



Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning



Planning for the Challenges Ahead

ANIMAL PERMIT INFORMATION

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 22.152 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY ZONING CODE

The Animal Permit is established to permit the keeping and maintaining as a pet or for the personal use of members of the family residing on the premises, of:

- (a) Wild or domestic animals not specifically classified which will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare, or
- (b) Domestic or wild animal exceeding the number permitted, or on lots or parcels of land having less than the area required, which will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of such site.

The Animal Permit application is a request for a discretionary action which requires public hearing as well as the notification of adjacent property owners, the County Department of Animal Care and Control, and the County Department of Public Health pursuant to Section 22.152.020 and Chapter 22.228 of the County Code. The Hearing Officer makes findings and a decision regarding the application and may impose any conditions deemed necessary. An appeal of the Hearing Officer's determinations may be made to the Regional Planning Commission per Section 22.222.230 and 22.228.070 of the County Code.

Applications for any live cat (Family *Felidae*), require a valid permit approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Applications nearby sensitive uses, such as schools or hospital, are also subject to the following requirements pursuant to the County Health Code, Ordinance No. 7583, Chapter VII:

Sec. 608. Domestic Animals. A person shall not keep any animal, fowl or bird, wild or domestic, other than cats, dogs, and canaries, or birds of the *psittacine* family within thirty-five (35) feet of any restaurant, food establishment, residence, or dwelling, or other building used for the habitation of human beings, or within one hundred (100) feet of any school buildings, hospital building, or similar institution building. It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain a premise, yard, coop, or building in which fowl or animals are maintained in a foul or unsanitary condition. The provisions of this Section regarding distances shall not apply to accredited laboratories regulated by the State Department of Public Health.