

Sec. 5-60. Limitation upon number of dogs and cats kept.

(a) *General.* No person shall, at any time, keep, harbor or own, at one location within the city, more than a total of four (4) dogs or cats over the age of six (6) months. This provision shall not apply to a lawfully operated commercial kennel, a kennel maintained in connection with a small animal hospital, the city pound, ~~or~~ persons in their role as registered caretakers of feral cats, or persons acting within the conditions of a valid multiple pet permit.

(b) *Multiple Pet Permit.* In limited circumstances, the Director may approve a multiple pet permit authorizing a person at a specific location to keep more than four (4) dogs or cats over the age of six (6) months. Each permit will be valid for one (1) year, starting January 1 until December 31. Any permits approved mid-year will be valid until December 31. It is the responsibility of any permit holder to renew prior to January 1, and failure to renew the permit will forfeit it. The Director may, in the Director's discretion, choose not to renew a permit upon expiration.

(c) *Application.* All applications shall be in writing and will include, at a minimum, the applicant providing the following:

- (1) Reliable identifying information (including name, address, date of birth, and contact information), address of the premises where the animals will be kept, and the breed and description of each animal to be covered by the permit;
- (2) Proof of a certificate of rabies vaccination, City license, microchip and sterilization for each animal;
- (3) Compliance with the Department on any reasonable requests for inspection of the premises during the application process; and
- (4) Written permission from the owner of the premises (if not applicant) and owner(s) of any property that directly border the premises.

(d) *Criteria.* Upon proper application, the Director may, in the Director's discretion, deem it appropriate under the circumstances to approve a permit. The criteria for this determination include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

- (1) Ability of applicant to provide adequate care for each animal in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter;
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- (2) Premises are of sufficient size to allow each animal to move about freely without posing a danger to the health of animals and can be maintained in a sanitary condition, reasonably free of animal waste and in accordance with the requirements of this Chapter;

(e) *Permit Conditions.* All permits are valid only for the persons and premises listed in the permit, and the specific animals approved by the Director at the time of application. Permits are not transferable to new locations or for interchanging animals. The Director may impose additional conditions, limitations or restrictions on the permit, including but not limited to, the right for Animal Control Officers to reasonably access the premises, at reasonable times and with reasonable notice, to inspect for compliance with this Section.

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(f) *Revocation.* The Director, or the Director's designee, may revoke a permit at any time before its expiration if:

- (1) Conditions at the premises are no longer reasonably adequate to support the number of animals authorized by the permit;
- (2) Owner fails to comply with any conditions, limitations, or restrictions specified in the permit; or
- (3) Owner is found to be in violation of any requirements of this Chapter.

(g) *Fees.* The permit holder must pay an annual permit fee of fifty dollars (\$50) for each animal over the limit of this Section.