



Codes and Ordinances Governing Your City

Animal Regulations

What Do the Animal Regulations Mean to You?

The animal code regulations are meant to allow citizens to have pets and animals in a manner that is conducive to a small city like Elk Ridge. The code limits the types and amounts of animals and outlines a way to handle animal nuisance issues when they arise.

Are There Different Rules of the Types of Animals I Can Have Based on Where I Live?

Yes, there are 3 classifications of animal types that are allowed in different zones of the city. They include:

Household Pets

Basically the name says it all. Here is what the code states:

“Common household pets are considered to be dogs, cats, rabbits, ferrets, and smaller animals such as domesticated rodents, fish, parrots, parakeets, canaries, guinea pigs, hamsters, non-poisonous reptiles, turtles, and other like animals that can be purchased in a licensed Utah pet store. Limits are placed at 2 dogs and 2 cats and 2 ferrets per residential lot, 5 months of age or older. Additional cats can be permitted by obtaining a conditional use permit through the planning commission through the process listed later in this chapter under 10-18-5 Hobby Animals or 10-18-7 Kennels. No more than 6 rabbits are allowed as common household pets. Other small animals listed do not have a number limit. All common household pets must be kept in a non-nuisance condition and be raised for non-commercial uses. Chickens, ducks, and other like animals are considered hobby animals.”

Hobby Animals

Chickens, ducks, a miniature horse, pigeons, and cats (over the 2 allowed as household pets) are considered hobby animals. Basically, you can have chickens, ducks, or 3 to 6 cats with a hobby animal permit. The total combined amount of these types of hobby animals per lot is 6 animals. Examples: 3 chickens and 3 ducks = 6, or 2 chickens, 1 duck, and 3 cats = 6. Additionally, one miniature horse and up to 50 pigeons are also hobby animals. To get a hobby animal permit, you must apply to the planning commission for a conditional use permit.

Livestock Animals

Livestock Animals are allowed in specific zones. The types and amounts of animals allowed are based on the size of the lot and the livestock management area. The following zones allow Livestock Animals:

- R&L R-1-20,000 zone - Loafer Canyon area and area just above Loafer Canyon around Bridger LN
- RR-1 zone - west Goosenest DR rural area going toward Payson
- HR-1 and CE-2 zones - mostly undeveloped hillside areas south of town

My Neighbors Dog is a Nuisance

There is code that sets the rules for animals nuisances. This includes noise, smells, vicious animals, animals not contained to an owner's property, property damage caused by animals, etc. Please be aware that animals on the loose can be quite difficult to contain because of our limited police service and no animal catcher. Usually, by the time the sheriff arrives, the dog is gone. You should try to talk about the problem with the owner before calling the city.

So what are All the Rules?

You can view the complete city code at the city office, click on a related topic below, or go to the city website at www.elkridgecity.org and look under Quick Links and City Code:

City Code 10-18 Animal Zoning Regulations - includes how many animals you can have and where
City Code 5-2 Animal Nuisance Code - rules and procedures

Please note: all information on this sheet is for general information only. In cases of dispute, city code shall be followed
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