



Animal Maintenance Permit

Basis

The following information is a summary of the City’s ordinance and is not intended to cover everything included within the ordinance. Whenever summarization creates a conflict, the official ordinance governs. A copy of the entire ordinance is available for review at the City Clerk’s office, 455 N. Main – 13th Floor, Wichita, KS 67202, or directly from the Internet at www.wichita.gov.

Purpose

An Animal Maintenance Permit is required if a person residing in the City of Wichita wishes to keep more than 2 dogs, 2 cats, 2 rabbits, 3 fowl, or any livestock animal (e.g. cow, horse, sheep, goat).

No more than three kinds of animals may be maintained at the same location within the city limits.

Permit Fee

The cost for an Animal Maintenance Permit is \$25.00 for animals other than livestock and \$100 for livestock. The permit expires one year after the date of issuance and must be renewed each year.

Kind & Number of Animals Allowed by Permit & Fees

KIND OF ANIMAL	MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR PERMIT	MAXIMUM ALLOWED WITH PERMIT	PERMIT FEE
Dogs, excluding pit bulls	3	4	\$25.00
Pit Bulls – must have microchip and be spayed or neutered	2	2	\$25.00
Cats	3	4	\$25.00
Fowl	4	12 (25 pigeons)	\$25.00
Sheep	1	One animal per acre	\$100.00
Goats - (Nannies only)	1	One animal per acre	\$100.00
Horses	1	One animal per acre	\$100.00
Cattle	1	One animal per acre	\$100.00
Ratites	1	One animal per acre	\$100.00
Pig – Neutered, miniature Vietnamese Pot-Bellied)	1	1	\$25.00
Rabbits	3	12	\$25.00
Other	3	(25 fur-bearing animals, i.e. chinchilla, mink)	\$100.00



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One Permit fee will be applied per residential unit. For example if the person has three dogs and three cats, the permit fee will be \$25.00. If the person has one horse and three dogs, the permit fee is \$100.00.

Legal Reference

Chapter 6.04.157 through 6.04.159, Code of the City of Wichita, Kansas.

Types of Use

Personal pets and hobby use only.

Animals Specifically Prohibited

Male goats, roosters, guinea cocks, peacocks or hogs are not allowed. (Exception: one registered, miniature, neutered pot-bellied pig per household with a permit.) Please contact Animal Control at 350-3360 if you have questions about exotic animals that are prohibited.

Space Required

These limits relate to residential premises of less than five acres. For information about animal maintenance regulations on residential properties of more than 5 acres, contact Animal Control at 350-3360.

Distance Requirements for Animal Enclosures

Enclosures for large animals must be 200 feet from adjacent dwellings and twenty feet from the property line. Stables, coops, pens and other structures for the housing of animals shall comply with all zoning requirements of the City of Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code. Enclosures for smaller animals must be ten feet from the property line if located within fifty feet of an adjacent dwelling.

Special Environmental Services Requirements and Considerations

- Animal shelters and board fences are to be maintained in good repair and protected from deterioration by painting. Enclosures including fences where domestic animals, such as horses, cows, sheep, and goats are maintained shall be constructed in a manner using dimension lumber materials or other effective means to prevent animals from breaking out.
- Solid wastes accumulated from cleaning of domestic animal shelters subject to residential classification are to be disposed of at least once each week.
- Dogs and cats are considered mature at five months of age.