



City of Hillsdale
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Animal Keeping Permit

For Office Use Only	
Date Received:	
By:	
Amount Paid/Check #:	

Application Review Fee: \$25.00

Permit Cost: \$5.00

Animal Keeping Location:

Animal/Insect Type:

No. of Animals/Insect:

Owner Name:

Owner Address:

Owner Signature:

Date:

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Approved Denied

Police Chief Signature:

Date:

City Clerk Signature:

Date:



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ARTICLE IV. - KEEPING RESTRICTIONS

Sec. 4-101. - Compliance; exception.

It is unlawful for any person to harbor, keep, or suffer to be kept contrary to the provisions of this article and the applicable portions of chapter 36, pertaining to zoning, within the city for any purpose any live animals, birds, fowl or insects, whether domestic or wild, other than common house pets; provided, however, that offspring of animals, birds, or fowl kept on premises within the city pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this article shall be exempt from the provisions hereof for the six months immediately following their birth, and except as otherwise provided in this article.

Sec. 4-102. - Permit required.

No animals, birds, fowl, or insects shall be kept on any premises within the city without a permit therefor. A permit covering all such animals, birds, fowl, or insects as are on the premises on the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived or to be placed on the premises after the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived shall be issued by the city clerk upon compliance with all of the terms and provisions of chapter 36, pertaining to zoning, and upon payment of a fee as currently established or as hereafter adopted by resolution of the city council from time to time. Such permit shall be dated and shall expire at the end of one year whereupon it shall be necessary to renew same; provided, that prior to placing any additional animals, birds, fowl, or insects covered by the terms of this article upon any premises located within the city subsequent to the issuance of a permit under the provisions of this article, the person desiring to harbor, keep or permit the keeping of such additional animals, birds, fowl and insects shall make application for an amended permit, the amended permit to be issued upon compliance with all the terms and provisions of this article and applicable provisions of chapter 36 without cost to the applicant therefor and to expire on even date with the original permit issued.

Sec. 4-103. - Permit application.

- (a) Each application for an original or amended permit shall state the name and address of the applicant, the proposed location of the animals, fowl, birds, or insects and an accurate description of the kind and number of animals, fowl, birds, or insects to be kept or otherwise harbored thereon.
- (b) Each application shall be referred to the director of public safety, who shall cause an investigation and inspection to be made of the proposed site and who shall approve of the issuance of the requested permit or amended permit upon determining that the issuance thereof will not violate the terms and provisions of this article or the applicable provisions of chapter 36, and will not otherwise be unsanitary or dangerous to the health of any persons or person.

Sec. 4-104. - Permit for wild animals.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this article to the contrary, no captured wild animals such as bears, squirrels, raccoons, foxes, reptiles, or any other wild animal shall be permitted to be kept in the city without a special permit therefor to be granted by the city council upon such conditions as it deems expedient to protect the health and safety of the public, and without compliance to the applicable state statutes, rules and regulations.



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Sec. 4-105. - Permit for bees.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this article to the contrary, no permit shall be issued to any applicant for the keeping of bees or hives of bees where there are other occupied human habitations within a radius of 250 feet, unless the applicant shall have obtained the consent in writing of 90 percent of the residents within the 250-foot radius. The director of public safety may in his sole discretion refuse to approve the issuance of any permit when he deems the safety or health of the residents of the city will or may be endangered; provided, that the consent otherwise required pursuant to the terms of this section shall not apply to bees or hives of bees kept upon any premises located within the city upon the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived.

Sec. 4-106. - Permit for cattle, sheep, swine and horses.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this article to the contrary, no permit shall be issued to any applicant for the keeping in the city of cattle, oxen, sheep, goats, hogs, swine, horses, donkeys, or ponies when there are other occupied human residential habitations within a radius of 500 feet, unless the applicant shall have obtained the consent in writing of 75 percent of all the residents within the 500-foot radius. The director of public safety may in his sole discretion refuse to approve the issuance of a permit for the keeping of any of the aforesaid animals when, after proper investigation and report thereon, he determines and finds that the keeping of the cattle, oxen, goats, hogs, swine, sheep, horses, donkeys and ponies in an occupied residential area in the city would be unsanitary or unhygienic and/or for any reason unsafe or dangerous to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the city; provided, that the consent otherwise required pursuant to the terms of this section shall not apply to cattle, oxen, goats, hogs, swine, sheep, horses, donkeys and ponies kept upon any premises located within the city upon the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived.

Sec. 4-107. - Permit for birds, fowl and rabbits.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this article to the contrary, no permit shall be issued to any applicant for the keeping of four or more rabbits, chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, pigeons, or guinea hens where there are other occupied human habitations within a radius of 250 feet unless the consent in writing shall have been obtained of 75 percent of the residents within the 250-foot radius. The director of public safety may deny and refuse to approve the issuance of any permit if he determines the sanitary and hygienic condition of the proposed location unsafe or dangerous to the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the city; provided, however, no permit shall be required for the keeping of four or fewer of the animals or creatures enumerated in this section; provided further, that the consent otherwise required pursuant to the terms of this section shall not apply to the keeping of four or more rabbits, chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, pigeons or guinea hens kept upon any premises located within the city upon the effective date of the ordinance from which this article is derived.

Sec. 4-108. - Nuisance abatement.

The keeping of any animals, birds, fowl, or insects within the corporate limits of the city without compliance with the provisions of this article shall be and constitutes a nuisance. It shall be the duty of the director of public safety where any such nuisance as defined in this article is maintained or continued to give the owner or occupant of the premises 30 days' notice in writing



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thereof and if at the expiration of the period such nuisance is not abated, the director of public safety shall petition the county circuit court to declare the same a nuisance and order it abated in addition to any and all penalties provided in this article.

Sec. 4-109. - Running at large.

It is unlawful for any animals, birds, fowl, or insects covered by this article to run at large or to be allowed or permitted to run at large or be staked out within the city upon the streets, alleys, public places, or upon the private property of others without the written consent of the owner of such private property. Any cattle, horses, mules, sheep, swine, or goats found running at large shall be impounded and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the statutes of the state in such case made and provided.

State Law reference— Livestock running at large prohibited, MCL 433.51 et seq.

Secs. 4-110—4-140. - Reserved.