



City of Newark Police Department - Animal Control

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EXOTIC ANIMAL AND ANIMAL FANCIER'S PERMITS RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Application Procedure

- A. Application for an Exotic Animal and Animal Fancier's Permit shall be submitted to the Licensing Clerk. This Application is to be accompanied by: (1) a petition which has been circulated by the applicant and signed by a representative of each contiguous parcel, (each neighbor, whose property is adjacent to the applicant's) indicating their approval of the applicant maintaining the animal(s) specified in the application.
- B. An initial inspection of the premises where the animals are to be maintained shall be made to determine compliance with Newark City Ordinance No. 159.
- C. When it is determined that all of the provisions of the Federal, State and City of Newark laws have been met, a permit shall be issued.
- D. Permits may be revoked or suspended for any of the following:
 - (1) Falsification of information.
 - (2) Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the Exotic Animal and Animal Fancier's Permit Rules and Regulations.

2. Inspection

Inspection of the premises where animal(s) is to be maintained shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- A. Competence of the applicant to comply with these rules and regulations.
- B. Adequate housing and/or fencing shall be provided to contain the animal(s) and protect them from the elements.
- C. Cages and enclosures shall be of sufficient size to furnish ample space for exercise and bedding appropriate for the animals.
- D. Fencing for livestock shall meet minimum standards specified in the State Agricultural Code and/or Newark City Ordinance No. 159.
- E. When required for safety, cages must be constructed of sufficient size and strength to prevent animals from escaping.
- F. Shelters, cages and enclosures must be kept in good repair, with no protrusions or appurtenances on which the animal could injure itself.
- G. The inspecting Animal Control Officer may determine, by personal contact with the adjacent property owners, whether the issuance of a permit would endanger the peace, health or safety of the persons in the immediate neighborhood.

3. Feeding and Watering

Feed and water shall be available in sufficient quantity and nutritional value to meet normal daily requirements for the condition and size of the animals.

4. Treatment and Sanitation

- A. All animals maintained shall be handled in a humane manner and kept free from parasites, sickness, and disease.
- B. All cages or other enclosures shall be cleaned at least once a day and said enclosures and their surroundings shall be kept in a sanitary and attractive condition, free from offensive odors. Animal droppings shall be picked up daily and stored in a fly-proof container to be properly disposed of weekly.

5. Cages and Enclosures

- A. When applicable, all animals shall be confined in cages or enclosures. These cages should be of such strength that it will be impossible for said animals to escape.
- B. All such cages and enclosures shall provide ample space for exercise and avoid overcrowding.
- C. When required, cages must be protected by substantial fencing not less than four feet high, well supported and fully enclosed. Fencing shall be constructed around all cages or enclosures. On the sides the public may approach the fence may not be closer than six feet from the cage or enclosure. If the fence is constructed of wire mesh, it must be no larger than two-inch spaced and not more than two inches from the ground. Barrier rails should be provided inside the cages for hooved animals to keep them from charging fences during rut and to prevent injury to the animals.
- D. Any animal with a propensity, natural inclination, to fight shall be segregated. When required, the applicant shall

provide sufficient warning signs on animal enclosures warning the public of dangerous animals.

6. **Permits and Records**

- A. All animals shall have been obtained in a lawful manner by the applicant.
- B. It shall be the applicant's responsibility to obtain written verification that the individual disposing or selling any animal was legally entitled to make such disposition.

7. **Minimum Cage and Enclosure Specifications and Standards**

- A. All materials used in cage construction shall be of sufficient size, strength and weight to prevent destruction or escape by animals.
- B. Cages built or placed on the ground shall be securely anchored and shall prevent the animals from digging under the sides. Some animals will require a concrete floor.
- C. All cages shall have tops to prevent escape by climbing or jumping.
- D. Minimum cage size, and specifications for the listed exotic animals are as follows:
- E. No cage size or structure in which exotic or domesticated animals are fed or sheltered shall be located less than five feet from any parcel on which the primary use is residential.

**EXCERPTS FROM THE NEWARK ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE
CONCERNING SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS**

ARTICLE VII. **DOMESTIC ANIMALS - SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

SECTION 1. **Domestic Pets**

The following numbers of animals, regardless of age, shall be considered household pets and may be kept on any parcel used primarily for residential purposes, subject to the following limitations:

- A. An animal Fancier's Permit shall be obtained for:
 - 1. Any rooster.
 - 2. More than two rabbits, or more than two hen chickens, or more than two geese, or more than two ducks, or more than two dogs, or more than two cats.
 - 3. More than a combination of five such animals provided the two-of-species maximum is not exceeded.
- B. The issue born of such animals which increases the total number upon the premises beyond the numbers permitted shall be removed from the parcel not later than six weeks from weaning.

Other animals which are neither exotic animals nor such animals as specified in this section, such as mice(domestic), rats(domestic), gophers, king snakes, guinea pigs, turtles, tropical fish, canaries or birds of the Psittacine family, or other similar animals commonly kept as household pets, may be kept upon any parcel in any zoning district where the principal use upon such parcel is residential use, so long as such animals do not constitute a nuisance and are afforded food, care and sanitary facilities.

SECTION 2. **Horses, Ponies, Donkeys, Burros, Cows, Steers, Sheep and Goats**

- A. No horses, ponies, donkeys, burrows, cows, steers, sheep or goats may be kept on parcel less than one-half acre in size. The number of animals permitted on larger parcels shall be subject to the Animal Fancier's Permit process and conditions established by the Community Service Officer.
- B. The issue born of such animals which increases the total number upon the premises beyond the numbers permitted shall be removed from the parcel not later than six weeks from weaning.