



MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Stacy Clauson, Lane Council of Governments
DATE: November 13, 2012
RE: Allowance for Chickens, Ducks and Bees on Residential Properties

ISSUE:

- Discuss possibility of allowing Chickens, Ducks and bees on residential properties

BACKGROUND

At the September 18, 2012 Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission discussed this issue and confirmed the following schedule for review:

- October 16th meeting – Study Session
- November 20th meeting – Review of Draft Regulations
- December 18th meeting – Review of Amendment(s) (if needed)
- January 15th meeting – Public hearing

At the October 16th meeting, the Planning Commission reviewed approaches used by other cities in regulating these issues and provided direction for drafting regulations (see October 16th meeting minutes).

Based on the direction provided by the Planning Commission, staff has drafted the following provisions for your review and comment at the November 20th meeting:

- Attachment 1 – Draft Revisions to JCMC 17.05 to include definitions for the proposed regulations.
- Attachment 2 – Draft New Provisions to JCMC 17.95 to include regulations for the keeping of chickens, ducks and bees on residential properties.
- Attachment 3 – Draft Revisions to JCMC 6.05, concerning Animal Control

Please note that as requested by the Planning Commission, Tere Andrews spoke with Judy Schaer of the Lane Co. Beekeepers to determine whether she was available to attend the November 20th meeting and provide comments on the draft provisions. Ms. Schaer indicated that she is not available on November 20th, as the Beekeepers have their meetings on the 3rd Tuesday. Staff will send a copy of the materials to Ms. Schaer for her review and comment.

Please note that attachment 4 contains a letter to the editor of the Tribune in support of urban bees.

ACTION REQUESTED

Provide direction for staff to revise draft regulations.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Revisions to JCMC 17.05 to include definitions for the proposed regulations.
2. Draft New Provisions to JCMC 17.95 to include regulations for the keeping of chickens, ducks and bees on residential properties.
3. Draft Revisions to JCMC 6.05, concerning Animal Control
4. Letter to the Editor

17.05.020 Definitions.

“Apiary” and “apiary property” is a place where bees are kept, and includes bees, honey, beeswax, bee comb, hives, frames, and other equipment, appliances and material used in connection with an apiary.

“Bees” means honey-producing insects of the genus *Apis* and includes the adults, eggs, larvae, pupae or other immature stages thereof.

“Beehive” means any receptacle or container made or prepared for use of bees, or box or similar container taken possession of by bees.

“Chicken of other Fowl Facility” is a covered and enclosed coop and run

“Colony” or “colonies of bees” refers to any hive occupied by bees.

“Coop” is a cage or small enclosure for housing chicken and other fowl

“Fowl” are domesticated birds kept for eggs, limited to chickens and ducks

“Flightpath” is a distinct route taken by many bees leaving from or returning to their hive.

17.95.100 Animals in Residential Zones

- A. General. This section establishes special regulations that govern the keeping of animals as an accessory use in zones where a single-family dwelling unit is permitted.
- B. Other Regulations. Nothing in this section eliminates the need to comply with applicable state law regulating the keeping of animals, and any other ordinance of the City of Junction City regulating the keeping of animals, including, but not limited to, provisions contained in JCMC Chapter 6.05.
- C. Minimum Requirements. The applicant shall comply with the following requirements regarding the keeping of animals in any zone where a single-family dwelling unit is permitted:
 - 1. The keeping of animals shall not create a nuisance or disturb neighboring residents due to noise, odor, damage, or threats to public health.
 - 2. The facilities in which animals are kept in good repair, capable of being maintained in a clean and in a sanitary condition, free of vermin, obnoxious smells and substances.
 - 3. The health and well being of the animal will not in any way be endangered by the manner of keeping or confinement.
 - 4. If applicable, the structure in which animals are kept must comply with the City's building code.
 - 5. Measures must be taken to properly dispose of animal waste.
 - 6. Products or byproducts from the keeping of animals shall not be sold from the subject property.
- D. Chicken and other Fowl. The keeping of chicken or other fowl is subject to the following standards:
 - 1. Where Permitted. The keeping of chicken or other fowl is allowed as an accessory use on any lot occupied by a single-family residence that is in the R1 and R2 zones.
 - 2. Location, Density and Maintenance of Chicken and Other Fowl.
 - a. The number of birds is limited to a maximum of five on a lot.
 - b. Roosters are prohibited.
 - c. Except when under the personal control of the owner, chickens and other fowl shall be confined at all times within a chicken coop or facility.
 - d. A chicken coop or facility shall be located in the side yard or rear yard of the subject property, and shall comply with setback and accessory use requirements of the zone in which it is located.
 - e. No chicken coop or facility, either temporarily or permanently, shall be located within six (6) feet of a side property line or within 12-feet of any adjacent residence, whichever is greater; nor shall it be within 15 feet of a rear property line, except when the property line abuts an alley, in which case no setback is required.

