

August 20, 2015

NOTICE OF PENDING PEAFOWL TRAPPING

On August 4, 2015, the City Council adopted a Peafowl Management Plan that identifies management strategies for controlling the City's peafowl population. The strategies consist of 1) Deterrent Measures and Public Education; and 2) Trapping and Relocation. At this time, the City is preparing to begin the Peafowl Trapping and Relocation program for the 2015 calendar year which allows for the trapping of up to 150 peafowl within the following neighborhoods: Portuguese Bend, Crestridge, Sunnyside Ridge, Grandview and Vista Grande.

The reason you are receiving this notice is because in order for the Peafowl Trapping and Relocation program to be effective the City needs your assistance. Trapping is tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-September and will require traps to be placed in the rear yards of private property in each of the five neighborhoods (the traps will be relocated within the same neighborhood every two weeks). In order to place the traps on private property, the City seeks property owners who are willing to volunteer to have the traps placed on their property. If you are interested, please contact Daniel Pitts, Code Enforcement Officer, at 310-544-5228 or via email at Danielp@rpvca.gov. The City will inspect the volunteer's property to determine if the rear yard can securely and effectively accommodate the trap.

As a reminder, the availability of food causes peafowl to flock in certain areas, thus it is illegal in the City to feed peafowl. Specifically, Section 6.04.020 of the Rancho Palos Verdes Municipal Code (RPVMC) enacts by reference Los Angeles County Code Section 10.84.010 which in summary states "no person shall feed or in any manner provide food to any peafowl, crow, pigeon, seagull, non-domesticated rodent, including tree squirrels or ground squirrels, or to a non-domesticated mammalian predator, including coyotes, foxes, opossums, skunks and raccoons." Furthermore, pursuant to Section 6.04.070 of the RPVMC, no person shall prevent or interfere with the trapping or relocation of peafowl, either on public or private property, by releasing any captured peafowl or by damaging, disabling or disengaging any peafowl trap or enclosure. If an individual is caught feeding peafowl or interfering with peafowl trapping, they will be subject to an infraction which will result in penalty fees for each violation.

For more information regarding the Peafowl Management Plan including recommended deterrent measures and specifics to the Trapping and Relocation Program, please visit the City's website at <http://www.rpvca.gov/337/Peafowl>. To receive electronic notification on the implementation of the City's Peafowl Management Plan please subscribe to the "Notify Me Listserv" at the <http://www.rpvca.gov/list.aspx>.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in the implementation of the Peafowl Management Plan.