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Honorable Detroit City Council
1340 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, MI 48226

Subject: *Proposed Fee Schedule for Duck and Chicken Licensing - Detroit Animal Care and Control Division*

Dear Honorable Members of the Detroit City Council,

We, the General Services Department (GSD), through the Detroit Animal Care and Control Division (DACC), respectfully submit this letter requesting your approval of the proposed fee schedule for the licensing of honeybees, ducks, and chickens within the City of Detroit. This proposal is in accordance with the provisions outlined in Chapter 6, Article X, of the Detroit City Code, specifically Sections 6-10-31, 6-10-32, and 6-10-33.

As you are aware, there is a growing interest in urban agriculture and the keeping of domestic fowl within our city. To ensure the proper regulation, oversight, and public health considerations associated with this activity, DACC has developed a proposed licensing fee schedule.

Specifically, as detailed in the attached resolution, DACC proposes the following:

- A licensing fee of \$40 for the keeping of ducks and/or chickens within the City of Detroit.
- No licensing fee for honeybees.
- A maximum combined total of eight (8) ducks and/or chickens per license.

This fee has been determined to be fair and equitable, covering the administrative costs associated with processing applications and conducting necessary inspections.

The proposed licensing procedures, as outlined in the resolution, are designed to ensure compliance with Section 6-10-32 of the Detroit City Code. These procedures include:



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- Submission of a completed application form with required information, including proof of property ownership, certificate of health for all fowl, facilities, waste, and manure management plans, and the physical characteristics of the fowl.
- Payment of the \$40 licensing fee at the time of application.
- Maintenance of records of all licensed duck and chicken owners by DACC.

Furthermore, in accordance with Section 6-10-33(c) of the Detroit City Code, the schedule of fees will be posted at the Office of the Animal Care and Control Division.

We believe that this proposed fee schedule will enable DACC to effectively manage and regulate the keeping of honeybees, ducks and chickens within the city, ensuring the health and safety of both residents and animals.

We respectfully request your prompt review and approval of this proposed fee schedule. We are available to answer any questions or provide additional information as needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Perkins
Director

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