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## MEMORANDUM

May 14, 2020

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**To:** City Council via Planning Commission  
**From:** Community Development Department  
**Subject:** Limits on Dogs as Household Pets CODE-04-20-5846  
Amend Title 21, Chapter 11, Special Use Standards, Section  
3 - Animals (Farm and Household Pets), of the Sandy  
Municipal Code

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**HEARING NOTICE:** *This item has been noticed on public websites, and in the newspaper at least 10 days prior to the Public Hearing.*

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### REQUEST

On behalf of the City, the Community Development Department is proposing to amend Title 21, Chapter 11, Special Use Standards, Section 3 - Animals (Farm and Household Pets), of the Sandy Municipal Code. The purpose of the Code Amendment is to align the Land Development Code regarding household pets with those of the recently adopted amendments to Title 12. The full text of the proposed change is shown in Exhibit "A".

### BACKGROUND

The City Council passed ordinance 20-01 on April 21, 2020, which made amendments to Title 12 – Animal Services. This ordinance primarily increased the maximum number of dogs allowed in a residence from two (2) to three (3). This change also requires the Land Development Code to be updated to align it with this change.

### NON-CONFORMING USES

This Code Amendment would not create any non-conforming use situations.

### LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE PURPOSE COMPLIANCE

The Sandy City Land Development Code in 21-1-3 lists the criteria explaining the intent and purpose of the Ordinance. The purpose is:

**21-1-3 Purpose**

This Code is adopted to implement Sandy City’s General Plan and to promote: public health, safety, convenience, aesthetics, welfare; efficient use of land; sustainable land use and building practices; transportation options and accessibility; crime prevention; timely citizen involvement in land use decision making; and efficiency in development review and land use administration. Specifically, this Code is established to promote the following purposes:

**1. General**

- a. To facilitate the orderly growth and development of Sandy City.
- b. To facilitate adequate provision for transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks, and other public requirements.
- c. To stabilize property values.
- d. To enhance the economic well-being of Sandy City and its inhabitants.

**2. Implementation of General Plan**

To coordinate and ensure the implementation of the City’s General Plan through effective execution of development review requirements, adequate facility and services review and other goals, policies, or programs contained in the General Plan.

**3. Comprehensive, Consistent and Equitable Regulations**

To establish a system of fair, comprehensive, consistent and equitable regulations, standards and procedures for review and approval of all proposed land development within the City.

**4. Efficiently and Effectively Managed Procedures**

- a. To promote fair procedures that are efficient and effective in terms of time and expense.
- b. To be effective and responsive in terms of the allocation of authority and delegation of powers and duties among ministerial, appointed, and elected officials.
- c. To foster a positive customer service attitude and to respect the rights of all applicants and affected citizens.

The proposed Code Amendment will create consistency and equitable standards under which certain household pets may be kept in a residence. These regulations would help promote the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

**GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE**

The General Plan encourages appropriate development standards for all uses and zoning categories within Sandy City. This code amendment would further that goal and objective.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to amend Title 21, Chapter 11, Special Use Standards, Section 3 - Animals (Farm and Household Pets), of the Sandy Municipal Code, as shown in (Exhibit “A”) based on the following findings:

1. Compliance with the Purpose of the Land Development Code by creating consistency and equitable standards in Sandy City.

2. Compliance with the Goals and Policies of the General Plan by establishing appropriate development standards for all uses and zoning categories within Sandy City.

Planner:

Reviewed by:

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Mike Wilcox  
Zoning Administrator

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