

CHAPTER 4 – ANIMALS

Sec. 4-9. Specific restrictions on keeping of animals

(a) It is unlawful to keep any poisonous, dangerous or carnivorous wild animals or reptiles without first having registered such animal with the City. The City Manager or his designee may issue guidelines for the registration and safe keeping of such animals. The registration list, owners name and address and type of animal shall be deemed to be a public record subject to disclosure. Registration shall be done at the Police Department or such other location as designed by the City Manager.

It shall be a class one (1) misdemeanor to violate the provisions of this section or any guideline issued by the City Manager pertaining to the registration and safekeeping of animals.

(b) The maintaining and keeping of all animals, livestock and poultry within the city shall be allowed only so long as they not cause, create, contribute to or become a public nuisance due to noise, the presence of flies, mosquitos, insects, vermin, rodent harborage, odors, dust, ponded water, accumulation of manure, garbage, refuse or other obnoxious or putrescible material, or for any other like reason. For purposes of this subsection, public nuisance is defined as maintaining any of the conditions described above to the extent that one or more adjacent property owners are restricted in the use of their property due to the existence of the Public Nuisance. Manure and droppings shall be removed from enclosures at least twice weekly and shall be removed from the premises at least once each week. In this subsection ``premises'' means the lot or parcel of ground upon which an enclosure is located. This subsection does not apply to areas zoned for agriculture.

(c) Except in areas zoned for agriculture, no swine shall be kept within the city limits. Swine must be kept at least one thousand (1,000) feet away from any adjoining residence.

(d) Mammals, excepting dogs and cats confined or kept in an enclosure of less than five hundred (500) square feet shall be forty (40) feet or more from any adjoining residence. No more than two (2) mammals, Excepting dogs and cats but including livestock shall be kept upon the first twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of land. For each additional mammal, an additional twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of land is required.

(e) Any person owning, keeping, possessing or harboring any dog or wild animal shall promptly remove and dispose of all feces left by the dog or wild animal on any public property, public park or public right of way. The City or political subdivision shall post notice of this requirement only at the entrances of public parks. No such notice is required for other public property or right of way.

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