

Animal Permitting Proposed Code Revisions



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Current Picture

- Permits required for certain animals
 - Currently required
 - City Health Code 221.05 (in place for approx. 23 years)
 - Dangerous/Wild Animals covered in Ohio Revised Code
- Approximately 140 requests in 2014
- In total, 77 permits have been issued since 2010



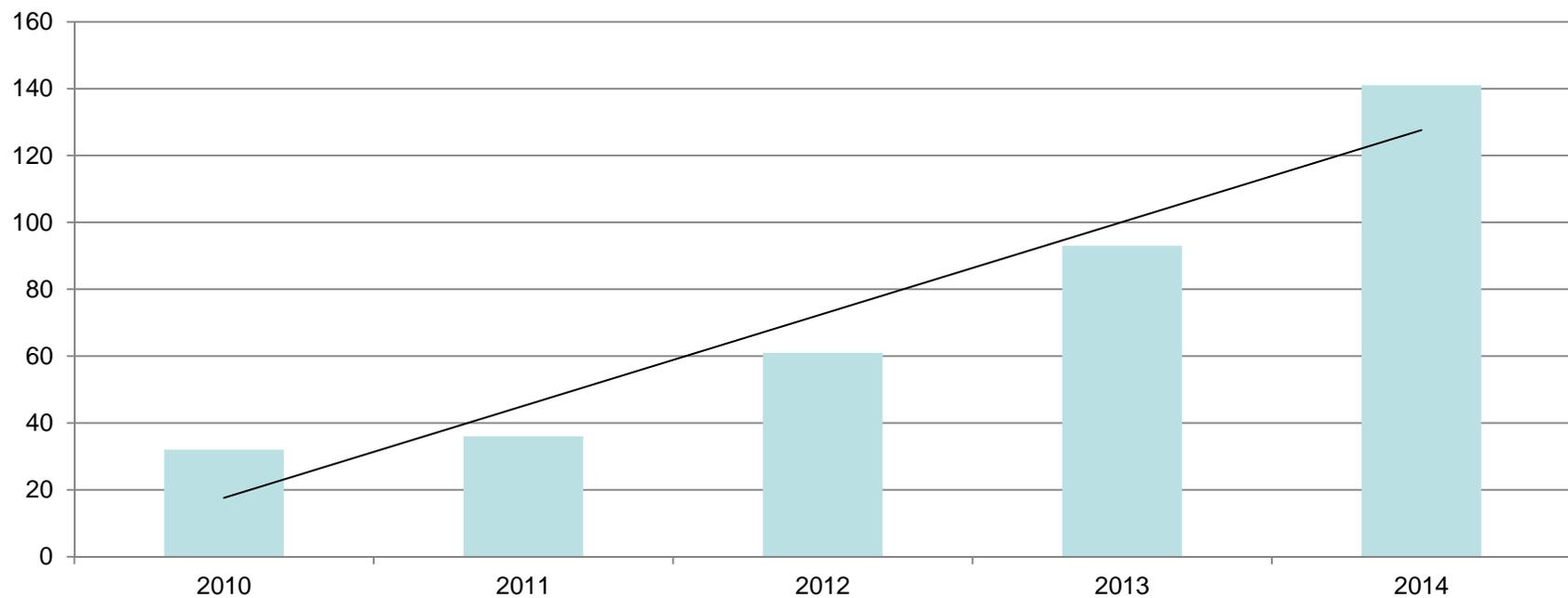
Why?

- **Public Health**
 - There are more than 100 fungal, bacterial, viral, and protozoal diseases transmitted to humans from animals
- **Public Safety**
 - Injuries, including severe injuries and death, can occur when handling farm animals, especially large animals
- **Animal Welfare and Cruelty**
 - Our goal is to meet industry welfare criteria and avoid cruelty conditions by utilizing published industry regulations and farm animal standards



Trends

Animal Permit Requests/Complaints 2010-2014



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Animals Regulated

- Fowl (chickens)
 - Majority of requests
- Large animals
 - Horses, moose, cattle
- Other farm animals
- Not regulated: Dangerous Wild Animals / Dogs / Cats / Ferrets



What's Changed?

