



Wild Animal License for Clark County

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CLARK COUNTY
WASHINGTON

CODE ADMINISTRATION
ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL

Species of animal(s): _____

Number of animals: _____

Gender: _____ Age: _____ Weight: _____

Owner/custodian of animals

Name: _____

Home address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Business name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Description of animal(s):

Address where animal(s) will be located:

Detailed description of enclosure animal(s) will be kept in:

The purpose of maintaining this animal(s):

Is the property that said animal(s) is located on, owned or rented by the animal owner/custodian?

Do you have liability insurance, or a surety bond, to insure you for any personal injuries inflicted by the animal(s)?

The animal(s) primary veterinarian

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Vaccinations required and dates of vaccinations:

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8.01.020 Definitions

(30) "wild animal" means any animal, except livestock and domesticated animals, which due to its size, habits, natural propensities, training or instinct presents a danger or potential danger to human beings, animals, or property.

8.07.300 Wild Animal License

It is unlawful for any person to bring into the county, or to keep or harbor within the county, any wild animal as defined in Section 8.01.020 unless a license to do so shall have been first obtained from the animal control department.

Wild animal license applications shall contain a description of the place where the wild animal or animals are to be temporarily or permanently quartered. If it appears from an inspection by the animal control department that such quarters are of a size large enough to comfortably contain the animals and are sufficiently secure that the animals to be kept therein will not escape, the department shall issue a wild animal license upon payment of a fee of one hundred dollars (\$100). The quarters wherein such animals are kept shall be subject to inspection upon reasonable notice.

If such animal escapes, or if it appears from such inspection or otherwise that such animal might escape, an order may be given by the department that such quarters be immediately repaired or improved and, if this is not done, the animal may be impounded as provided herein and thereafter humanely destroyed, subject to an appeal pursuant to the appeal procedures of section 8.19.080; provided, that such appeal shall be filed no later than the end of the next business day following impoundment.

Licenses issued under this section shall be valid for one (1) year. This section shall not apply to the uninterrupted transport of wild animals through the county by train or truck. Any person licensed under this section shall at all times keep convenient to the quarters where the wild animal is being kept the appropriate equipment as determined by the animal control department to aid in the capture of the animal were it to escape. (*Sec. 8 of Ord. 1987-11-37*)

8.19.080 Appeals

(1) Any person appealing a determination under this title shall file in writing with the director of the animal control department and within thirty (30) days, or the period otherwise provided in this title, of the notice of adverse action, a written appeal containing:

- (a) The names of all appellants participating in the appeal;
- (b) A brief statement setting forth the action protested and reasons why it is claimed the protested action should be reversed, modified or otherwise set aside;
- (c) The signatures of all parties named as appellants and their official mailing addresses;
- (d) The verification (by declaration under penalty of perjury) of at least one (1) appellant as to the truth of the matters stated in the appeal.

(2) Upon filing an appeal, a place and time for hearing shall be set by the director of the animal control department. If, for whatever reason, the appellant is unable to attend the hearing on the date set by the director of the animal control department, the hearing may be rescheduled one (1) time only, only if such a request is received prior to three (3) working days before the hearing date. Failure to provide three (3) working days' notice of request for cancellation, and subsequent failure to attend the hearing, will result in the assessment of costs related to the conducting of the hearing in addition to civil penalty as stated on the Notice of Violation. Additional rescheduling of appeals may only occur upon payment of a fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35) related to the cost of the conducting of the hearing.

(3) Failure of any person to file an appeal in accordance with this section, or failure of any person who has filed an appeal to attend the scheduled hearing, shall constitute a waiver of his right to an administrative hearing and the actions of the Animal Control Officer(s) will be upheld. In the event of any person who has filed an appeal but fails to attend the scheduled hearing, the costs related to the scheduling of the hearing will be assessed him in addition to the civil penalty(ies) as stated on the Notice of Violation.

(4) Enforcement of any violation notice issued under this chapter shall be stayed during the pendency of an appeal, except the impoundment of an animal which is vicious or cruelly treated.

(5) For the purpose of deciding appeals under this chapter, the Board of County Commissioners may designate the hearings officer (section 8.19.170), the advisory board, or a subcommittee of the advisory board as provided for in section 8.01.030, as an appeal hearings tribunal.

(6) The Board or its appointed hearings tribunal shall have the power and authority to make all final determinations in matters brought before it under this title including the authority to alter, modify, reverse or affirm the violations appealed from. The director of the animal control department and his officers shall have the burden of proving the violation, which burden shall be met by a preponderance of the evidence.

(7) A copy of the final order shall be mailed to the appellants within three (3) days, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, following the entering of a written order under this section.

(8) An order by the hearing authority relating to an appeal under this section shall be final and conclusive unless within ten (10) days from the date thereof any party of record makes application to a court of competent jurisdiction.

(9) A person may not appeal those Notices of Violation issued for unlicensed pets (Sections 8.07.010 and 8.07.200); determination of these violations may be resolved as set forth in Section 8.19.070(2). *(Sec. 1 of Res. 1981-04-108; amended by Sec. 32 of Res. 1984-12-65; amended by Sec. 20 of Ord. 1985-12-06; amended by Sec. 24 of Ord. 1987-11-37)*

