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Detroit City Council  
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Re: Amendment of Chapter 6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Animal Care, Control, and Regulation*, by adding Article X, *Animal Husbandry and Beekeeping*

Honorable City Council:

The Law Department has prepared the attached ordinance at the request of by Pro tem Tate. This proposed ordinance would amend Chapter 6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Animal Care, Control and Regulation*, by adding Article X, *Animal Husbandry and Beekeeping*, to include Division 1, *Generally*, to contain Section 6-8-1, *Purpose*, Section 6-8-2, *Definitions*, 6-8-3, *Conformance to article required*, Section 6-8-4, *Permitted livestock and honeybees; quantity*, Section 6-8-5, *Livestock shelters and enclosures and honeybee characteristics; spacing; generally*, Section 6-8-6, *Storage of feed; generally*, Section 6-8-7, *Waste and manure management generally; violation*, Section 6-8-8, *Unlawful accumulation of manure; composting; runoff*, Section 6-8-9, *Pest and vermin control*, Section 6-8-10, *Identification and tagging requirements; impoundment and return of animals; generally*, Section 6-8-11, *Health documentation required*, Section 6-8-12, *Deceased animals*, Section 6-8-13, *Slaughtering of animals*, Section 6-8-14, *Inspection authority*, and Division 2, *License*, to contain Section 6-8-31, *Required*, Section 6-8-32, *Application; information required; issuance; fees; and fee schedule*, Section 6-8-33, *Establishment; approval; publication; and payment of annual fee*, Section 6-8-34, *Prerequisite to granting or renewal of license; compliance*, Section 6-8-35, *Animal Care and Control Division to take action upon application*, Section 6-8-36, *Non-transferrable*, Section 6-8-37, *Expiration date and renewal requirements*, Section 6-8-38, *Procedures for denial, suspension, revocation of license, penalties*, and Section 6-8-39, *Wild animals prohibited*, to provide permission and regulation for the practice of certain animal husbandry and beekeeping in the City of Detroit. A copy of the ordinance, approved as to form by Corporation Counsel, is attached.

We are available to answer any questions that you may have concerning this proposed ordinance.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Enclosure*

cc: Malik Washington, City Council Liaison

## SUMMARY

This ordinance amends Chapter 6 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, *Animal Care, Control, and Regulation*, by adding Article VIII, *Animal Husbandry and Beekeeping*, to include Division 1, *Generally*, to contain Section 6-8-1, *Purpose*, Section 6-8-2, *Definitions*, 6-8-3, *Conformance to article required*, Section 6-8-4, *Permitted livestock and honeybees; quantity*, Section 6-8-5, *Livestock shelters and enclosures and honeybee characteristics; spacing; generally*, Section 6-8-6, *Storage of feed; generally*, Section 6-8-7, *Waste and manure management generally; violation*, Section 6-8-8, *Unlawful accumulation of manure; composting; runoff*, Section 6-8-9, *Pest and vermin control*, Section 6-8-10, *Identification and tagging requirements; impoundment and return of animals; generally*, Section 6-8-11, *Health documentation required*, Section 6-8-12, *Deceased animals*, Section 6-8-13, *Slaughtering of animals*, Section 6-8-14, *Inspection authority*, and Division 2, *License*, to contain Section 6-8-31, *Required*, Section 6-8-32, *Application; information required; issuance; fees; and fee schedule*, Section 6-8-33, *Establishment; approval; publication; and payment of annual fee*, Section 6-8-34, *Prerequisite to granting or renewal of license; compliance*, Section 6-8-35, *Animal Care and Control Division to take action upon application*, Section 6-8-36, *Non-transferrable*, Section 6-8-37, *Expiration date and renewal requirements*, Section 6-8-38, *Procedures for denial, suspension, revocation of license, penalties*, and Section 6-8-39, *Wild animals prohibited*, to provide permission and regulation for the practice of certain animal husbandry and beekeeping in the City of Detroit.