- Codifies standards
 - Codified existing standards; *Standards Relative to Animals* as has been published on our website for many years; adds components for coop/run size and number of animals
- Various permit types, annual inspection, fee collection



What Hasn't Changed

- Requirement of a permit
- Responsibilities for waste management, confinement
- Must not create an environmental or public health problem
 - Odors, insects, noise, other vectors for disease



Permit Categories

- Individual owner
- Individual owner, large animal
- Business
- Public contact temporary
- Public contact mobile



General Permit Standards

- Exemptions
- Vet examination
- General waste management
- Structural evaluation
- Noisy animals prohibited



Fowl Permit Standards

- Impervious material (e.g., stall mats, pavers, blocks, bricks, treated wood, covered wood, concrete, blacktop, etc.) for pens, enclosures
- Coop and run location
 - No front or side yard
- Rodent proof pen, run, coop
- Free roaming
- Coop size and design



Coop Size and Design

- Maximum 64 sq ft for coop and run
- Maximum 32 sq ft for coop
- The size of coop and run will dictate the number of fowl one can possess



*Minimum Spacing Requirements

| TYPE OF BIRD | MINIMUM SPACE REQUIREMENTS | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | AREA IN SQ. FT. PER BIRD INSIDE COOP | AREA IN SQ. FT. PER BIRD - OUTSIDE RUN |
| Bantam Chickens | 1 | 4 |
| Laying Hens | 1.5 | 8 |
| Large Chickens | 2 | 10 |
| Ducks | 3 | 15 |
| Pigeons | 2 | N/A |
| Quail | 1 | 4 |
| Pheasant | 5 | 25 |
| Other Birds | To be determined by species, estimated/actual adult size, cruelty, and industry standards | To be determined by species, estimated/actual adult size, cruelty, and industry standards |

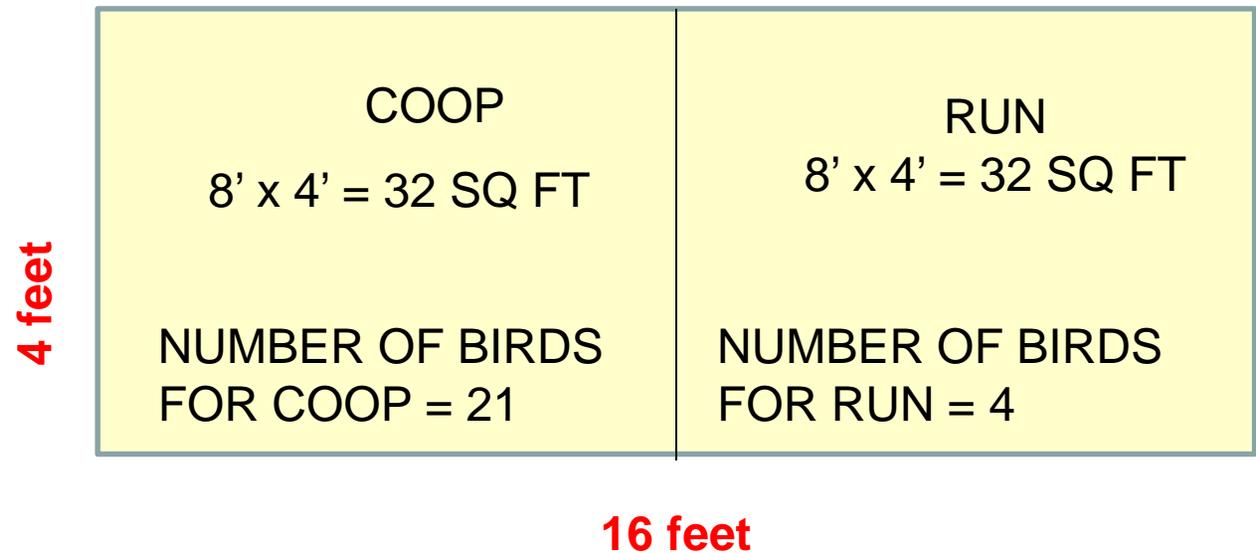
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Number of Laying Hens Allowed = 4



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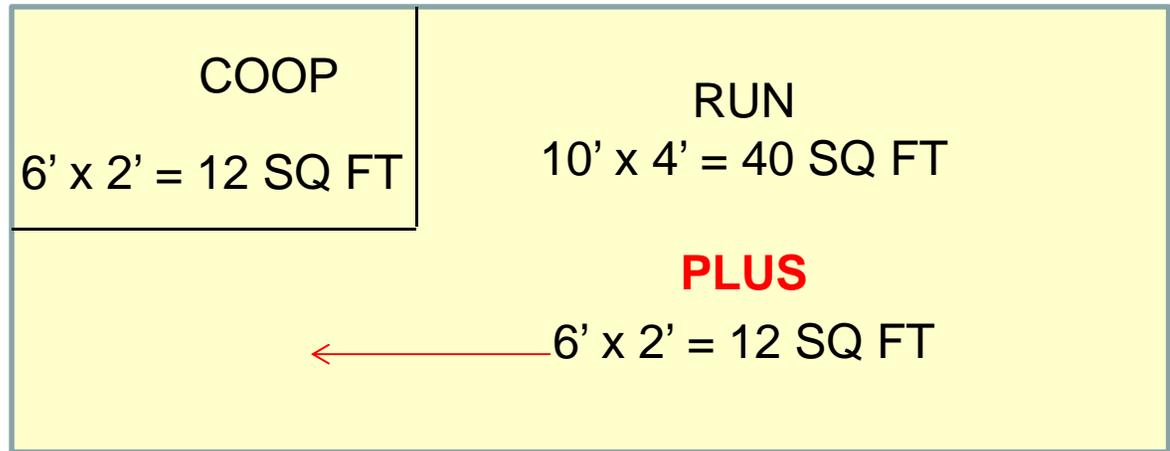


