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The McMinnville Planning Department Informational Brochure series has been developed to provide general information on land use regulations commonly affecting activities undertaken by the public and administered by this office. The information contained in these brochures is not intended to be a complete statement of all applicable regulations, and individuals are encouraged to contact the office for complete rules and permitting requirements.



For additional information on keeping animals in residential areas visit the Planning Department's website at:

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Zoning ordinance — Chapter 17.54.140



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KEEPING ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

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What kinds of animals am I permitted to keep at my home?

The following animals are permitted in residential-zoned areas of McMinnville (see special restrictions below*). Please note that in some cases, they are limited as to their numbers, the size of property on which you live, or the manner in which they are to be housed.

- domestic dogs* and cats
- gerbils, hamsters, rats or similar rodents kept in cages
- non-carnivorous fish
- non-venomous reptiles
- domestic rabbits*
- Vietnamese pot bellied pig (one per residence)
- Domestic fowl or birds for non-commercial purposes*
- Livestock*



What kinds of animals are prohibited?

Exotic, dangerous, or wild animals as well as any species that might be a threat to humans as determined by the Yamhill County Animal Control Officer or Planning Director are not permitted. Roosters and peacocks are also prohibited.

Special Restrictions*

Dogs: When four or more dogs, six months of age or older, are kept for commercial reasons (breeding, buying, selling, or boarding), it is considered a kennel, and is no longer permitted in a residential zone.

Fowl and Rabbits: A minimum of 5,000 square feet of lot area is required in order to have up to two fowl or two rabbits, or combination thereof. Each additional rabbit or fowl shall require an additional 1,000 square feet of lot area.

Livestock: In addition to the minimum lot area requirement for the zone, a minimum area of one-half acre of land (outside the area occupied by structures) shall be provided for each:

- horse or cow over six months of age
- Two sheep or two goats (or similar-size livestock) over six months of age

I want to build an animal enclosure outside. What do I need to know?

Animal enclosures cannot be placed between the residence and the street or within 70 feet of the front (street-side) property line. In addition, they cannot be placed closer than 10 feet to a rear property line or 15 feet to any side property line. This includes dog runs, poultry coops, livestock stalls, barns or corrals, rabbit hutches, or any other animal-holding enclosures. It also includes animal "runs" where the animal is free to roam about.

Please note that if the enclosure is over 100 square feet in area and/or 10 feet in height, it will be subject to the property setbacks. If it is over 200 square feet in area, it will need a building permit prior to construction.

Additional provisions:

The slaughter of animals is prohibited in all residential zones.



Questions?

For assistance or further information regarding the keeping of animals in McMinnville, please call the Planning Department at 503-434-7311, or visit the office in the Community Development Center, 231 NE 5th Street, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

