Background
Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 19, 2019 to discuss possible amendments to the small animal provisions of the zoning ordinance. At this hearing the Planning Commission’s decision was to hold a study session to discuss potential code amendments to the Small Animal provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

A Planning Commission study session was held on May 22, 2019 to discuss changes to the staff recommendation for Small Animals. After further discussion, the Planning Commission recommended including pigeons in the small animal regulations and allowing pigeons as a limited use with eight additional standards specific to pigeons. The following details amendments to the Small Animal provisions as proposed by the Planning Commission:

Planning Commission Recommendation

Amend Section 17.4.3.1.D.2 to include pigeons as a Limited Use:

D. Animals, Small

1. Where identified as a limited use, small animals shall be limited to hens, ducks, drakes, domestic pigeons, and dwarf goats, or other similar small breed goats, and shall be accessory to the permitted use. The keeping of small animals shall be subject to the following:

   a. [no change]
   b. [no change]
   c. Domestic Pigeons:
      i. A Small Animal permit for the keeping of pigeons shall be obtained from the City.
      ii. The number of pigeons kept at any one time shall be limited to 15 pigeons.
iii. Coops shall provide 4 square feet of gross floor area for every bird kept and coops are limited in height to a maximum of 10 feet.

iv. All coops shall be setback a minimum of 5 feet from side and rear property lines.

v. In Mixed-Use zone districts, the keeping of pigeons may be allowed only where an occupied single-family home or duplex exists on a lot.

vi. Pigeon feed shall be stored in sealed containers to protect against intrusion by rodents and other vermin.

vii. Pigeons shall not be allowed to perch or linger on buildings or property of individuals other than the owners of pigeons.

viii. The Director may revoke a permit issued pursuant to this Section at any time if the Director finds that any provision of this Zoning Ordinance has been violated.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER**

The Planning Commission finds that:

A. The proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance are necessary based upon staff’s review and evaluation of the adopted Zoning Ordinance; and

B. Amendment of the proposed Zoning Ordinance is consistent with and will implement the goals of the City’s Comprehensive Plan; and

C. Amendment of the proposed Zoning Ordinance promotes the health, safety or welfare of the inhabitants of the City and the purposes of this Ordinance; and

D. Amendment of the proposed Zoning Ordinance is in the public interest.

That the Planning Commission adopt the findings of fact and order, A through D, as presented for Case No. OA-18-001 and that the Planning Commission ADOPT the amended Lakewood Zoning Ordinance and recommend that the City Council APPROVE the amended Lakewood Zoning Ordinance.