

On July 23, 2025 at 7:05 p.m., Chair Saeger called the Animal Control Appeal Board meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Neharunnessa Abdullah
Tina Catron
Amin Hashmi
Al Petrulis
Jayne Saeger

Also Present:

Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist
Allan Motzny, Assistant City Attorney

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-

MOTION by Petrulis
SECOND by Catron

RESOLVED to add an amendment after “Other Business” an item titled “Public Comment Related to Items Not on the Agenda”

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

MOTION by Hashmi
SECOND by Petrulis

RESOLVED to approve the agenda as amended.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Petrulis
SECOND by Catron

RESOLVED, to approve the January 22, 2025 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

4. PROCEDURE: Read by Vice Chair Petrulis

5. HEARING OF CASES:

A. 2135 Stratford, Dang Duong: In order to keep up to 4 hens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least .75 acres in area. The property is approximately .19 acres in area.

Mr. Evans provided an overview of the request. Petitioner advised the Board that his main reason for the request was for his young child. In response to Board member questions, petitioner said an 8 foot tall privacy fence surrounds the rear yard, that the animals are not yet present on the property, and that he spoke to two adjacent neighbors who were not opposed.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED – No comments

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Several Board members expressed concern over the relatively small size of the property and the relatively high density of the neighborhood.

MOTION by Petrulis

SECOND by Catron

RESOLVED, to DENY the request as the property is significantly below the minimum .75 acres required by the Animal Ordinance.

YES: All

MOTION APPROVED

B. 2699 Athena, JoAnn Phenegar: In order to keep up to 4 chickens, a waiver from the requirement that the property be at least .75 acres in area. The property is approximately .30 acres in area.

Mr. Evans provided an overview of the request. Petitioner advised the Board that she desired a hobby that she received 5 positive responses to her request from neighbors.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED- one person spoke in favor. Chair Saeger summarized the 5 written comments provided by the applicant; all in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Board member comments included that this property, while larger than the previous request, was still small, and also in the same, neighborhood with relatively high density. Board member Hashmi commented that the yard adjacent to the property was open, and that the subject property bordered on two streets potentially reducing neighbor impact

MOTION by Catron
SECOND by Abdullah

RESOLVED to DENY the request as the property is significantly below the minimum .75 acres required by the Animal Ordinance.

YES: All

MOTION APPROVED.

6. OTHER BUSINESS- None

7. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

The Board acknowledged and discussed a letter from Morgan Zach requesting the City consider adopting an ordinance banning puppy mill store fronts. Board member comments included:

- Questioning whether this request falls within the Board's role.
- How a similar ordinance worked for other cities.
- That this should start with the City Council.
- Not against the concept, willing to assist in a review, but are the Board is not the ordinance creators.
- Questioned what an ordinance may or could regulate.
- Asked whether such a law should be initiated at the State level.
- Two members are not confident they have the knowledge or qualification to accurately consider proposed regulations

Mr. Motzny explained how the request was directed to the Board by staff.

8. ADJOURNMENT - Chair Saeger adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Jayne Saeger, Chair



Paul Evans, Zoning & Compliance Specialist