

# COUNTY OF MONTEREY



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May 13, 2024

Gonzalo Narez  
19205 El Cerrito Way  
Aromas, CA, 95004

Dear Mr. Narez,

I am writing in response to your application for an exemption from Monterey County Code (MCC) Chapter 8.50, governing the keeping of five (5) or more roosters requiring a permit. You seek an exemption pursuant to MCC section 8.50.110.A.2, the poultry hobbyist exemption, which states:

- (A) A rooster keeping operation is not required to obtain a rooster keeping operation permit if it qualifies for and obtains one of the following exemptions:
  - (2) Poultry Hobbyist Exemption: Rooster keeping operations operated by a poultry hobbyist as defined by Section 8.04.010 of the Monterey County Code and approved in writing by the Agricultural Commissioner;

You indicate that you qualify for this exemption by virtue of being a member of the California Association for the Preservation of Gamefowl & United Gamefowl Breeders Association, Inc., or UGBA.

MCC Section 8.04.010 defines 'Poultry Hobbyist' as indicated below:

'Poultry Hobbyist' means a person who is recognized by the Agricultural Commissioner as a member of a local, state or national organization which promotes the breeding of poultry for exhibition or show and/or sale of poultry to promote breeding as a hobby. The term 'Poultry Hobbyist' does not include persons who raise poultry for the purpose of making them available for cockfighting.

The County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner's Office in consultation with the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) have determined that the UGBA is not recognized as a legitimate poultry hobbyist organization.

In reviewing your request for an exemption from MCC Chapter 8.50 (governing the keeping of five [5] roosters or more) and pursuant to MCC Section 8.50.110.A.2, an exemption is not granted. At this time, you can apply for a permit with the County of Monterey Animal Services Department if you intend to keep five (5) or more roosters. A copy of the permit application is enclosed for your convenience.

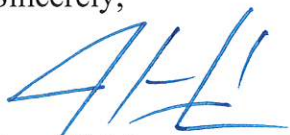


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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JH', with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

Juan Hidalgo  
Agricultural Commissioner

Enclosure: Rooster Keeping Permit Application