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## RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS

(pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code

§ 198 and §200)

### A. Scope and Purpose.

The provisions of this regulation shall apply to the keeping of animals that require a permit from the City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections, Animal Control Center. Animals covered under this regulation include: more than one (1) rabbit; and/or any hoofed animal, ferret, mink, female chicken, turkey, duck, goose, pigeon, or similar small animal or bird, any chinchilla, hamster, gerbil, rat, mouse, or guinea pig **not** maintained as a pet; bees, wild or exotic animals; more than three (3) dogs or more than three (3) cats, and other animals not absolutely prohibited by § 198.03.

### B. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter. The word "shall," indicates a mandatory requirement.

- 1) **Bees** are defined as Genus and Species *Apes Mellifera*.
- 2) **Wild animal** means any non-human living creature, wild by nature, endowed with sensation and power of voluntary motion, and includes quadrupeds, mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans, and mollusks.
- 3) **Dog and Cat** means the male or female of any breed of domesticated dog or cat.

When such animals are kept they shall be controlled to prevent them from harming themselves or the public. They shall also be kept in such a manner as to prevent them from becoming a public or private nuisance.

### C. Application for Permit.

- 1) The application for a permit shall be on a form supplied by the Department of Safety and Inspections, Animal Control Center. Application for a permit shall be accompanied by written approval from 75% of owners and/or renters of privately or publicly owned real estate, within 150 feet of the outer boundaries of the applicant's premises for which the permit is being requested, or proof that the applicant's property lines are 150 feet or more from any structure.
- 2) The application shall list the species and number of animals covered by the permit.

- 3) The permit shall state the species and number of animals which may be maintained on the premises, and the permittee shall immediately inform the Animal Control Center, in writing, when the number of animals maintained on the premises exceeds the number allowed by the permit or when a different number or species is substituted for those listed on the permit.
- 4) Permits for fostering or rescuing animals on behalf of an organization shall have this stated on the application. A statement must be provided from the rescue organization, on their letterhead, and must be signed by the chair or president of the organization. The statement must include details regarding the maximum number and species of foster animals that may be on the premises and any given time. Permit holders who foster dogs must license their foster dogs at their own expense.
- 5) If the applicant resides in a building or structure that consist of five (5) or more individual units (condos, townhomes, apartments, etc.), the applicant must obtain written permission from the Property or Association Manager, as well as any affected properties within 150 feet. The Manager may create any additional rules and regulations it deems necessary.
- 6) Where a property consists of a multiple dwelling and lies within 150 feet of the applicant's dwelling, the applicant need only obtain the written consent of the Owner, Manager or other person in charge of the building.

**D. Facilities.**

- 1) Housing facilities and grounds shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair. Flies, rodents, and noxious odors shall be controlled. Facilities shall be kept free of fecal matter and collected fecal material shall be properly stored and disposed.
- 2) Construction and maintenance of the holding facilities shall comply with all applicable rules, regulations, ordinances, and statutes.
- 3) Stored fecal matter shall not be allowed to accumulate on the property. Stored fecal matter shall be removed at least twice each week between April 1 and November 30.
- 4) No permit shall be issued until the owner has demonstrated that the animal(s) shall be kept in a holding area, capable of containing the animal(s).
- 5) Fowl, including adult chickens, and other livestock or barnyard type animals may not be housed inside human dwellings, including basements.

**E. Flying of Pigeons.**

Racing and Homing pigeons may be allowed to fly for a period of time not to exceed two (2) hours. The two-hour period may take place once in the morning between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 am, and once in the evening between the hours of 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The birds shall not be allowed to become an annoyance or nuisance to neighboring properties.

**F. Rodent Control.**

When rodent control measures are indicated, rodent control measures will be instituted by the permit holder or by any approved licensed pest control operator.

**G. Bees.**

See "Bee Keeping Rules and Regulations."

**H. Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets.**

- 1) Dogs, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated and display rabies vaccination tags in accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 199.
- 2) Dog must be licensed in accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code § 200.02.
- 3) The owner shall provide proof of current license and vaccinations prior to inspection.

**I. Inspections.**

The owner shall provide Animal Control with access to the property and any animal housing areas for initial, annual, and complaint based inspections.

**J. Other Restrictions.**

Obtaining and maintaining a permit is also subject to any other restriction or condition not listed in the rules and regulations which are imposed by the Animal Control Center to protect the public health and safety, or to prevent or control a condition unique to the applicant's premises or animals.

**K. Revocation or Denial of a Permit.**

- 1) Violation of the terms of the permit or the rules and regulations for obtaining and maintaining a residential permit shall be grounds for revocation or denial of the permit.
- 2) Substantial reports from owners or renters within 150 feet of the outer boundary of the permittee's property that the animals frequently or habitually are noisy or create another nuisance condition shall be grounds for revocation of the permit.
- 3) Failure to renew the permit shall be grounds for revocation of the permit.
- 4) Violation of privately owned building or association rules shall be grounds for revocation of the permit.
- 5) Notification of denial or revocation shall be issued by Animal Control by mail or in person and shall mean the permit is no longer valid. The applicant or permit holder will have ten (10) days maximum to remove or reduce the number of animals, whichever is applicable.