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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 9:13 AM
To: John Rogers
Cc: Allen Buansi; Amy Ryan; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Michael Simms; Rae Buckley; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Pigs for Pets!

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Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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From: John Rogers [mailto:zooprogers@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Pigs for Pets!

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Hello,
I am a resident in Chapel Hill and read today that a petition circulated to allow pigs as pets in Chapel Hill. I would like to request this NOT be approved, pigs are not domestic animals (even the pot-bellied pig) if this is approved where does it end!

Thanks

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From: Andrew Sachs [mailto:asachs1d@gmail.com]
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Subject: Petition regarding pet pot-bellied pigs

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Dear Madam Mayor, Members of the Town Council, and Mr. Manager,

A WRAL.com news report informed me today that Chapel Hill residents Edson and Stephanie Freeman have petitioned the Town to allow miniature potbellied pigs as pets, which would require a change to a town ordinance.

I write to explain why I oppose that change.

My understanding is that miniature potbellied pigs are noisy. According to the website, “Life with a Mini-Pig,” <http://lifewithaminipig.com/mini-pig-cons-the-tough-parts-of-owning-a-mini-pig/>, the “toughest part about owning a pet mini pig ... is the noise.” The website authors, enthusiastic owners of a pot bellied pig despite the noise it makes, report that their pig “makes noise most of the day, and many of his sounds are loud and disruptive,” and on their “constant amazement” at “how much sound can come out of such a little piglet.”

Please consider the neighbors living next to and near a household that acquires a noisy pot bellied pig, and how such noise would disrupt the peace of contemplative moments in their backyards, drown out song birds and interpersonal conversation, ruin outdoor meals, and diminish a quality of life that we as a Town should instead be enhancing. The current prohibition against pot bellied pigs helps us to have quieter neighborhoods.

The current prohibition against pot bellied pigs also reduces points of friction between neighbors. According to the WRAL.com report, the petitioners have asserted a belief “that our citizens have the right to make their own informed decision whether they would like to have a Miniature Pig as a part of their family.” I’m afraid that some of our citizens sometimes ignore valid information about the negative impacts upon the community of their personal and family decisions. That is in part why we have ordinances making the rules our collective lives clear and limiting our own personal choices. In the case of pot bellied pigs, to the extent they can be quite noisy and bothersome to neighbors, it would be best to leave the current prohibition in place.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. (“Andy”) Sachs, 905 Stagecoach Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514