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CHAPTER 7.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS

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All statutes of King County Code Title 11, as now in effect or as may be subsequently amended or recodified, are hereby adopted by reference.

(Ord. 2698 §4, 2023)

CHAPTER 7.05 LIVESTOCK, SMALL ANIMALS AND FOWL

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7.05.010 Chapter compliance required

It is unlawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation to keep or maintain livestock, small animals or fowl within the City limits, except as provided in this chapter and TMC Title 18. If there is a conflict between a provision of this chapter and a provision in TMC Title 18, the provision in TMC Title 18 shall control.

(Ord. 2698 §6, 2023)

7.05.020 Livestock defined

“*Livestock*,” where used in this chapter, means and includes horses, mules, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats, llama, oxen and swine. “*Large livestock*,” where used in this chapter, means and includes cattle, goats, llama, oxen and swine. “*Small livestock*,” where used in this chapter, means and includes sheep and goats smaller than 24 inches at the shoulder and/or not more than 150 pounds in weight.

(Ord. 2698 §7, 2023)

7.05.030 Small animals and fowl defined

“*Small animals and fowl*,” where used in this chapter, means and includes rabbits, chinchillas, chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, peafowl and pigeons.

(Ord. 2698 §8, 2023)

7.05.040 Animals kept as pets

Dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, ferrets, fish, parrots, parakeets and similar animals kept as household pets within a dwelling unit will not be subject to the limitations of this chapter. Dogs and cats are regulated by TMC Section 7.01.010.

(Ord. 2698 §9, 2023)

7.05.050 Roosters prohibited

The keeping of roosters within the City limits is prohibited.

(Ord. 2698 §10, 2023)

7.05.060 Enclosure construction

All livestock, small animals and fowl shall be kept within an enclosure adequately built and maintained to prevent the livestock, small animals and fowl from breaking through, out, over or under the same. All pens, coops, hutches and housing of any kind used for the housing of livestock, small animals and fowl must be built to include siding or shakes or their equivalent, and must be painted or stained to appear presentable.

(Ord. 2698 §11, 2023)

7.05.070 Maintaining swine within City limits

Swine may be kept or maintained within the City limits provided they are kept within an enclosure as herein described, the outside limits of which shall be not less than 200 feet from the nearest residence.

(Ord. 2698 §12, 2023)

7.05.080 Minimum area for keeping animals

With the exception of chickens, no horses, mules, ponies, small livestock, small animals or fowl shall be kept on any property within the City limits where the parcel does not contain a minimum of 10,000 square feet of area, or other minimum area as set forth in this chapter. Chickens may be kept as an accessory to any legal use regardless of the area of the parcel. No large livestock shall be kept on any property within the City limits where the parcel does not contain a minimum of 43,560 square feet (one acre) of area. At least 20,000 square feet of pasture area is required for keeping a horse, mule or pony in the City.

(Ord. 2698 §13, 2023)

7.05.090 Number of animals per property area size

A. Small animals and fowl shall be permitted in numbers as follows:

1. Twelve rabbits, twelve chinchillas, twelve pigeons or any combination of rabbits, chinchillas or pigeons, not to exceed a total of twelve collectively, for 10,000 square feet of property.

2. The number of rabbits, chinchillas or pigeons may be increased by 1/10th for each additional 1,000 square feet of property.

3. Six geese, six ducks, six peafowls, six turkeys or any combination of geese, ducks or turkeys, not to exceed a total of six collectively for 10,000 square feet of property.

4. The number of geese, ducks, peafowls or turkeys may be increased 1/10th for each additional 1,000 square feet of property.

5. One chicken per every 1,000 square feet of property.

6. At no time shall the total number of small animals or fowl exceed a total of twelve for each 10,000 square feet of property.

B. Livestock shall be permitted in numbers as follows:

1. Not more than one horse, mule or pony for each 20,000 square feet of stable and pasture area, but not more than a total of two of the above-mentioned animals shall be allowed on the same lot.

2. Two large livestock for each 43,560 square feet (one acre) of property. Additional large livestock requires an additional 43,560 square feet (one acre) of property.

3. Not more than 3 small livestock for each 10,000 square feet of property, but not more than a total of 6 of the above-mentioned animals shall be allowed on the same lot.

(Ord. 2698 §14, 2023)

7.05.100 Distance from any dwelling

Enclosures for the housing of small animals and fowl shall be built and located not less than 10 feet from any dwelling and property line. The roaming area for the small animals and fowl shall be fenced and located not less than 10 feet from any dwelling.

(Ord. 2698 §15, 2023)

7.05.110 One building per parcel for housing

Not more than one building for the housing of livestock, small animals or fowl shall be allowed on any one parcel.

(Ord. 2698 §16, 2023)

7.05.120 Nuisance prohibited

No livestock, small animals or fowl shall be kept in such a manner that a condition resulting from same shall constitute a nuisance.

(Ord. 2698 §17, 2023)

7.05.130 Manure removal

A. All enclosures, confinement areas, and/or open run areas shall be kept clean. Provision shall be made for the removal of animal waste and food waste so that the areas are kept free from infestation of insects, rodents or disease, as well as to prevent obnoxious or foul odors. Animal waste shall be properly disposed of and any accumulated animal waste must not be stored within the parcel setback area. Any storage of animal waste must not constitute a nuisance.

B. Manure shall not be allowed to collect in any place where it can prejudicially affect any source of drinking water.

C. Manure, when used as a fertilizer, must be plowed or spaded under within 24 hours after application.

(Ord. 2698 §18, 2023)

7.05.140 Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officers for the City or any law enforcement officer shall be authorized to enforce this chapter, unless otherwise provided.

(Ord. 2698 §19, 2023)

7.05.150 Exemptions

A. Residents may keep all animals legally owned and kept prior to the effective date of this ordinance, provided they do not constitute a nuisance.

B. Any person, persons, firm or corporation who discontinues the keeping or reduces the number of livestock, small animals or fowl for a period of more than 90 days, or who sells or transfers his property, shall then become subject to all the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. 2698 §20, 2023)

CHAPTER 7.10

ANIMAL FECES

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7.10.010 Definitions

- A. "City" shall mean the City of Tukwila.
- B. "Owner" means any person, firm, corporation, organization or department having an interest in or right of possession to an animal, or having control, custody or possession of an animal, including temporary possession or possession by reason of the animal being seen residing consistently at a location.
- C. "Person" means any individual, partnership, firm, joint stock company, corporation, association, trust, estate, or other legal entity.

(Ord. 2698 §22, 2023)

7.10.020 Animal Feces – Unlawful Accumulation and Requirement for Removal

- A. It shall be a violation of this chapter for any owner to cause, permit or allow the accumulation of animal feces in any open area, run cage or yard wherein those animals are kept, or to fail to remove or dispose of feces at least once every seven days. The accumulation of animal feces in any quantity that constitutes a hazard to the health, safety or convenience of any persons, or that interferes with the use of or enjoyment of any neighboring property as a result of odors, visual blight, or attraction of insects or pests, constitutes a nuisance.
- B. It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to fail to remove and properly dispose of the fecal matter deposited by a dog or other animal in his or her possession on public property such as park property, school grounds, public rights-of-way, or public easements or on private property that does not belong to the animal's owner or the person currently in possession of the animal.
- C. Any law enforcement officer shall have the authority to issue civil infractions under this provision.

(Ord. 2698 §23, 2023)

7.10.030 Enforcement

- Code Enforcement Officers for the City or any law enforcement officer shall be authorized to enforce this chapter pursuant to the provisions in TMC Chapter 8.45.

(Ord. 2698 §24, 2023)