



TOWN OF WINDSOR

FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: LAND USE BYLAW CHANGE

DATE OF FACT SHEET: AUGUST 9, 2017

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Q: My nine-year-old son has a question for the town. He is an active member of 4H. He wants to know if it's possible for him to have a mini/pygmy goat within the town? He had even suggested licensing it like a dog. Considering they're only about the same size as a med size dog if not smaller and they pretty much behave the same as a dog. If people can have chickens and Bee's why not?

A:

- A pygmy goat is not considered a domesticated pet and agricultural uses are not permitted in residential zones.
- This would require a Land Use Bylaw Amendment much the same as what was required in order to allow for the laying hens and bees.
- An application would need to be completed and a fee of \$600 collected from the applicant to start the process. The application can be found at <https://www.town.windsor.ns.ca/planning-1/89-lub-amend-and-da-application-form/file.html>
- A public information meeting would be arranged and input from that meeting provided to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) in a Staff Report.
- Property owners within 300 feet of the subject property requesting the amendment would be provided with an invitation to attend. It would be posted on the Town website as well. (As was the case in the application for laying hens, feedback can be sought through the Town website and social media).
- PAC would then make a recommendation to go to first reading. If Council directs staff to move forward, a Public Hearing would be arranged with notice going in the local newspaper, Town website, and sent by mail out to property owners residing within 300' of the subject property. Notice to abutting Municipality is also sent.
- Following the Public Hearing, Council makes the decision to approve amendments to the bylaw or refuse the proposed amendments.
- If approved, the decision is published in the local newspaper setting out the right to appeal (period of two weeks) for any aggrieved person to apply to the NS Utility & Review Board (UARB). Should no appeals be filed, the amendments come into effect the date of the notice.

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