

Exhibit C: Recommended Amendments to the Redmond Municipal Code

Portions of Chapter 7.04

ANIMAL CONTROL*

Sections:

- [7.04.001 Code and Law.](#)
- [7.04.005](#) King County chapters adopted by reference.
- [7.04.010](#) —
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- [7.04.160](#) —
- [7.04.600](#) *Repealed.*

*Prior legislation: Ords. 669, 721, 744, 852, 874, and 1041. Animal fee schedules are on file in the City Clerk's office.

[7.04.001 Code and Law.](#)

[\(1\) No portion of this chapter shall be deemed to be exclusive or exhaustive in reference to animal control and shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions. Animal control codes and laws provided by King County and Washington State shall apply.](#)

7.04.005 King County chapters adopted by reference.

(1) The following chapters of the King County Code are hereby adopted by reference, as the same have been amended by King County Ordinance No. 16861, and as they may be amended hereafter:

- Chapter 11.04 Animal Control and Care Regulations, with the exceptions established in subsections (2) through (8) of this section
- Chapter 11.12 Rabies Control
- Chapter 11.20 Disposition of Fowl and Rabbits
- Chapter 11.24 Stock Restricted Area
- Chapter 11.28 Exotic Animals
- Chapter 11.32 Guard Dogs

(2) KCC 11.04.010(B) shall provide that if there is a conflict between a provision of this chapter and a provision of the Redmond Municipal Code, the provision in the Redmond Municipal Code shall control.

(3) All references in Chapter 11.04 KCC to Title 21A, which utilize Title 21A's limits for the number of dogs and cats that may be kept in dwelling units as thresholds for certain licensing requirements, shall be replaced with references to RMC [7.04.152](#).

(4) KCC 11.04.050(A) shall provide that the applicant for an original animal shelter, cattery, pet shop, grooming service, or kennel license shall present to the regional animal services section a written statement from the city planning department that the establishment of the animal shelter, cattery, pet shop, grooming service, or kennel at the proposed site is not in violation of the city zoning code, or has a legal nonconforming zoning status, or a conditional use permit has been issued for the intended use.

(5) KCC 11.04.050(B) shall provide that shelters, catteries, pet shops, grooming services, and kennels shall comply with the licensing requirements of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health. Subject to applicable restrictions in the city's zoning code, the facilities may board animals as authorized by their Seattle-King County Department of Public Health license.

(6) KCC 11.04.290(A)(3) shall provide that failure to comply with any requirement prescribed by the manager in accordance with this section constitutes a misdemeanor. Such an animal shall not be kept in the city after forty-eight hours after receiving written notice from the manager. Such an animal or animals found in violation of this section shall be impounded and disposed of as an unredeemed animal and the owner or keeper of the animal or animals has no right to redeem the animal or animals.

(7) KCC 11.04.290(B)(2) shall provide that any animal that bites, attacks or attempts to bite one or more persons two or more times within a two-year period is declared to be a public nuisance and shall not be kept within the city forty-eight hours after receiving written notice from the manager. Such an animal or animals found in violation of this section shall be impounded and disposed of as an unredeemed animal, and the owner or keeper of the animal or animals has no right to redeem the animal.

(8) KCC 11.04.510 shall provide that no person within the city shall publish or advertise to King County residents the availability of any unaltered cat or dog unless the publication or advertisement includes: the unaltered animal's license number or the animal's juvenile license number; provided, however, that nothing in this chapter shall prohibit licensed breeders from advertising in national publications for sale of a planned litter or litters. (Ord. 2536 § 2, 2010).

[7.04.151 Animal Structures and Runs.](#)

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(a) Suitable Animal Structures and Runs. A suitable structure and associated run shall provide accommodation, environment, and security of animals at a standard that ensures their safety and wellbeing.

(b) Food Storage. Animal food shall be secured in a manner not to attract rodents.

7.04.152 Animal Slaughter.

(a) Animal Slaughter in Single-Family Residential Zones. Animals, in any amount greater than one within a twenty-four-hour period, shall not be slaughtered in Single-Family Residential Zones. Adequate measures such as arrangement with mobile slaughter unit or veterinary service shall be taken to slaughter any more than one animal within a twenty-four-hour period outside of any City of Redmond Residential zone.

7.04.153 Household pets.

(a) Types. Household pets include animals such as dogs, cats, hamsters, nonvenomous snakes, birds and rabbits. MChickens, mink, and both large and small domestic animals are excluded.

(b) Limitation. Each dwelling unit and the accompanying lot or common area is limited to three household pets plus one unweaned litter produced by any of the pets, provided, that this limitation shall not apply to gerbils, hamsters, birds and nonvenomous snakes.

(c) Shelter. Household pets shall be sheltered in the dwelling unit or in a suitable and clean structure located within the building setback lines of the accompanying lot. (Ord. 1442 § 3, 1988).

7.04.154 Beekeeping.

Beekeeping, where permitted, is subject to the following requirements:

(a) No more than four hives per lot shall be allowed in areas zoned R-1, R-2, or R-3, and no more than two hives per lot shall be allowed in areas zoned R-4, R-5 or R-6, provided, that a beekeeper who picks up a swarm of bees may hold them for a period of no more than two weeks, notwithstanding the provisions of this section.

(b) Colonies shall be maintained in small movable frame hives.

(c) Adequate space shall be maintained in the hives to prevent overcrowding and swarming.

(d) Colonies shall be requeened with a young hybrid queen annually, or as often as necessary to prevent any swarming or aggressive behavior.

