

CHAPTER 1022

ANIMALS

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1022-1: 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.

1022-2: 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 Ordinance.
- 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.

1022-3: DOMESTIC ANIMALS:

- A. The keeping of domestic animals is an allowed accessory use in all zoning districts, as defined in Chapter 1050 of this Ordinance and subject to applicable provisions of the City Code.
- B. The keeping of more than two (2) dogs and/or cats over six (6) months of age within a residential dwelling unit shall be prohibited.

1022-4: COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC AND QUASI-PUBLIC ANIMAL SHELTERS OR KENNELS:

- A. No person shall maintain or operate any commercial, public or quasi-public kennel or shelter keeping two (2) or more dogs and/or cats over six (6) months of age on their premises in the City 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 commercial, public or quasi-public 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. Commercial, public or quasi-public dog kennels or cat shelters shall be open for inspection by the City authorities at any time.

1022-5: 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 (2^{1/2}) 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.

1022-6: WRIGHT COUNTY FAIR/EDUCATION PROGRAMS: Keeping animals, including domestic, farm, and wild animals, as part of the Wright County Fair or an accredited education program shall be an allowed use within all zoning districts. The program must notify the Zoning Administrator in writing of the number and identity of animals being kept and all applicable details for keeping said animals.

1022-7: ANIMALS OTHER THAN FARM OR DOMESTIC: Except as provided for by Section 1022-6 of this Ordinance, the keeping of wild animals, or animals not defined as farm animals or house pets, shall be prohibited.