- f. A chicken coop or facility shall be clean, dry free of noticeable odors and in good repair.
 - i. Waste matter shall be removed from the chick coop or facility as often as necessary to prevent contamination, reduce disease hazards and minimize odors.
 - ii. All feed shall be stored in suitable rodent-proof containers.
 - g. Fencing for the chicken facility shall be designed and constructed to confine all birds to the owner's property.
 - h. Chickens and other fowl must be kept in a covered, enclosed coop from dusk to dawn.
 - 3. Prohibitions:
 - a. Chickens and other fowl shall be kept for personal, non-commercial use. Retail sales of eggs from the residence is prohibited. Fertilizer production or breeding of chicken or other fowl for commercial sale is prohibited.
 - b. Chickens or other fowl may not be slaughtered or killed for commercial purposes in the City or as otherwise expressly prohibited by law.
- E. Beekeeping. Beekeeping is subject to the following standards:
 - 1. Where Permitted. Beekeeping is allowed as an accessory use on any lot occupied by a single-family residence that is in the R1 and R2 zones.
 - 2. Required Review Process. No person shall operate or maintain any apiary unless the beekeeper has first registered with the City of Junction City. The registration application shall be accompanied by information demonstrating compliance with the provisions of this subsection.
 - 3. Location, Density and Maintenance of Colonies.
 - a. The number of colonies is limited to a maximum of four colonies on a lot.
 - b. Colonies shall be setback a minimum of 10 feet from any public walkway, street or road, or any public building, park or recreation area, or any residential dwelling.
 - c. If located within 150 feet of public walkway, street, or road or any public building, park or recreation area, or any residential dwelling, other than that occupied by the applicant, the beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least six feet in height consisting of a solid wall, solid fencing material, dense vegetation or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line and extends ten feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least six feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the colony.
 - d. Colonies shall be maintained in movable-frame hives with adequate space and management techniques to prevent overcrowding and swarming.
 - e. In any instance in which a colony exhibits aggressive or swarming behavior, the beekeeper must ensure that the colony is re-queened. Aggressive behavior is any instance in which unusual aggressive characteristics such as stinging or attacking without provocation occurs.

- f. Every beekeeper shall maintain an adequate supply of water for bees located close to each colony.
4. Training. The beekeeper shall have completed the requirements for apprenticeship level of the Oregon Master Beekeeper certification program and shall submit proof of certification to the City prior to the establishment of the any colonies on the subject property.
5. Notification. Applications for beekeeping shall be accompanied by adequate evidence, as determined by the City Administrator, that the applicant has notified and received written approval from all of the residents within 150 feet of the property lines of the property on which the colon(ies) will be located.

**Chapter 6.05
ANIMAL CONTROL**

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6.05.010 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases, unless the context otherwise requires, shall mean:

“Abandoned ~~dog~~ ment” means any ~~dog~~ domesticated animal left without proper food and water for a period over 24 hours, or any barking dogs without supervision for a period of over 24 hours.

“Animal control officer” means any person operating under the authority of the city or pursuant to an agreement with the city, for the purpose of:

1. Providing shelter and other care for lost, homeless or injured animals;
2. Service as an information center concerning missing and found animals;
3. Protecting the public from hazardous or unsanitary conditions associated with animals that are running at large; or
4. Protecting animals from neglect, cruelty or abuse.

“Barking dog” means a dog which persistently barks or howls and thereby unreasonably deprives a person of peace and quiet.

“Commercial kennel” means a place of business for the care of dogs, including, but not limited to, the boarding, grooming, breeding, training or selling of dogs. The term is not intended to include an animal hospital or a noncommercial kennel from which dogs are occasionally sold.

“Dangerous animal” means any animal, other than a dog, which has the propensity to bite or attack any person without provocation and the capacity to inflict serious harm on that person. It shall be presumed that any animal, other than a dog, which has injured a human being on two occasions without provocation is a dangerous animal.

