Hi Anne –

Is it too late to make a comment on the new Zoning Ordinance the City is developing? My comment is specifically on the keeping of roosters in City limits. It’s allowed under the ordinance inherited from the County, from what I can tell. My comment would be that, 17 or so years into incorporation, there’s been enough time for people who own roosters to have fair warning that they now live in a city. I can understand allowing them during a transition period after cityhood was approved, but we are 17 years into cityhood. I deal with a neighbor that owns roosters along with hens. Working from home and sleeping are disrupted by the roosters. There’s a popular impression that roosters crow at dawn. Roosters crow whenever they want to crow – like all day. I have no problem with the hens for eggs, etc., but most cities like Santa Barbara, have included something like this in their ordinance, and Goleta should do the same:

ROOSTERS. It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain a rooster. (Santa Barbara Ord. 5459, 2008; Ord. 4621, 1990; Ord. 4460, 1987; Ord. 4346, 1985.)

Thanks,

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