(e) All colonies shall be registered with the Washington State Department of Agriculture in accordance with apiary law, RCW 15.60.030.

(f) Hives shall not be located within twenty-five feet of any property line, except under the following conditions:

(1) When situated eight feet or more above adjacent ground level; or

(2) When there is a solid fence at least six feet high separating the hive from the property line, extending at least twenty feet from the hive along the property line in both directions.

(g) Bees living in trees, buildings or any other space (except in movable frame hives), abandoned colonies or diseased bees shall constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated, as set forth in this chapter. (Ord. 1442 § 4, 1988).

7.04.156 Small domestic animals.

(a) Types. Small domestic animals (mammals and fowl) include rabbits, ducks, geese, swans, ~~chickens~~ and other similar animals unless otherwise specified. MChickens, mink, hogs, large domestic animals and household pets are excluded.

(b) Limitations. In residential-Single-Family districts and Urban Recreation zones, no more than ten small domestic animals may be kept on a minimum lot size of one-half acre. ~~In A and C the districts~~ On publicly-owned park properties, there shall be no limit on the number of small domestic animals kept provided that section 7.04.151 Suitable Animal Structures and Runs requirements are met.

(c) Shelter. Small domestic animals shall be sheltered in a suitable, clean structure which shall be located at least thirty feet away from any property line.

(d) On publicly-owned park properties, there shall be no minimum setback for existing structures provided that section 7.04.151 Suitable Animal Structures and Runs requirements are met.

~~(e)~~ Confinement. Adequate measures shall be taken to provide safety for the animals and to prevent them ~~animals~~ from straying onto adjacent property.

(f) Animal Waste. Adequate measures shall be taken to properly dispose of animal wastes. Accumulation of animal waste shall be prohibited from being stored within the required thirty-foot animal shelter setback.

7.04.157 Chickens.

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(a) Types. Female chickens, pullets, or hens. Water fowl including ducks, geese, and swans, and other fowl are excluded from this section.

(b) Limitations.

(1) Female chickens, pullets or hens, hereby referred to as chickens, are allowed in Single-Family zones, the Urban Recreation zone, and on publicly-owned park properties.

(2) In Single-Family and Urban Recreation zones, no more than one chicken per 1,000 square feet of the average minimum lot size per the respective underlying zone up to a maximum of eight chickens may be kept.

(3) On publicly-owned park properties, there shall be no limit on the number of chickens kept provided that section 7.04.151 Suitable Animal Structures and Runs requirements are met.

(c) Shelter and Run.

(1) Chickens shall be sheltered in a suitable, clean structure which shall be located no less than fifteen feet from any property line.

(2) On publicly-owned park properties, there shall be no minimum setback for existing structures provided that section 7.04.151 Suitable Animal Structures and Runs requirements are met.

(3) Chicken shelter, run, and other structures such as feed storage shall not be located in the front yard and shall be screened at a minimum of Type II – Visual Screen (RZC 21.32 Landscaping) from adjoining streets and access corridors.

(4) RZC 21.08.230 Accessory Structures shall apply to chicken shelter, run, and other structures.

(5) A chicken run is an enclosed outside yard for keeping chickens.

(d) Confinement. Adequate measures shall be taken to provide safety for the chickens and to prevent them from straying onto adjacent property.

(e) Animal Waste. Adequate measures shall be taken to properly dispose of animal wastes. Accumulation of animal waste shall be prohibited from being stored within the required fifteen-foot animal shelter setback.

7.04.158 Large domestic animals.

(a) Types. Large domestic animals include horses, cattle, sheep, goats, ponies, oxen and other similar size animals unless otherwise specified. ~~M~~Chickens, mink, household pets and small domestic animals are excluded.

(b) Shelter. Large domestic animals shall be sheltered in suitable, clean structures. Structures, confinement and feeding areas associated with large domestic animals shall be located at least thirty feet away from any property line.

(c) On publicly-owned park properties, there shall be no minimum setback for existing structures provided that section 7.04.151 Suitable Animal Structures and Runs requirements are met.

~~(d)~~ Limitations. ~~The~~ In Single-Family and Urban Recreation zones, the minimum land area required to maintain any large domestic animal shall be one acre, or the sum of the required land areas for each animal as listed below, whichever is greater. On publicly-owned park properties, there shall be no limit on the number of large domestic animals kept provided that section 7.04.151 Suitable Animal Structures and Runs requirements are met.:

(1) Cattle, pigs or oxen, one acre each;

(2) Horses or ponies, one-half acre each;

(3) Sheep, goats or llamas, one-quarter acre each; provided, that unweaned young will not be counted.

Example 1: The minimum land area required to maintain one goat and one horse shall be one acre. Though the sum of one-quarter acre for the goat, and one-half acre for the horse equals three-quarters acre, the minimum land area to house any large domestic animal is one acre.

Example 2: The minimum land area to maintain one pig, one horse and two sheep is two acres. This sum is reached by adding one acre for the pig, one-half acre for the horse and one-quarter acre for each of the two sheep.

(ed) Confinement. Adequate measures shall be taken to prevent animals from straying onto adjacent property. See Redmond Zoning Code Section 21.24.050, Electric, Barbed Wire and Swimming Pool Fences.

(fe) Adequate measures shall be taken to properly dispose of animal wastes. Accumulation of animal waste shall be prohibited from being stored within the required thirty-foot animal shelter setback. (Ord. 2596 § 2 (part), 2011; Ord. 1442 § 6, 1988).