“Dog license” means the license required to be annually issued for each individual dog.

~~Dog-Running at Large.~~ means the animal (excluding cats) ~~A dog is “running at large”~~ ~~which is~~ not on the property of the owner and is not under the immediate control of its owner or not otherwise controlled by a competent person. The term “running at large” does not include the use of a dog under the supervision of a person to hunt, chase or tree predatory animals or game birds, or the use of a dog to control or protect livestock or in other related agricultural activities.

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“Livestock” means cattle, sheep, horses, goats, swine, fowl, poultry, unless it meets the definition of Urban Livestock, and any fur-bearing animal bred and maintained commercially ~~or otherwise within pens, cages and hutches.~~

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“Neuter” means to remove the ovaries and uterus, ovarian hysterectomy, in female dogs, or to remove the male gonads in male dogs.

“Noncommercial kennel” means any premises on which three or more dogs, which would be required to be individually licensed by JCMC 6.05.110 if not in a kennel, are kept for the hobby of the householder, in using them for hunting or tracking, field trials and training, for exhibition in dog shows or obedience trials, or for guarding the householder’s property.

“Owner” means any person who owns, keeps, or harbors a dog or urban livestock, except a veterinarian or an operator of a commercial kennel insofar as they may keep dogs in the course of their business. In accordance with ORS 609.020, dogs are declared personal property.

“Vicious dog” means any dog which has the propensity to bite or attack any person without provocation. A dog shall not be considered a vicious dog if it bites a person wrongfully assaulting the dog or the dog’s owner, or if it bites a person trespassing upon premises occupied by the dog’s owner after being provoked by that person.

“Watch dog” means a vicious dog confined at a business or commercial establishment to protect merchandise, inventory, or equipment. [Ord. 1117 § 2, 2003; Ord. 912 § 1, 1987; Ord. 806 § 1, 1980; Ord. 686 § 2, 1976.]

“Urban Livestock” means domesticated chickens or ducks, but not including roosters, as well as ~~honey bees, that are bred and maintained within pens, cages, hives and hutches, all for non-commercial use. For the purposes of this ordinance urban livestock may also be referred to as animals.~~

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6.05.020 Dangerous animals.

No owner or person in charge of an animal shall permit an animal which is dangerous to the public health or safety to be exposed in public. If the animal is exposed in public, it may be taken into custody by the city and disposed of in accordance with the procedures provided by this chapter for the impoundment of dogs, except that before the animal is released by the city, the municipal judge must find that proper precautions will be taken to ensure the public health and safety. [Ord. 591 § 2, 1972.]

6.05.030 Livestock and ~~Roosters~~poultry.

Except for household pets and as otherwise permitted by ordinance, no person shall keep or maintain livestock or Roosters, ~~bees, or poultry~~ within the city. [Ord. 591 § 3, 1972.]

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6.05.040 Animals at large.

Except for household pets, no owner or person in charge of an animal shall permit the animal to be at large. Animals at large may be taken into custody by the city and disposed of in accordance with the procedures provided by this chapter for the impoundment of dogs. [Ord. 591 § 4, 1972.]

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6.05.050 Removal of carcasses.

No person shall permit an animal carcass owned or controlled by him to remain upon public property or to be exposed on private property for a period of time longer than 24 hours. [Ord. 591 § 5, 1972.]

6.05.060 Prohibiting dogs and urban livestock running at large.

No owner shall intentionally or negligently permit ~~a~~ dogs or urban livestock (excluding honey bees) to run at large. [Ord. 686 § 3, 1976.]

6.05.070 Abandoned ~~dogs~~ment.

A. No ~~dog~~-animal owner shall permit ~~his dog~~their animal to be abandoned. Any animal control officer may:

1. Provide food and water to the abandoned ~~dogs~~animal. The ~~dog~~-animal owner shall pay for such services.
2. ~~May~~ impound any abandoned ~~dog~~animal. ~~If impounded, a~~As soon as practical, notice of impoundment under this section shall be posted at the house or be mailed to the owner, or if the owner is unknown, to the address at which the ~~dog~~animal - was found and impounded.

B. No owner shall refuse to pick up the animal from the city of Junction City after it has been impounded for any lawful reason. [Ord. 1117 § 3, 2003; Ord. 686 § 4, 1976.]

