone off the city to allow properties that are large enough to have the option. If approved a renewable permit, with a fee, should be enforced including inspections and surrounding neighbors approval. Permits should include health record of the animals.

I like the idea of allowing residents to keep chickens to help families grow their own food. It also teaches children about farming, an important part of our region. However, like anything, it can be quickly abused without careful zoning and code enforcement. It may require a small fee to the City. I think there should be a minimum lot size, or green space required per chicken. For example, 4 square feet/chicken in a coop, and 10 square feet/chicken in the run.

Regulating small livestock differently than you regulate "pets" seems arbitrary to me. I am a dog lover, but many dogs are much more of a nuisance than any member of the small "livestock" families, and free-roaming cats are an environmental hazard. I would really like to be able to keep a few chickens or some guinea fowl in my back yard. However, people shouldn't be allowed to have animals on a property that is too small for them, to have more animals than is healthy on the property size, or to allow animal waste to build up so that it poses a health hazard or unpleasant odor.