

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO FILE 18-1356
(Zoning and Building Committee 6/6/2018)**

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ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Appendix A, Zoning, Article 4 Residential Districts, Sections 4.1., 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.5A, 4.6, 4.7 and 4.8 of the Cook County Code shall be amended as follows:

8.7.7. PETS ~~ANIMALS~~. ~~Animals that are customarily kept for personal use or enjoyment. Pets are limited to a total of three adult animals and shall include but not be limited to domestic dogs, domestic cats, domestic tropical birds and rodents. For purposes of this ordinance, an animal shall be considered an adult when it reaches six months of age. In addition to the regulations below, the keeping of animals is subject to all applicable provisions of the Cook County Code of Ordinances, including but not limited to those contained within Chapter 10, Animals, and Chapter 38, Health and Human Services. For purposes of this ordinance, an animal shall be considered an adult when it reaches four (4) months of age. This provision shall not apply to veterinary clinics, animal hospitals or kennels.~~

A. Pets. Pets may be kept on any lot of residential use, provided that when kept outdoors, pets shall be housed in an adequate enclosure suitable for the confinement of such animals.

B. Livestock. **The keeping of livestock shall be limited to a minimum lot area of ½ acre;** livestock shall be kept in an adequate enclosure suitable for the confinement of such animals.

C. Horses. **The keeping of horses shall be limited to a minimum lot area of ½ acre;** horses shall be kept in an adequate enclosure suitable for the confinement of such animals. This section does not apply to “miniature horses,” which are subject to regulation as “pets” above.

D. Fowl. No more than twelve (12) fowls shall be kept when located on zoning lots of less than 1 acre; fowls shall be kept in an adequate enclosure suitable for the confinement of such animals.

E. Beekeeping. Bee colonies may be kept on residential and commercial zoning lots, provided they comply with the following regulations:

1. Colonies must be registered with the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

~~2. No more than four (4) colonies may be kept on any zoning lot.~~

3.2. An adequate water source shall be provided between March and November.

4.3. Apiaries shall be located in the rear of a zoning lot.

~~5.4.~~ Apiaries shall be setback no less than ten (10) feet from an abutting lot line.

~~6.5.~~ Apiaries shall be elevated a minimum of one (1) foot above grade.

~~7.6.~~ **When kept on zoning lots of less than ½ acre** apiaries shall be enclosed by a barrier of a minimum of six feet in height.

7. When located on zoning lots of less than ½ acre the keeping of bees shall be limited to a maximum of four (4) bee colonies.

F. Animal enclosures. Enclosures must meet the following requirements:

1. Enclosures shall comply with the setback requirements of the zoning district in which it is located.

2. Enclosures shall be structurally sound and kept in a state of good repair.

~~FG.~~ Exemptions. This section shall not apply to veterinary clinics, animal hospitals, kennels, zoos, or animal shelters.

Effective date: This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.