6.05.080 Dog and Urban Livestock waste matter.

It shall be unlawful for a dog and/or urban livestock owner to allow the dog or urban livestock, excluding honey bees, to deposit solid waste matter on any improved property other than that of the ~~dog~~-owner. It shall be a defense to this section if the ~~dog~~-owner immediately removes the solid waste. [Ord. 686 § 5, 1976.]

6.05.090 Impoundment of dogs.

A. Any peace officer or animal control officer may impound a dog that is in violation of this chapter, provided, however, the officer shall impound a vicious dog.

B. Any property owner or tenant whose property has been trespassed upon by any dog may hold the dog until delivery to an animal control officer or to any peace officer, unless the dog owner has arrived and is demanding the return of the animal, at which time the property owner or tenant shall relinquish control if identification of the dog owner is established. Any person who so impounds a dog shall immediately notify the city of Junction City of such impoundment. [Ord. 1117 § 4, 2003; Ord. 806 § 2, 1980; Ord. 686 § 6, 1976.]

6.05.100 Impoundment, redemption and sale.

A. Impounding Regulations and Disposition of Impounded Dogs.

1. The city of Junction City shall arrange for the dog impoundment for the period of time hereinafter specified. A daily record of such dogs shall be kept at the place of impoundment and shall be made available to the public. The city shall dispose of such dogs in accordance with the following provisions:
 - a. An unlicensed dog or a dog for which the owner is unknown, which has not been redeemed within 72 hours after impoundment, excluding weekends and holidays, may be sold, adopted or destroyed.

b. A licensed dog or a dog for which the owner is known, which has not been redeemed within 120 hours after notification of the owner by telephone contact or by mailing of impoundment notice, may be sold, adopted or destroyed.

2. Except as provided in subsection (A)(1)(a) of this section, the city of Junction City shall notify the owner by telephone or by the mailing of an impoundment notice as soon as practicable after impoundment. The impoundment notice shall advise the owner of the place where the dog is kept, the procedures required for the redemption of the dog, the fees for the impoundment, daily care and redemption, and the consequences of failure to redeem the dog.

3. A dog owner whose dog is impounded as a vicious dog within the period described in subsection (A)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, whichever is applicable, believing himself aggrieved by the seizure and impounding of his dog, may apply to the municipal judge for the release of his dog and the municipal judge shall thereupon set a time and a place for hearing the application and notify the impounding officer and upon a summary hearing at such time and place the municipal judge shall have full power to determine whether the dog has been wrongfully impounded and whether he shall be returned to his owner and upon what terms. Payment of the impoundment fee shall not prejudice a dog owner's right to appeal an allegedly wrongful impoundment.

4. Notwithstanding the previous sections, any dog given to the city of Junction City by the owner for disposal may be destroyed immediately, or, in the alternative, sold to any person.

B. Impoundment – Redemption and Sale.

1. Redemption of an impounded dog shall be made by exhibiting satisfactory proof of ownership and by paying the following required fees and charges:

- a. Impoundment fee;
- b. Daily care fee;
- c. License and rabies vaccination fees, if required; and
- d. Medical care fees, if required.

2. Impounded dogs may be sold.

3. When a dog is sold the purchaser shall pay any required license and rabies vaccination fees. [Ord. 1117 § 5, 2003; Ord. 686 § 7, 1976.]

6.05.110 License.

A. Every owner residing in the city of Junction City of a dog which has a set of permanent canine teeth or which has attained the age of six months, whichever event may occur first, shall procure a license for each dog for each calendar year, or any part thereof. Such license shall be procured not later than the date on which the dog

becomes of age or within 30 days after it is first acquired by the owner or is brought into the city, and thereafter by January 30th of each year.

B. No license fee shall be required to be paid for a license for any dog owned by a blind person who uses it as a guide.

C. No license shall be issued without written proof of current vaccination.

D. Licenses are mandatory for all dogs that reside within the city limits. Dogs that reside outside the city limits may be licensed to aid in identification, but said licensing is not mandatory. [Ord. 1117 § 6, 2003; Ord. 993 § 1, 1994; Ord. 688 § 1, 1977; Ord. 686 § 8, 1976.]

6.05.120 License fees.

Dog license fees, which are due and payable upon the issuance of a license, and all other fees required to be paid pursuant to this chapter, shall be established by resolution of the city council. [Ord. 1194 § 1, 2010; Ord. 1117 § 7, 2003; Ord. 993 § 2, 1994; Ord. 686 § 9, 1976.]

