

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUE TO FILE 19-1648**  
**Zoning and Building Committee 7/24/2019**

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

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**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Appendix A, Zoning, Article 8, General Provisions, Section 8.7 of the Cook County Code shall be amended as follows:

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**8.7.7. ANIMALS.** 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 months of age.

A. Pets. Pets may be kept on any lot of residential use, provided that no more than three (3) adult pets shall be kept at any one residential unit and 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~~ five (5) acres; livestock shall be kept in an adequate enclosure suitable for the confinement of such animals. For the purposes of this section, fowls shall not be considered livestock.

C. Horses. The keeping of horses shall be limited to a minimum lot area of ~~½~~ three (3) acres; 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 12 fowls shall be kept when located on zoning lots of less than one acre;~~ Fowls shall be kept in an adequate enclosure suitable for the confinement of such animals.

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

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Appendix A, Zoning, Article 13, Administration and Enforcement, Sections 13.6 of the Cook County Code shall be amended as follows:

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**13.6.7. ACTION BY THE COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.**

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C. Variances forwarded to the Cook County Board of Commissioners for final decision shall be approved by a favorable vote of three-quarters of all members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners in cases where the Zoning Board of Appeals has not recommended approval of a proposed variance or where there has been a written protest filed against a proposed variance in accordance with Section 13.13 of this ordinance.

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Cook County that Chapter 38 Health and Human Services, Article 3, Section 38-54 of the Cook County Code shall be amended as follows:

**Sec. 38-54-Declared nuisance.**

- (17) To have more than three adult ~~companion animals~~ pets living at any one individual residential unit, unless permitted to do so pursuant to applicable law. ~~The term companion animal shall include domestic dogs, domestic cats, and ferrets.~~ For purposes of this article, an animal shall be considered an adult when it reaches four months of age.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall be in effect immediately upon adoption.