

Pets and Other Kept Animals

The City has specific rules regarding types and numbers of pets that may be kept in the City. Dogs, cats, and birds come to mind as well as fish and other terrarium/aquarium type creatures. Goats, horses, cows, sheep, pigs (even potbellied pigs), chickens, turkeys, bees, llamas, alpacas and peacocks are considered farm animals. While bees, chickens, or working goats only require an administrative permit, all other farm animals require special City Council approval. See the City website to find available permits. A general rule might be that animals that could be kept inside your home 100% of the time may be considered a pet while creatures that require outside accommodations, a shed to live in, or a fenced pasture are farm animals.

There is no pet licensing by the City. The City encourages taking good care of your pets so that you can enjoy them as they live long and prosper. If you are out walking your pet along the street, please pick up the droppings. We have many folks who like to get some outdoor time and exercise by walking or running, and they greatly appreciate friends who clean up after their pets in our public spaces. Bagging your dog's droppings and then tossing the bag along the street or trail does not count as picking up after your pet.

Pets are welcome in our city parks and must always be under direct control. This means that most of the time dogs must be on a leash when out for a walk with you.