

Town of Glen Echo

Notice of Public Hearing on Town Code, Article 2, Animal Control

DATE: Monday, May 17, 2018
TIME: 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm
LOCATION: Town Hall, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

A public hearing will be held by the Town of Glen Echo Town Council at the time and location above for the purpose of receiving resident comments on proposed edits to the Town Code, Article 2, Animal Control. Among other proposed changes, the amendments would delete references to the application and “incorporation by reference” of the entire County Code and County regulations on animal control, to avoid a possible need for the Town to enforce the same. Instead, the amendments would add only selected definitions and violations derived from the Montgomery County Code, to be enforced by the Town. The County would remain able to enforce the County animal control laws, as currently provided by the Town Code, Section 9.1. The entire amendments can be reviewed as noted below.

Some Town residents have requested that the Town Council consider further amending the Town Code to eliminate the existing prohibition disallowing the keeping of bees, chickens and other animals (Town Code Section 2.2). Accordingly, public comments on whether bees, chickens and other animals should be allowed in the Town are also requested.

Agenda

7:00 pm **Sign-Up for Testimony Opens**

7:30 pm **Hearing Opens; Testimony***

9:30 pm **Adjournment**

* Testimony: To testify, please add your name to the Sign-Up sheet prior to the opening of the hearing. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) minutes, taken in the order of signing up. Every effort will be made to accommodate all persons wanting to speak. Comments may also be submitted in writing in advance of the hearing by e-mailing them to [xxx](#). Please include “Animal Control” in the subject header. Speakers that have provided written comments should please avoid duplication at the hearing and instead use their oral testimony to highlight important points or supplement their written testimony.

The Ordinance under Council consideration is available on the Town website here:

<https://glenechomd.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/no-18-02-comprehensive-2018.pdf>

The Ordinance would amend several articles of the Town Code. The individual articles to be amended are to be attached to the ordinance, and can be found on the website. The Animal Control Article depicting the proposed edits to the current Town Code is available here:

<https://glenechomd.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/article-2-animal-control-1st-publication-3-2018.pdf>

The Ordinances can also be reviewed at the Town Office, for those unable to access them online.