Number of Laying Hens Allowed = 7

NUMBER OF BIRDS FOR COOP = 8



4 feet



RUN TOTAL = 52 SQ FT

16 feet

NUMBER OF BIRDS FOR RUN = 6.5

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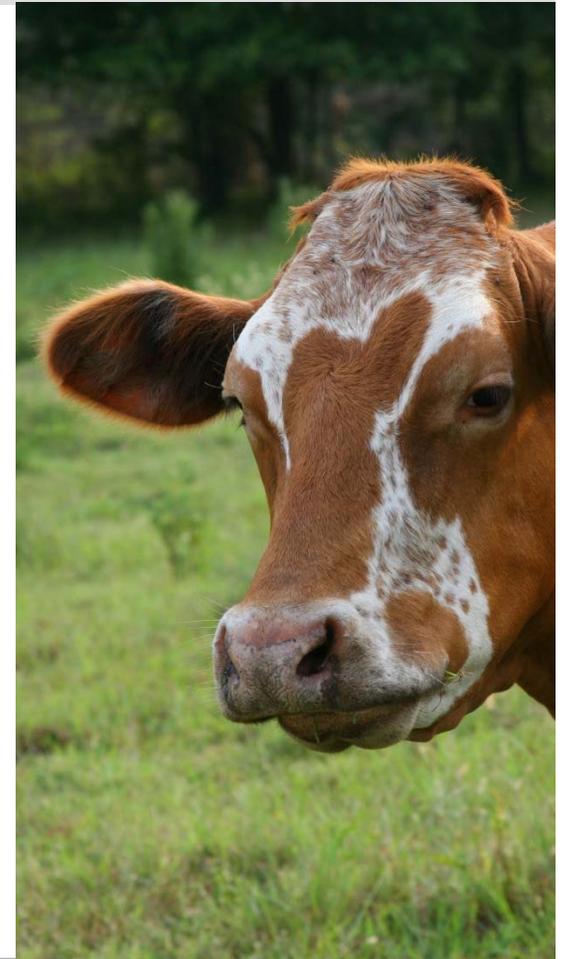


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Definitions

- **Large animal**
- Business
- Public contact mobile venue
 - More than 12/year...(e.g. mobile petting zoos/pony parties)
- Public contact temporary venue
 - No more than 12/year, no more than 7 consecutive days



Large Animals

- Fencing
- Building and Zoning service approval
- Must have adequate shelter
- Stable requirements
 - Must drain to sanitary sewer
- Land requirements
 - ½ acre per large animal**
- Insurance

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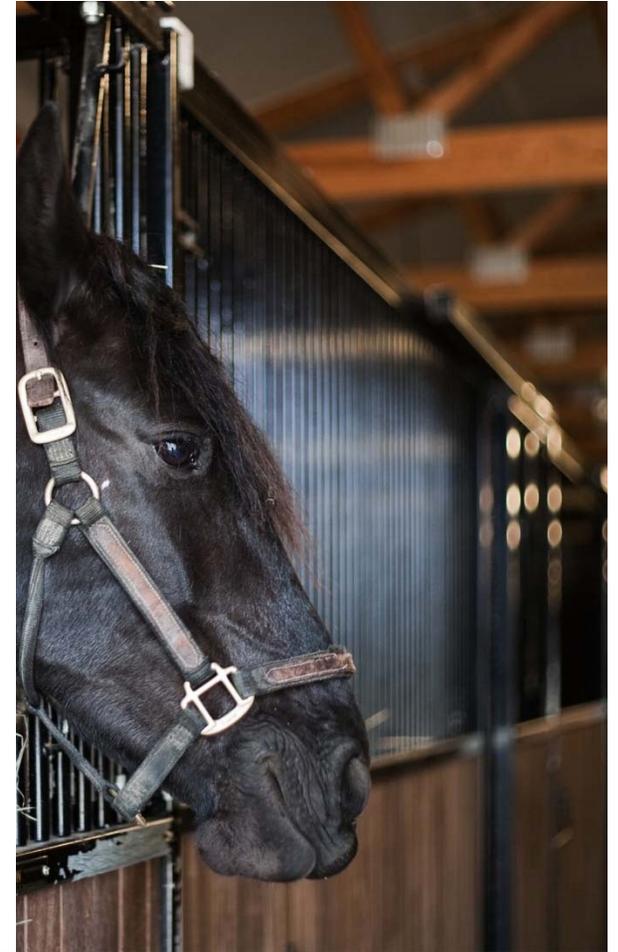


