



CITY OF WARD

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MAYOR

COURTNEY RUBLE
CITY CLERK

City Clerk Courtney Ruble
PO Box 237
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November 19, 2020

Re: Ordinance 2020-09 – An Ordinance Establishing the City of Ward, Arkansas Animal Control Code; Repealing Ordinance O-2007-01 and for other purposes.

Dear City Clerk Ruble,

With this letter, I hereby exercise my right to **VETO** the **MOTION** allowing Goats to be kept in the City of Ward. This veto is in accordance with A.C.A. § 14-43-504. The passage of Ordinance O-2020-09 remains in effect and shall go into effect January 1, 2021.

During the November 16, 2020 Council Meeting, a motion was made, seconded and approved to allow five (5) goats to be kept by individuals within the city limits of Ward. However, the motion did not consider:

1. The types of goats that may be kept
2. The number of goats that may be kept in a certain sized lot/space
3. Other issues such as the sale of milk, cleanliness, damage to property, etc
4. Penalties

Ordinances, by their very nature, must not be ambiguous. By not addressing the questions above, at minimum, the result of the Motion would make the Ordinance ambiguous in terms of keeping of goats within the city limits of Ward. Further, I do not believe the passages of the Motion allowing Goats to be kept in the City Limit of Ward is in the best interest of the citizens of Ward.

Per applicable law, City Council should have an opportunity to override this Veto at the next regular council meeting. Please ensure this is on the agenda for the December meeting.



Charles Gastineau
Mayor

cc: Each Council Member (via email)
Attorney Chris Lacy (via email)