

REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5-543
OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW MINI PIGS TO
BE KEPT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

SECTION AMENDED: City Code § 5-543

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA
BEACH, VIRGINIA:

That Section 5-543 of the Code of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is hereby
amended and reordained to read as follows:

Sec. 5-543. - General restriction on keeping of livestock and other animals.

No person shall keep horses, cows, goats, sheep, swine or other livestock or other
animals within the city except in areas designated for agricultural purposes or parcels
specially designated by the council for the keeping of such animals. This section shall
not be construed to apply to:

- (1) Companion animals as defined in the Code of Virginia § 3.2-6500 when such
animals are kept as household pets on the premises of the owner;
- (2) The operation of kennels, when authorized by appropriate provisions of this
Code; ~~or~~
- (3) The keeping of household pets for sale at retail, where such keeping is
authorized pursuant to law; or
- (4) Mini pigs less than twenty-two (22) inches in height and less than one hundred
and fifty (150) pounds in weight.
 - (i) Mini pigs must be current on their vaccinations, as required by a
veterinarian, must be treated for mites and spayed or neutered before six
(6) months of age:
 - (ii) Mini pigs must be microchipped or permanently tattooed for identification;
 - (iii) Mini pigs must be kept indoors (no outdoor shelters) and must be in a
secured fence area or on a leash when outdoors.
 - (iv) No mini pigs can be bred, processed or sold in a residentially zoned area;
 - (v) Mini pigs must be registered with the City Treasurer; and
 - (vi) Only one mini pig per parcel of land under one (1) acre. If the parcel is
one (1) acre or more than two (2) mini pigs are allowed.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this ____
day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

City Attorney's Office

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