

CITY OF JOBURG – BYLAWS –

KEEPING OF ANIMALS

Part 1: General provisions relating to the keeping of animals

Application of Chapter 118.

(3) No person may, subject to the provisions of section 121, keep or allow to be kept, any animal other than an approved pet on an erf in a proclaimed township, provided the keeping of such pet does not create or constitute a nuisance.

Part 4: Keeping of poultry

Application 124. The provisions of sections 126(d), (f), (g) and 127(e), do not apply to any person keeping ten or less poultry.

Permit requirement 125.

No person may keep more than 10 poultry on an erf in a proclaimed township or 100 poultry on premises zoned for agricultural purposes except in terms of a permit authorising that activity.

Part 5: Keeping of rabbits

Application 128.

The provisions of sections 130(b), (c), (d), (f) and (g), and 131(d), (f) and (g), do not apply to any person keeping ten or less rabbits.

Permit requirements 129.

No person may keep more than 5 adult rabbits on an erf in a proclaimed township or more than 20 adult rabbits on premises zoned for agricultural purposes, except in terms of a permit authorising that activity.

Part 6: Keeping of birds other than poultry

Requirements for the premises 132. No person may keep any bird, other than poultry, in an aviary which does not comply with the following requirements:

- (a) the aviary must be constructed of durable rodent-proof material;
- (b) adequate access must be provided for cleaning purposes;
- (c) if the aviary is constructed above ground level, its base must be constructed of an impervious and durable material and must be situated a minimum of 300 mm above ground level;
- (d) the aviary may not be situated within three metres of any building or structure, boundary fence or boundary wall; and
- (e) a water supply adequate for drinking and cleaning purposes must be situated in or next to every aviary.

Duties of keepers of aviaries 133.

Any person who keeps birds in an aviary must –

- (a) ensure that the aviary and the premises are kept in a clean condition and free from pests;
- (b) provide and use rodent-proof facilities for the storage of bird food; and

(c) ensure that the birds do not disturb the comfort, convenience, peace or quiet of the public.

Part 9: Keeping of wild animals

Requirements for the premises 139.

No person may, without the approval of the relevant nature conservation authorities, keep wild animals on premises in a proclaimed township.

70 Dangerous animals.

(1) No person may without a permit issued by an environmental health officer, keep any wild animal of a species that is dangerous to humans, including and without limitation, large carnivores, venomous snakes, spiders or scorpions.

71 Keeping of and slaughtering animals for religious and ceremonial purposes.

(1) Any person who keeps an animal prior to slaughtering it for any religious or ceremonial purposes, must comply with the provisions of this Chapter applicable to the animal concerned.

(2) A person intending to slaughter an animal in any place other than in a recognised abattoir must

- (a) notify the Council in writing, fourteen days prior to the event;
- (b) slaughter the animal in a position where the slaughtering cannot be observed by any person on neighbouring premises or any member of the public;
- (c) use the meat derived from the slaughtered animal solely for the purposes of the religious or ceremonial feast;
- (d) handle the meat in a hygienic manner at all times;
- (e) dispose of any portions of the animal which are not used or consumed, in a manner which will not become a public health hazard or public health nuisance; and
- (f) not keep such animal prior to slaughtering for a period in excess of 24 hours.

WKRAA requests that a 5-day pre-notification be made to us as a matter of courtesy.

**The above are excerpts from the relevant COJ By Laws by WKRAA
For other animals and full requirements consult City of Joburg webpage.**