

LARGE ANIMAL HOBBY LICENSE

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Intent

- To create a large animal hobby license that will allow the licensee to maintain more than four horses on a residential lot within an “A” designated zone and sufficient space.
- A hobby license provides a reasonable path forward for residents to extend the limit of allowable animals on a residential lot under certain conditions.
- Hobby licenses are intended to provide for the proper care and maintenance of the animals kept on a property in a non-nuisance manner.

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- Expand existing Hobby License chapter to include Large Animals.
- Divide chapter into two sections:
 - **(A) DOG HOBBY LICENSE.**
 - **(B) LARGE ANIMAL HOBBY LICENSE.**

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(b) Large Animal Hobby License. No more than four horses and one corresponding foal under 12 months of age may reside at any address at a time unless:

(1) the property is in an “A” designated zone;

(2) the number of large animals on the property does not exceed the number permitted within the zone; and

(3) a large animal hobby license is obtained.

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- The large animal hobby license shall allow the property owner to keep more than four horses over one year of age, up to the maximum number of horses allowed in the zone.
- The licensee may also keep one offspring of each mare up to an age of 12 months.
- At no time shall the licensee keep more than the maximum number of horses over one year of age permitted in the zone.

How can you tell if a horse is over 12 months of age?

Look that “gift horse” in the mouth



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HOBBY LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

- Statement of Hobby Interest
- Outdoor Requirements
 - Shelter
 - Fencing
 - Designated Farm Animal Area
 - Plot Plan
 - Feed
 - Noise Control, Land Use Regulations and other Laws

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VACCINATIONS

The licensee shall be required to provide proof of the following “core” equine vaccinations to the Division for each Large Animal kept and maintained under authority of the Hobby License upon application for, or renewal of, the Large Animal Hobby License and upon the acquisition or substitution of any Large Animal pursuant to the permit.

- a. West Nile
- b. Tetanus
- c. Eastern and Western Encephalitis
- d. Rabies

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HOBBY LICENSE - KEYELEMENTS

- Any hobby license issued automatically expires 12 months after date issued.
- Animal Service and Code Enforcement Officers may inspect licensed premises at any time. Failing to allow inspection is a violation of the license.
- The hobby license shall be revoked if the licensee pleads to or is found guilty of animal cruelty.

Who can apply for a Large Animal Hobby License?

- Residents in an “A” designated zone with a lot of 50,000 square feet.

Concerns exist about the number of animals this type of permit might allow.

Could we see 50 small dogs on a large lot?

- **No.**

The limit of small, medium, and large animals is regulated by Title 21 – Land Development Code Chapter 21-11-3 Animals (Farm and Household Pets).

To stay consistent with our land use and zoning regulations we follow the limits prescribed in that section of city code.

Hobby License allows reasonable extensions based on conditions and regulations and even then there is a cap on the total numbers allowed.

QUESTIONS