

Chapter 22

Animals

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01-22-1 : PURPOSE: The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for the keeping of animals in association with various allowed uses in a manner compatible with surrounding uses and consistent with the health, safety, and general welfare of the community.

01-22-2 : SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- A. The size, number, species, facilities for and location of animals kept shall be maintained so as not to cause a nuisance or endanger the health, safety, or general welfare of the community and shall be in compliance with this Section and all other applicable provisions of this Article.
- B. Animals may only be kept for commercial purposes if such activities are authorized in the zoning district where the animals are to be located.
- C. Facilities for housing animal(s) shall be:
 - a. Constructed of such material as is appropriate for the animal(s) involved.
 - b. Maintained in good repair.
 - c. Controlled as to temperature, ventilated and lighted compatible with the health and comfort of the animal(s).
 - d. Of sufficient size to allow each animal to make normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement. Inadequate space may be indicated by evidence of malnutrition, poor condition of debility, stress or abnormal behavior patterns.

- e. Cleaned as often as necessary to prevent contamination of the animal(s) contained therein and to minimize disease hazards and reduce odors.

01-22-3: DOMESTIC ANIMALS:

- A. The keeping of domestic animals is an allowed accessory use in all zoning districts, as defined in Chapter 50 of this Article.
- B. The keeping of more than three (3) dogs and/or cats over six (6) months of age within a residential dwelling unit shall be prohibited.

01-22-4 : KENNELS:

- A. No person shall maintain or operate any kennel keeping more than three (3) dogs and/or cats over six (6) months of age on their premises in the City or more than six (6) total domestic animals (not including tropical fish) without obtaining a license pursuant to this Section and the City Code.
- B. A minimum lot size of one (1) acre is required to be licensed for operation of a commercial, public or quasi-public kennel or shelter.
- C. Every kennel or shelter shall be enclosed or fenced in such manner as to prevent the running at large or escape of animals confined therein.
- D. Provisions are made to control animal noise.
- E. Kennels shall be open for inspection by the City authorities at any time.
- F. The kennel must be allowed within the Zoning District

01-22-5 : FARM ANIMALS:

- A. The keeping and maintaining of farm animals, including livestock and horses, shall be an allowed use on sites qualifying as farms in all zoning districts, but not including animal feedlots as defined by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).
- B. The keeping of horses is allowed in the UR District provided:
 - 1. The minimum lot size is two and one-half (2¹/₂) acres.

2. The number of horses does not exceed one per acre unless a higher number is granted by the issuance of a conditional use permit.
3. No manure or waste shall be deposited, stored, kept, or allowed to remain in or upon any site without reasonable safeguards adequate to prevent the escape or movement of such manure, waste, or a solution thereof from the site which may result in pollution of any public waters or any health hazard.
4. All regulations imposed by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency relating to the keeping of farm animals shall be adhered to.
5. Animal feedlots, as defined by the MPCA, are prohibited.

01-22-6 : **CHICKENS:** The limited keeping of chickens may be permitted as an accessory use to a legally established single family residence subject to the following:

1. The property shall be occupied with a single-family home. The owner of the chickens shall live in the dwelling on the property.
2. No person shall keep more than six (6) total hen chickens. Chickens kept under this ordinance shall be considered to be domestic animals only in terms of the number of animals kept.
3. No person shall keep roosters or adult male chickens.
4. Chickens shall be kept within a separate enclosed accessory building and/or fenced outdoor containment area subject to the following:
 - a. The accessory building shall be less than 120 square feet in size and not exceed six (6) feet in height.
 - b. The accessory building shall comply with all setbacks and other standards for accessory buildings, unless otherwise stated herein.
 - c. Any outdoor containment areas shall be screened from view from all neighboring properties and rights-of-way. Outdoor containment areas shall not exceed 20 feet per bird and shall not have a fenced enclosure greater than six (6) feet in height.
 - d. Any accessory building or containment area shall be located in the rear yard only and shall be at least 50 feet from adjacent habitable structures on neighboring properties.
 - e. Fencing used to contain chickens shall comply with applicable conditions of the City Code.
 - f. Chickens shall not be kept within the dwelling unit or garage.
 - g. The accessory building and/or containment area shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean and sanitary manner, free of vermin, and free of objectionable odors.

- h. Chickens shall remain in the accessory building and/or containment area at all times and shall not run at large.
 - i. Chickens shall remain in the accessory building from sunset to sunrise each day to prevent nuisance noise and the attraction of vermin and predators.
 - j. Accessory buildings for the purpose of this ordinance shall not count towards the number of accessory building permitted or the size limitations as stated in Section 1-18-3.
- 5. The slaughter of chickens on site is prohibited.
 - 6. The raising of chickens for breeding purposes is prohibited.
 - 7. The sale of eggs or other commercial activity on the premises is prohibited.
 - 8. Feces and discarded feed shall be regularly collected and only stored temporarily on site in a leak-proof container with a tight-fitting cover to prevent nuisance odors and the attraction of vermin. Such waste shall not be composted on site.
 - 9. Chicken feed shall be stored in leak-proof containers with a tight-fitting cover to prevent attracting vermin.
 - 10. Any person seeking to keep chickens under this ordinance shall receive a license from the City pursuant to Section 14.01-7-B.

01-22-7 : ANIMALS OTHER THAN FARM OR DOMESTIC: Except as provided for by Section 01-22-6 of this Article, the keeping of wild animals, or animals not defined as farm or domestic animals, shall be prohibited.