

ORDINANCE NO. 2975

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE AMENDING SECTION 6.04.020 OF CHAPTER 6.04 OF TITLE 6 OF THE GARDEN GROVE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF POT-BELLIED PIGS IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

City Attorney's Summary

This ordinance amends Section 6.04.020 of the Garden Grove Municipal Code to permit and regulate the keeping of no more than two pot-bellied pigs in residential lots within the City provided that they are not bred, are neutered, are tested and vaccinated for certain communicable diseases, are restrained on a leash when removed from the premises, the premises where they are kept is maintained in an odor-free, clean and sanitary manner, and a permit is obtained for each animal. Droppings and other wastes must also be removed on a daily basis, and the animals must not be kept or maintained in an odious, offensive, obnoxious, filthy, or unsanitary condition.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 6.04.020 of Chapter 6.04 (Animal Regulations) of Title 6 (Health and Sanitation) of the Garden Grove Municipal Code is amended to read as follows (**bold-underline** added; **~~bold-strikethrough~~** deleted):

§ 6.04.020 Prohibition, Administration, and Enforcement.

A. Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited.

1. It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain animals within the corporate City limits not permitted by this chapter or in violation of this chapter.
2. No person shall keep or maintain any animals that are detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare.
3. Roosters and Livestock Animals Prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain roosters and livestock animals, including, but not limited to, any bull, steer, cows, calves, cattle, sheep, swine, equine, and bovine, etc., within the corporate City limits, **except for pot-bellied pigs subject to subdivision (B) below.**
4. Beehives. Beehives shall be prohibited within the corporate City limits.
5. Unsanitary Conditions. No person shall keep or maintain any animals in an odious, offensive, obnoxious, filthy, or unsanitary condition.

6. Limitations. Except as otherwise provided for in this chapter, the following animals may be permitted on properties zoned for residential use:
 - a. A maximum of four of the following or four of any combination of the following shall be permitted:
 - i. A maximum of four dogs, four months of age or older, shall be permitted on any premises within the corporate City limits;
 - ii. A maximum of four roaming cats, four months of age or older, shall be permitted on any premises within the corporate City limits;
 - iii. A maximum of four fowl, rabbits, birds, or household pets, or any combination thereof shall be permitted on any premises within the corporate City limits subject to the following condition: fowl, rabbits, birds, or household pets (excluding dogs and cats) shall be kept at all times in a fully enclosed pen, coop, cage, or similar appropriate enclosure and shall maintain a minimum setback of 25 feet from all adjacent dwelling units and all property lines.
 - b. Five or more cats, kept at all times in enclosed catteries, shall be permitted on any premises within the corporate City limits and shall comply with all regulations in this chapter.
 - c. A maximum of 10 parakeets shall be permitted on any premises within the corporate City limits subject to the following condition: parakeets shall be kept at all times in a fully enclosed pen, coop, cage, or similar appropriate enclosure and shall maintain a minimum setback of 25 feet from all adjacent dwelling units and property lines.
 - d. A maximum of 10 racing pigeons shall be permitted on any premises within the corporate City limits subject to the following condition: racing pigeons shall be kept at all times in a fully enclosed pen, coop, cage, or similar appropriate enclosure and shall maintain a minimum setback of 25 feet from all adjacent dwelling units and all property lines.
 - e. A maximum of 100 pigeons, kept at all times in a fully enclosed pen, coop, cage, or similar appropriate enclosure that maintains a minimum setback of 25 feet from all adjacent dwelling units and all property lines, may be permitted on any premises within the corporate City limits subject to a conditional use permit, as set forth in Title 9 of this code

B. Pot-Bellied Pigs. Pot-bellied pigs (meaning a pig classified as *Sus Scrofa* and commonly referred to as a Vietnamese pot-bellied pig, pygmy pig or mini-pig) shall be permitted on a residential lot subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Only two (2) pot-bellied pigs may be kept on a residential lot;**
- 2. The breeding of pot-bellied pigs is prohibited;**
- 3. The pot-bellied pig shall be tested and vaccinated for leptospirosis and erysipelas, pseudorabies and any other communicable diseases for which a vaccine is available and generally recommended for such animals. Any person owning or having custody of a pot-bellied pig shall maintain certificate(s) from a licensed veterinarian indicating that the vaccinations are current;**
- 4. A male pot-bellied pig older than two (2) years shall have its tusks removed, cut or filed to a length of less than two (2) inches by a licensed veterinarian;**
- 5. Pot-bellied pigs shall be spayed or neutered by two (2) months of age. Any person owning or having custody of a pot-bellied pig shall maintain a certificate of sterilization signed by a licensed veterinarian;**
- 6. Outdoor Space. A minimum of 300 square feet of fenced outdoor space to be used by the pot -bellied pig(s) on the property per animal must be provided. The space must be at least 50 feet away from any structure used for human habitation, except that of the owner. Any such space must also maintain a minimum setback of 20 feet of any property line, except when the animal(s) is/are kept in the dwelling.**
- 7. Pot-bellied pigs shall be restrained on a leash at all times, when removed from the premises;**
- 8. The premises shall be maintained in an odor-free, clean and sanitary manner. Droppings and other wastes shall be removed on a daily basis;**
- 9. Animal Permit Required. An animal permit must be obtained from the Director in order to keep or maintain at any residence a pot-bellied pig. Veterinary clinics and veterinary hospitals are excluded from the animal permit requirement. The Director shall issue a permit for the keeping of the animals upon receipt of the fee established by the City Council by resolution and when, in the Director's opinion, such animal(s) may be kept or**

maintained without endangering the safety and comfort of such animal(s) and the inhabitants of the neighborhood, and the owner or custodian has complied with the requirements of this section or other applicable laws. Each such animal shall be individually permitted. Animal permits shall be nontransferable and must be renewed annually.

10. All other applicable provisions of this Chapter, including Subdivision (A)(5) above, shall apply.

- B C.** Administration. The Director is charged with the administration of this chapter.
- C D.** Regulations. The City Council may, by resolution, promulgate any necessary rules and regulations for the administration of this chapter.
- D E.** Enforcement. The Director, is hereby empowered and it shall be his or her duty to enforce this chapter and any statute relating to animal control, unless otherwise provided by law. Pursuant to Corporations Code Section 14503 each of the aforementioned individuals shall have the power to issue notices to appear in court for violations of the aforementioned provisions pursuant to Chapter 5c, commencing with Section 853.5 of Title 3 of Part 2 of the California Penal Code.
- E F.** Inspection. The Director is authorized to inspect any building or other property for the purpose of enforcing this chapter or any statute relating to animal control.

Section 3. Severability Clause. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one (or more) section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof had been declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause a certified copy of this Ordinance to be published or posted within fifteen (15) days after this Ordinance is passed and adopted, as required by law.

The foregoing Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Garden Grove on the 12th day of May 2026.

/s/ STEPHANIE KLOPFENSTEIN
MAYOR

