

## What are the Rules Regarding Cats, Dogs and Rabbits?

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A City Animal Permit is not needed to keep dogs, cats and/or rabbits.

### Cats:

People living within the city limits of Hillsboro shall keep no more than **three** cats on their property, unless the cats are under four months of age and are the offspring of a resident female cat.

### Dogs:

People living within the city limits of Hillsboro shall keep no more than **three** dogs on their property unless the dogs are under six months of age and are offspring of a resident female dog.

### Rabbits:

People living within the city limits of Hillsboro shall keep no more than **four** rabbits on their property unless the rabbits are under eight weeks of age and are offspring of a resident female rabbit.

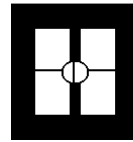
For more detailed information please refer to Hillsboro Municipal Code Chapter 6.20 ANIMALS which can be found online at: [www.ci.hillsboro.or.us](http://www.ci.hillsboro.or.us) under “City Codes” and Hillsboro Municipal Code.

## Can Bees be kept within the City limits of Hillsboro?

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Single family residential properties are eligible to keep up to 3 hives. Neighbor notification and a City Animal Permit are required. Hives shall be located 10 feet from property lines or 15 feet if there is no fence or hedge. Additional requirements can be found within the City Animal Permit.

Beekeeping cannot occur when a person who has a medically certified allergy to the sting of bees resides within three hundred feet of the hives/colonies.



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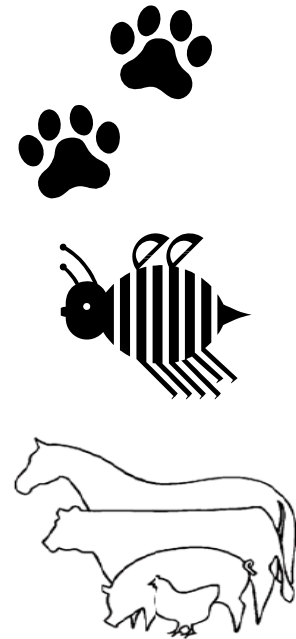
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## CITY OF HILLSBORO ANIMAL REGULATIONS

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## Are Kennels or Dog Daycare Facilities Allowed in the City?

The City of Hillsboro categorizes kennels or dog daycare within the definition of an *Animal Service Facility*: a commercial establishment primarily engaged in performing veterinary, boarding, grooming, training, and other services for domestic pets, primarily dogs and cats. Examples of animal service facilities include veterinary clinics, dog and cat day care facilities, dog training facilities, and overnight pet boarding. Outdoor facilities such as runs and exercise yards may or may not be included in the use, depending on the zoning. Please contact the Hillsboro Planning Department with questions or inquiries regarding animal service facilities.

### What is Livestock?

Hillsboro Municipal Code Chapter 6.20.070 divides livestock into three groups: Poultry, Miniature Livestock, and Standard Livestock.

### Can Livestock be kept within the City of Hillsboro?

A City Animal Permit is required to keep a limited number of poultry, miniature livestock or bee hives. Livestock eligible properties are categorized in the table. Additional requirements such as enclosure size and

location can be found within the City Animal Permit.

Livestock Categories	Maximum Number of Livestock Allowed on Single-Family Residential Property			Prohibited Livestock
	7,000 to 10,000 sq. ft.	Over 10,000 sq. ft. to 1 acre in area	Over 1 acre or larger in area	
Poultry	3	6	9	Peacocks, Peahens, Roosters, Geese, Turkeys, Male Poultry
Miniature Livestock	0	2	2	Uncastrated Males
Standard Livestock	0	0	0	All Types

### Where do I locate the Livestock Enclosure?

A poultry enclosure is required to be located in the backyard 10 feet from the property lines. A miniature livestock enclosure is required to be located in the backyard 15 feet from property lines.

Livestock Categories	Outdoor Portion of Animal Enclosure Minimum Square Footage
Poultry	20 square feet per animal
Miniature Livestock	1,000 square feet per animal

The indoor and outdoor portions of the animal enclosure shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition to prevent public health or nuisance issues such as odor.

### Who Reviews an Animal Permit?

Prior to keeping livestock or bees, the property owner needs to obtain an approved City Animal Permit. There is a nominal fee to review the application. Staff review can generally be completed over the counter, unless a site visit is required.

Future beekeepers need to complete a Beekeeping Notification process prior to applying for a City Animal Permit. There is a nominal fee to prepare the mailing labels and map for the applicant.

### What are the Rules for Newly Annexed Property?

Properties in unincorporated Washington County that annex into the City Limits of Hillsboro can keep any livestock that existed pre-annexation, and that are legally allowed under Washington County Code. Normal household pets are allowed outright. The property owner must 1) fill out the livestock section of the annexation application indicating the numbers and types of livestock currently on the property to be annexed and 2) apply for a City Animal Permit.