6.05.130 Dogs as public nuisance.

No person shall own a dog which is a public nuisance, as defined in ORS 609.095. In addition, no owner shall permit a dog to be present at any event or place within the city that is clearly marked to exclude animals. [Ord. 1117 § 8, 2003.]

6.05.140 Duplicate license.

If a license tag is lost, the owner may secure a duplicate license tag upon satisfactory proof of loss and payment of the sum as provided for in JCMC 6.05.120. [Ord. 993 § 4, 1994; Ord. 686 § 11, 1976.]

6.05.150 Display of license tag.

The license tag issued to the owner shall be attached securely to a collar or harness on the dog for which it was issued whenever the dog is not indoors or in an enclosed pen. [Ord. 686 § 12, 1976.]

6.05.160 Kennel license.

A. No person shall operate a kennel, whether commercial or noncommercial, without the appropriate kennel license. Kennel licenses shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Kennel operators shall meet city kennel standards, as required by resolution.

B. Kennel licenses are in lieu of individual dog licenses. Dogs licensed under this section must at all times be confined to the kennel premises so as not to be at large.

C. No kennel license shall be issued under this section to anyone not in conformity with applicable zoning statutes, resolutions and ordinances. [Ord. 1117 § 9, 2003; Ord. 686 § 13, 1976.]

6.05.170 Barking dogs.

No person shall keep a dog on any premises in the city which, without provocation by any person, shall, by frequent and sustained barking, howling or yelping, disturb two or more persons separately domiciled in the immediate vicinity or, if there is only one dwelling in the immediate vicinity of the premises, shall disturb the person or persons residing in such dwelling, after having been notified personally or by mail by the department or the dog control authority that the dog had been reported to disturb such person or persons by such barking, howling or yelping. [Ord. 686 § 14, 1976.]

6.05.180 Vicious dogs prohibited.

A. No person shall own, keep, or harbor a vicious dog, except a watch dog. Any dog which has the propensity to attack or bite any person without provocation and the capacity to inflict serious harm on such person shall be regarded as vicious. Vicious dogs shall be impounded by an officer.

B. A vicious dog running at large which because of its disposition or diseased condition is too hazardous to apprehend may be destroyed by a peace officer, dog control officer, or by a person acting in defense of himself, his family, or another person. [Ord. 1117 § 10, 2003; Ord. 686 § 15, 1976.]

6.05.190 Biting dogs to be reported.

A. The owner of a dog which bites a human being shall immediately notify the department of such bite, giving the name and address of the person bitten, if known to him.

B. Any person who is bitten by a dog shall forthwith notify the department of such bite, giving a description of the dog and the name and address of the owner, if known to him.

C. When a doctor, veterinarian or hospital employee has information that a person has been bitten by a dog, such person shall forthwith notify the department. [Ord. 686 § 16, 1976.]

6.05.200 Biting dogs.

No person shall keep a dog which, without provocation, has bitten a human being on two occasions. Such a dog shall be impounded by an officer. [Ord. 686 § 17, 1976.]

6.05.210 Quarantine.

A. When either the Junction City health officer or department of health and sanitation of Lane County has grounds to suspect that a dog is infected with the disease of rabies, there shall be delivered to the owner of the dog a written notice thereof. The owner shall thereupon be required to quarantine the dog for 10 days. The biting of any person by the dog shall constitute adequate grounds for suspecting the dog to be so infected. The delivery of the notice to an adult residing upon the premises where the dog is kept shall be considered a delivery of the notice to the owner.

B. Any dog required to be quarantined shall be confined on the owner's premises in such a manner as to prevent it from being in contact with any other animal or person or

confined at the owner's expense in a veterinary hospital, the Lane Humane Society, or a kennel approved by either the Junction City health officer or department of health and sanitation of Lane County.

C. Any animal that has been bitten by a dog proved to be rabid shall be destroyed.

D. If a dog exhibits symptoms of rabies while it is under quarantine, the Junction City health officer or director of public health of Lane County may order in writing that it be destroyed and that its head be submitted as directed to the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory. [Ord. 686 § 18, 1976.]

6.05.220 Entry onto private land.

The officers in the course of their duties in enforcing this chapter shall have the privilege of entering onto private land, but shall not enter into any building or dwelling without permission or authorization. [Ord. 686 § 19, 1976.]

