

**CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM
NO. 2020-**

July 15, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor Moore Wolfe and City Council

FROM: Jon Kindseth, Deputy City Manager
Amy Waks, Assistant Corporation Counsel

SUBJECT: Amendment to Chapter 47 – CONTROL OF ANIMALS, FOWL AND DOGS

RECOMMENDATION: In light of the recent annexations of residential property into the City of Decatur, many homeowners who were previously outside of the City limits used their property for agricultural purposes, including the keeping of farm animals. Now that there are annexed into the City, the City Code does not allow the keeping of many types of farm animals under Chapter 47, Control of Animals, Fowl and Dogs. To alleviate the need for newly annexed property owners to relocate their farm animals, Staff proposes the attached amendment which would allow those property owners to keep their farm animals unless or until the property is no longer owned by them.

Further, Staff is requesting an update to the sale of fowl. While the Code currently requires the purchase to be no less than ten (10), research shows that the health and safety needs for chickens and other fowl are met in a reduced number, specifically four (4) for chickens and two (2) for other fowl.

POTENTIAL OBJECTIONS: There are no known or expected objections.

INPUT FROM OTHER SOURCES:

STAFF REFERENCE: Amy Waks, Assistant Corporation Counsel, at 424-2807.

BUDGET/TIME IMPLICATIONS: None.