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Business

- Adequate barriers
- Record keeping
- Handwashing requirements
- Lighting
- Quarantine/isolation procedures
- Insurance
 - \$1,000,000 for bodily injury, death or damage to property



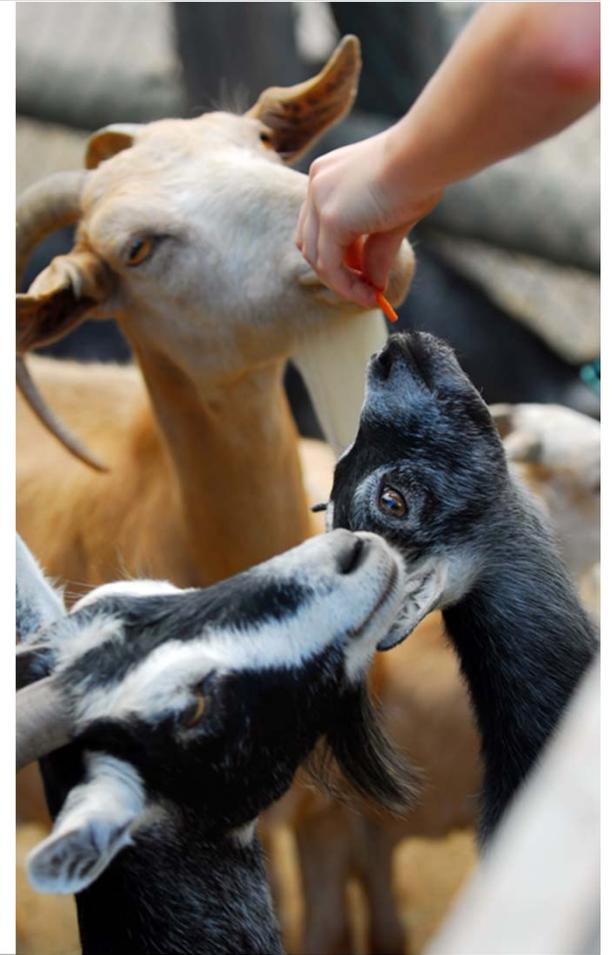
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Temporary Public Contact

- Handwashing
- Limitation on numbers of permits
- Insurance
- Periodic Inspections conducted



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Mobile Public Contact

- Traveling petting zoo
- Inspection at first stop, periodic inspections afterwards
- Same requirements as temporary
- Must provide schedule of events



Permit Process

- Plan review
 - Completed plan review form (one time fee)
 - Fee
 - Design of caging/confinement
 - Written Cleaning and disinfection schedule
 - Written document outlining proper care and knowledge



Permit Process

- Initial permit
 - Includes inspections of property for verification
- Permit renewal
 - Permits expire annually
 - Renewal in February (application plus fee)
 - Applications will be mailed in January and will be available online at CPH website



Fees

| ANIMAL PERMIT FEES | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | INDIVIDUAL | INDIVIDUAL- LARGE ANIMAL | BUSINESS | PUBLIC CONTACT- TEMPORARY | PUBLIC CONTACT- MOBILE |
| ONE-TIME PLAN REVIEW FEE | \$50 | \$50 | \$50 | N/A | N/A |
| 4 YEAR ANIMAL "FOWL" FEE | \$150 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| PER EVENT ANIMAL FEE | N/A | N/A | N/A | \$30 | N/A |
| BUSINESS ANNUAL FEE | N/A | N/A | \$125 | N/A | \$125 |
| LARGE ANIMAL ANNUAL FEE | N/A | \$125 | N/A | N/A | N/A |



Inspection

- Inspections conducted once during permit period or in response to complaint
- May remove animals during inspection if warranted
 - Animals or humans in imminent danger



Other Requirements

- Allowance of entry to ensure compliance
- Changes to permit
- Storage of food
- Must not create nuisance
- Limitation on number of animals
- Sick animals



Grandfathering Provisions

- Rodent proofing of coops, pens, enclosures
 - If application made prior to effective date, will not have to rodent proof unless a rodent problem is discovered and verified by staff
- Spacing requirements for fowl
 - If application made prior to effective date, will not have to meet the spacing and size requirements, unless the conditions are creating an environmental or public health problem or an animal welfare/cruelty situation



Next Steps

- Columbus Public Health accepting public comments
- Comments will be evaluated and considered for changes to the draft rules
- Send comments to lkjacobs@columbus.gov

