

Chapter 19.455**ANIMAL KEEPING****19.455.010 Purpose.****19.455.020 Applicability and Permit Requirements.****19.455.030 Site Location, Operation and Development Standards.****19.455.040 Maintenance of Premises.****19.455.010 Purpose.**

This purpose of regulating animals is to ensure compatibility of such uses with surrounding uses and properties and to avoid any impacts associated with such uses. (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

19.455.020 Applicability and Permit Requirements.

Animal keeping, of both domestic and non-domestic animals, as defined in Article X (Definitions), are permitted as set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions subject to the requirements contained in this Chapter.

- A. Animal keeping, as defined in this Chapter, includes the keeping of domestic and non-domestic animals and other species as may be determined by the Zoning Administrator to be similar in nature.
- B. Animal keeping is permitted in the various zones as set forth in Article V Table 19.150.020 B (Incidental Uses Table). In addition to the regulations of the applicable zone, animal keeping in the forms of boarding of cats and dogs/kennels, in conjunction with veterinary services and pet shops, or in conjunction with associated biological and/or medical research facilities are also permitted per Article V (Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions). (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

19.455.030 Site Location, Operation and Development Standards.

The standards set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions, shall apply to all domestic and non-domestic animal keeping unless otherwise specified here.

A. Domestic Animal Keeping

- 1. Domestic animals are permitted in all zones.

B. Non-domestic Animal Keeping in the RR Zone

- 1. Poultry, Rabbits, Crowing Fowl and Crowing Roosters
 - a. A minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet of net area is required for the noncommercial keeping of any poultry or rabbits.
 - b. The noncommercial keeping of not more than 5 poultry and 4 rabbits is permitted. Such animals shall be housed, kept or penned at least 50 feet from any residence on an adjoining lot or parcel, excluding the residence on the lot where the animals are kept.

- c. Where poultry and rabbits are housed, kept, or penned at least 100 feet from any residence, the noncommercial keeping of not more than 50 poultry and 45 rabbits on any lot is permitted.
 - d. Additional poultry and rabbits for noncommercial or commercial purposes may be permitted subject to the granting of a discretionary permit.
 - e. The keeping of crowing fowl that exists on a property at the time the site is annexed to the City shall be abated within the amortization period of 2 years. If keeping of crowing fowl is not abated within such 2-year period, it will be a violation of this section.
 - f. The keeping of not more than seven (7) crowing roosters are permitted on any lot of twenty thousand square feet or greater in area, provided that such roosters are housed from sunset to sunrise in an acoustical structure so as to reduce noise emitted by such roosters and such structure is at least one hundred (100) feet from any residential structure on an adjoining lot.
2. Equine, Bovine and Ovine Species
- a. A minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet of net area is required for the noncommercial keeping of any equine, bovine or ovine species.
 - b. Not more than a total of 2 of any equine, bovine, or ovine species or a total of 2 of any combination of equine, bovine, or ovine species shall be kept on any lot with an area of 20,000 net square feet. However, one additional animal may be kept for each 10,000 square feet of net lot area in excess of 20,000 square feet.
 - c. All animals permitted pursuant to this subsection shall be housed, penned or pastured at least 60 feet from any residence, excluding the residence on the lot where the animals are kept.
3. Porcine Species, Exclusive of Pot-bellied Pigs
- a. Swine or pigs, exclusive of pot-bellied pigs, shall be permitted only upon the condition that such animals are kept and maintained as a duly-authorized Future Farmers of America, 4-H or similar project.
 - b. A minimum lot size of 20,000 square feet of net area is required for the noncommercial keeping of any porcine species.
 - c. Not more than a total of 2 porcine species shall be kept on any lot with an area of 20,000 net square feet. However, one additional animal may be kept for each 10,000 square feet of net lot area in excess of 20,000 square feet.
 - d. All animals permitted pursuant to this subsection shall be housed, penned or pastured at least 60 feet from any residence, excluding the residence on the lot where the animals are kept.

4. Bees

The keeping of bees is permitted, provided that all other conditions of this Zoning Code and **Title 8.20** are met.

5. Aviaries

The keeping of birds/aviaries is permitted, provided that all other conditions of this Zoning Code and the Municipal Code are met.

