

K. PETS AND ACCESSORY ANIMALS, KEEPING OF. (Note: This does not apply to raising of livestock, which is regulated by § 27-402, nor to keeping of animals permitted as an accessory use under the definition of "crop farming" in Part 2.)

- (1) This is a permitted-by-right accessory use in all districts.
- (2) No use shall involve the keeping of animals or fowl in such a manner or of such types of animals that it creates a serious nuisance (including noise or odor), a health hazard, an inhumane condition or a public safety hazard. No dangerous animals shall be kept outdoors in a residential district, except within a secure, completely enclosed cage.
- (3) The total number of dogs and cats shall be a combined maximum of six, except a maximum of 10 shall apply if such animals are regularly kept at least 200 feet from any residential lot line. No numerical restriction shall apply to cats and dogs of less than four months age, although commercial breeding shall only be permitted as a general home occupation.
- (4) No more than six total pigeons, chickens, ducks, geese or similar poultry or fowl shall be kept on a residential lot of between 1/4 and two acres. A maximum of 12 such fowl shall be permitted under this section on lots of two acres or more under this accessory use section. Such animals shall be kept away from the ground of property not owned or leased by the applicant. The shelter and pen shall be kept a minimum of 50 feet away from a lot line of a dwelling (other than a dwelling owned or occupied by the owner of the animals). The keeping of roosters is prohibited within a residential district. Animals shall not be slaughtered on the lot for food. The shelter or pen shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner that does not generate odors off of the lot. Animal feed and animal waste shall each be stored in rodent- and insectproof containers.
- (5) A maximum of six rabbits over the age of three months may be kept, unless such animals would be kept completely indoors or a minimum of 75 feet from any dwelling other than that of the owner of the animals.
- (6) In any zoning district, it is permitted to maintain up to two horses on a lot of two acres or more. Any horse barn, corral, fenced-in area or stable shall be a minimum of 50 feet from any

abutting lot line (other than a street right-of-way) and 175 feet from any existing dwelling other than that of the owner of the horses.

- (7) Keeping of more than the specified number of cats or dogs shall be considered a kennel, except within a permitted retail pet shop.
- (8) Keeping of more than the specified number of pigeons or fowl shall be considered raising of livestock, except within a permitted retail pet shop.
- (9) Keeping of more than the specified number of horses shall be considered a stable.
- (10) Only those animals that are domesticated and are compatible with a residential character shall be permitted under this § 27-403. Examples of permitted animals include dogs, cats, rabbits, gerbils and fish but do not include bears, goats, cows, venomous snakes, pigs (other than miniature breeds) or sheep. A maximum of one pig, which shall be of a clearly miniature breed, may be kept under this § 27-403.
- (11) Any area used for the keeping of bees shall be set back a minimum of 30 feet from all lot lines, from any dwelling (other than the residence of the keeper of the bees), and from any street right-of-way. If the bees are kept within 60 feet from such lot line, dwelling or right-of-way, a solid six-foot-high fence shall be placed between the beekeeping area and such features. Such fence is not intended to be a complete enclosure.
- (12) An unlimited number of fish may be kept; except if the fish are being raised in bulk quantities for resale as food, it shall be considered to be food processing.
- (13) Animals, other than domestic cats, shall be kept within confined areas using an enclosure, chain or other humane method such that they do not run at large onto property of others.
- (14) Wastes. Every keeper of animals shall cause the animals' feces to be collected daily. Such waste shall be kept in a closed ratproof and flytight container or receptacle. At least twice a week, every keeper of animals shall cause such waste to be disposed of in a manner as to not permit the presence of fly larvae.
- (15) Every keeper of animals shall cause all feed for such animals to be stored and kept in a ratproof and flytight building, box, container or receptacle.