6.05.230 Enforcement authority.

Officers of the department appointed by the city are hereby empowered to enforce the provisions of this chapter. [Ord. 686 § 20, 1976.]

6.05.240 Penalties.

A person violating the provisions of this chapter or an order issued under authority of this chapter shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a violation. A sentence to pay a fine for a violation shall be an amount, fixed by the court, not to exceed \$500.00. In addition to the fine set forth above, a person who violates the provisions of JCMC 6.05.160(A) by operating a kennel without the appropriate license or by failing to meet kennel standards, as required by resolution, may have his or her kennel license suspended or revoked. [Ord. 1117 § 11, 2003; Ord. 993 § 5, 1994; Ord. 686 § 23, 1976.]

6.05.250 Other Regulations. Nothing in this section eliminates the need to comply with applicable state law regulating the keeping of animals, and any other ordinance of the City of Junction City regulating the keeping of animals, including, but not limited to, provisions contained in JCMC Chapter 17.95.

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Political letters policy

The Tribune's policy for politically-oriented letters to the editor - whether pro or con - is that they be received and placed in the paper before ballots are mailed. This allows time for the voting public and/or candidates to respond.

Urban beekeeping

To the editor,

As a long-time resident of Junction City, I was excited to read that the City Council, after years of dithering, is finally going to address the subject of keeping backyard chickens and bees. Now, I'm in favor of both, but they really are two entirely different subjects. Keeping chickens (not roosters) is great for families that want to eat eggs from happy, healthy hens and

a wonderful way for children to learn responsibility. However, my main interest lies with urban beekeeping. You may already know that, as commercial honey bees are dying off from pesticides and diseases, urban honey bee keepers are becoming more and more important to our food supply. That's because (in addition to producing honey and beeswax), honey bees pollinate fruit trees and vegetable gardens. In fact, over one third of the food we eat could not exist

without the pollination of honeybees! As Junction City and other communities consider policies concerning urban beekeeping within the city limits, here are a few 'bee facts' to keep in mind. Honey bees are gentle insects, but are often mistakenly lumped together with yellow-jackets, wasps and hornets. Honey bees sting only when they or the hive is in danger and then die immediately. The other insects mentioned are aggressive in nature and sting multiple times. Look on your own garden. You already have honey bees, bumble bees, other native bees on many of your flowers. That's because honey bees typically fly three miles from their hives for nectar and pollen so most are already coming from outside the city. Hives are kept at both the Oregon Governor's estate in Salem as well as the White House in Washington, D.C. Portland allows multiple hives on property in the city. When a hive becomes too large, a portion of the colony swarms to establish a new hive. If you find a swarm on your property you can call the Lane County Beekeepers Association which keeps a list of local urban beekeepers that will come and collect

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produce the most perfect results are replayed and plans are made to remedy the matter. You lie there and fret. Other times, however, you may just be at peace. Your cares and worries are still there, only muffled like the soft drops of a steady rain just outside your window. You breathe deeply and accept where you are. Not only is the finish line, falling asleep not accessible, it may even be undestirable. Here's why.

You can't go to sleep and you can't just lie there, so you mill about doing this and that. Perhaps, and finally, your tasks won't be labeled as 'critical' or as 'critical'. At times like these, you can finally move at a measured pace. You get a few things done around the house and this is what you realize: by moving slowly and deliberately because you can, you don't lose time—it doesn't really take you that much longer, but you do gain success—a different kind of success. Your time carefully accomplishing tasks with a degree of attention to your pace provides you with a more balanced and satisfied approach to meeting your goals and completing your tasks.

is a critical key. If we ourselves be caught up in the misconception that the management of our own time is not within our control, we are sure to live a frazzled and fretful life. Now back to my question. Were we able to add, say, five hours to the clock, would all of humanity suddenly operate in a world void of time-related stress because of the extra time, or would the extra time melt into a list in which we would accomplish even more? And, would this make us happy?

I suggest we examine the time we have. I say we compare two or three highly effective activities to five or six check marks on our, to be sure, very important list of things to do. Again, we have as much time as we give ourselves. I believe that when greater attention to pace is accounted for: greater attention to detail is fostered, which in turn, only increases the quality of each experience and task.

Let's work on finding a balance between our racing minds and minds at peace. Take a deep breath. Or, at least, put it on your list of things to do.

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