

5.04. KEEPING OF ANIMALS

5.41. ANIMALS WITHIN CITY

No person shall keep any cows, goats, sheep, pigs, horses, or other animals within the city limits, except as otherwise provided for in these statutes. This section shall not prohibit, however, the keeping of small domestic animals, such as gerbils, guinea pigs, etc., in a reasonable number.

5.042. ANIMALS AT LARGE

No person shall allow any animals of any type, or fowls belonging to him or in his care, to run at large or to be picketed on public grounds; but this prohibition shall not apply to cats or dogs, except as are by this Code forbidden to be at large.

5.043. FOWL, PIGEONS, RABBITS, AND OTHER SMALL ANIMALS

Subdivision 1. No person shall anywhere in the city keep, harbor, or maintain care, custody, or control over any small animal such as a rabbit, chinchilla, or mink, or any fowl such as a chicken, turkey, or duck, or any pigeon, without obtaining a permit therefore issued by the commissioner of health.

Subdivision 2. The commissioner of health may grant any permit pursuant to this section after the applicant has sought the written consent of at least 75 percent of the occupants of the several descriptions of real estate situated within 200 feet of the applicant's real estate. Such written consent shall be required on the first and initial application and as often thereafter as the commissioner of health deems necessary.

Subdivision 3. Such a permit granted by the commissioner of health will be valid for one year, and must thereafter be renewed annually.

Subdivision 4. When a permit has been granted for the keeping of such small animals, the premises must be kept in a sanitary condition, and the permit will be subject to revocation if the premises are found to not comply with this provision.

Subdivision 5. No permit shall be granted to keep any animal, fowl, or pigeon within a dwelling unit or part thereof, nor on any real estate which contains three or more dwelling units.

Subdivision 6. This section shall not apply to dogs or cats nor to veterinarians.

Subdivision 7. When a license has been issued, the number of such animals kept on the premises shall number no more than:

12 pigeons
12 rabbits
6 fowl

Subdivision 8. Not more than two registered purebred miniature Vietnamese potbelly pigs and other similar registered purebred miniature pigs, not exceeding one hundred-twenty (120) pounds, and not kept for breeding purposes, shall be allowed with the same licensing requirements and controls as required by Zimmerman City Code for keeping dogs. (*added by Ord. No. 208, July 6, 1992*)