6. Offspring of Animals

Offspring of permitted animals shall not be counted in determining the permitted number of animals if such offspring do not exceed the following age limitations:

- a. Bovine, 24 months
- b. Equine, 18 months
- c. Ovine, 12 months
- d. Porcine, 60 days
- e. Birds, 4 months

C. Non-domestic Animal Keeping in the RA-5 Zone

1. Poultry, Rabbits, Crowing Fowl and Crowing Roosters

- a. The noncommercial keeping of not more than 5 poultry, including crowing fowl (except crowing roosters), and 18 rabbits is permitted. Such animals shall be housed, kept or penned at least 50 feet from any residence on an adjoining lot or parcel, including the residence on the lot where the animals are kept.
- b. Where poultry and rabbits are housed, kept, or penned at least 100 feet from any residence, the noncommercial keeping of not more than 50 poultry, and 45 rabbits on any lot is permitted. The keeping of not more than seven (7) crowing roosters are permitted on any lot, provided that such roosters are housed from sunset to sunrise in an acoustical structure so as to reduce noise emitted by such roosters and such structure is at least one hundred (100) feet from any residential structure on an adjoining lot.
- c. Additional poultry and rabbits for noncommercial or commercial purposes may be permitted subject to the granting of a discretionary permit.

2. Equine, Bovine and Ovine Species

- a. A minimum lot size of 1 acre of net area is required for the grazing, raising or training of any equine, riding stables or academies of the raising of bovine or ovine species for noncommercial purposes.
 - b. Not more than a total of 2 of any equine, bovine, or ovine species or a total of 2 of any combination of equine, bovine, or ovine species shall be kept on any lot with an area of 1 acre. However, one additional animal may be kept for each ½ acre of net lot area in excess of 1 acre.
 - c. All animals permitted pursuant to this subsection shall be housed, penned or pastured at least 100 feet from any residence, including the residence on the lot where the animals are kept.
 3. Dairies, feeding lots and similar uses may be permitted subject to the granting of a discretionary permit.
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 5. Growing and Wholesale Disposal of Earthworms
 - a. All worm farms shall be kept at least fifty feet away from all adjacent dwellings.
 - b. The maximum height of any worm bed shall be two feet and all other structures shall conform to the requirements for accessory structures.
 - c. Worm farms in excess of sixty-four square feet shall only be permitted subject to the granting of a discretionary permit.
 6. Aviaries

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- D. Non-domestic Animal Keeping in the RC Zone
1. Poultry, Rabbits, Crowing Fowl and Crowing Roosters
 - a. The noncommercial keeping of not more than 5 poultry, including crowing fowl (except crowing roosters), and 18 rabbits is permitted. Such animals shall be housed, kept or penned at least 50 feet from any residence on an adjoining lot or parcel, including the residence on the lot where the animals are kept.
 - b. Where poultry and rabbits are housed, kept, or penned at least 100 feet from any residence, the noncommercial keeping of not more than 50 poultry and 45 rabbits on any lot is permitted. The keeping of not more than seven (7) crowing roosters are permitted on any lot, provided that

such roosters are housed from sunset to sunrise in an acoustical structure so as to reduce noise emitted by such roosters and such structure is at least one hundred (100) feet from any residential structure on an adjoining lot.

- c. Additional poultry and rabbits for noncommercial or commercial purposes may be permitted subject to the granting of a discretionary permit.

2. Equine Species

- a. A minimum lot size of 1 acre of net area is required for the grazing, raising or training of any equine.
- b. Not more than a total of 2 of any equine species shall be kept on any lot with an area of 1 acre. However, one additional animal may be kept for each half acre of net lot area in excess of 1 acre.
- c. All animals permitted pursuant to this subsection shall be housed, penned or pastured at least 100 feet from any residence, including the residence on the lot where the animals are kept.

3. Bees

The keeping of bees is permitted, provided that all other conditions of this Zoning Code and [Title 8.20](#) are met.

4. Aviaries

The keeping of birds/aviaries is permitted, provided that all other conditions of this Zoning Code and the Municipal Code are met. (Ord. 7109 §7, 2010; Ord. 6985 §3, 2008; Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)

19.455.040 Maintenance of Premises.

The premises where animals are kept shall be maintained in a clean, neat and sanitary condition at all times to ensure the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare pursuant to [Title 6](#) and all other County and State regulations. (Ord. 6966 §1, 2007)