

221.05 STANDARDS RELATIVE TO ANIMALS

(a) Definitions

- 1) "Animal" shall mean any animal, other than man.
- 2) "Business" shall mean animal dealers, hatcheries, stores, exhibitors, operators of auction sales, brokers, handlers, and/or carriers involved in the purchasing, selling, negotiating, soliciting, reselling, exchanging, trading, transferring, exhibiting, boarding, riding and/or giving away of domestic animals requiring a permit as defined in this chapter. Business shall also include any operation that advertises the sale of eggs, animal products, or animal by-products resulting from the keeping of domestic animals requiring a permit.
- 3) "Certificate of Veterinary Inspection" means a form from the state of origin which has been issued and completed by a licensed and accredited veterinarian attesting to the health status and identification of an animal listed thereon.
- 4) "Department" shall mean the Columbus Health Department, also known as Columbus Public Health, its' Health Commissioner, his or her representative(s), including the Public Health Veterinarian, and/or any designated representative(s) or agent of the City of Columbus Board of Health.
- 5) "Domestic Animal" shall mean a Genus and Species of animal included in, but not limited to, the following list that is also widely accepted as no longer being a wild animal and has become adapted through breeding in captivity to a life intimately associated with man and is commonly known as: Alpaca, Bison, Budgerigar, Canary, Camel, Caribou, Cat (*Felis catus*), Cattle, Chicken, Cockatiel, Deer, Dog, Donkey, Dove, Duck, Elk, Fancy Rat, Ferret, Finch, Goat, Goose, Guinea Fowl, Guinea Pig, Hedgehog, Hissing Cockroach, Honeybee, Horse, Llama, Mink, Moose, Mule, Ox, Parakeet, Peafowl, Pheasant, Pig, Pigeon, Pony, Quail, Rabbit, Reindeer, Sheep, Silkworm, Swan, Turkey, Water Buffalo, fowl, or any other animal so determined by the Department.
- 6) "Domestic Animal(s) Requiring a Permit" shall mean a domestic animal included in, but not limited to, the following list: Alpaca, Bison, Camel, Caribou, Cattle, Deer, Donkey, Elk, Goat, Horse, Llama, Moose, Mule, Ox, Pig, Pony, Reindeer, Sheep, Water Buffalo, a kept outside bird, fowl, and/or any other animal so determined by the Department.
- 7) "Exhibition" shall mean one or more displays or demonstrations which are of educational or entertainment value to those witnessing such exhibition.
- 8) "Event" shall mean one or more exhibitions incorporating or allowing domestic animals requiring a permit to have contact with the public, other's property, or other animals.
- 9) "Fowl" shall mean a domesticated species of bird found in the scientific classification Order Galliformes, which includes chickens, grouse, ptarmigans, turkeys, pheasants, quail, partridges, chachalacas, and curassows; ducks and other water fowl; a bird kept or raised for meat or egg production; a game bird raised or hunted for sport; a bird kept or trained for competition; a bird kept outside a structure or shelter; and/or any other bird so determined by the Department.
- 10) "Health Commissioner" shall mean the Health Commissioner of the City of Columbus, Ohio or the Commissioner's authorized representative, including the Public Health Veterinarian.
- 11) "Individual owner" shall mean a person keeping an animal regulated by this Chapter on any premise, lot, or parcel of land and who does not meet the definition of a business, public contact temporary animal venue, or public contact mobile animal operation.
- 12) "Large Animal(s)" shall mean any domestic animal requiring a permit whose estimated, or projected, adult weight is greater than five-hundred (500) pounds, and/or any other animal so determined by the Department.
- 13) "Owner" shall mean any person owning, handling, keeping, possessing, harboring, maintaining, storing, breeding, propagating, sheltering, importing into the City, or having

- the care, custody or control of an animal.
- 14) "Permit" shall mean a written document issued by the Department as defined in this chapter, allowing a person to own a domestic animal requiring a permit within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbus Board of Health that would otherwise be prohibited.
 - 15) "Person" shall mean any individual, partnership, corporation, organization, trade or professional association, firm, limited liability company, joint venture, association, trust, estate, governmental agency or any other entity recognized by law, and any officer, member, shareholder, director, employee, agent or representative thereof.
 - 16) "Public Contact Mobile Animal Operation" shall mean a person that displays or exhibits animals regulated by this chapter or provides animal events or exhibitions in the City more than twelve (12) times per year and shall not operate more than seven (7) consecutive days per location.
 - 17) "Public Health Veterinarian" shall mean the veterinarian of the City of Columbus, Ohio, also known as the City Veterinarian.
 - 18) "Public Contact Temporary Animal Venue" shall mean any location where domestic animals requiring a permit are temporarily located, and have public contact with persons, property or other animals. Temporary Public Contact Animal Venue includes but is not limited to petting farms, petting zoos, farm tours, photo opportunities, and temporary educational exhibitions. For the purposes of this chapter, temporary shall mean less than seven (7) consecutive days.
 - 19) "Veterinarian" shall mean a veterinarian duly licensed under the laws of the State of Ohio, or another state, and recognized by the Department.

(b) General Permit Standards

- 1) No person shall possess a domestic animal requiring a permit on any premise, lot or parcel of land in the City without making application for the keeping of such animal(s) to the Health Commissioner. Any individual or business found to possess a domestic animal requiring a permit without obtaining a permit is subject to penalties set forth in Columbus City Health Code. Any individual or business found to possess fowl without obtaining a permit or making application is subject to penalties set forth in Columbus City Health Code as well as fees set forth in Columbus City Health Code 221.05 (h)(4).
- 2) The following persons, as defined by Columbus City Health Code 221.05 (A)(12), shall be exempt from the requirements of this regulation:
 - i. A person housing an animal at the written request of the Department;
 - ii. Animal control or law enforcement agencies or officers acting under the authority of this chapter;
 - iii. Federal, state, or local agencies or officers who, by virtue of their office have statutory and/or regulatory authority over such animals, and are acting on behalf of their office;
 - iv. A facility that is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA);
 - v. A person or facility in the process of becoming an accredited member of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums(AZA);
 - vi. A research facility as defined in the Federal Animal Welfare Act or that is accredited by the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care International;
 - vii. A person who has been issued a license by the United States Department of Agriculture under the Federal Animal Welfare Act;
 - viii. A veterinarian that is providing temporary veterinary care to a domestic animal

- requiring a permit;
- ix. A person who is traveling through the City with a domestic animal requiring a permit, and does all of the following:
 - 1. Confines the animal in a cage at all times;
 - 2. Confines the animal in a cage that is not accessible to the public;
 - 3. Does not exhibit the animal;
 - 4. Is in the City not more than twenty-four (24) hours unless the animal is receiving veterinary care.
 - x. A person who has been issued a permit by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources or the Ohio Department of Agriculture in relation to the possession of animals regulated by this Chapter;
 - xi. An educational institution that temporarily displays a domestic animal requiring a permit as a sports mascot;
 - xii. A facility licensed by the State of Ohio Racing Commission;
 - xiii. An accredited university or college with a course of study related to the care of and keeping of animals regulated by this Chapter.
- 3) The following criteria shall be used in making determinations regarding permits:
- i. The keeping of the animal(s) creates no adverse public safety, public health, or environmental effects, and does not create a nuisance;
 - ii. The applicant is in compliance with all public safety, public health, animal confinement, animal cruelty, and animal welfare regulations as set forth in:
 - 1. The Columbus City Health Code;
 - 2. The Columbus City Code;
 - 3. Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Administrative Code;
 - 4. The Federal Code of Regulations.
 - iii. Unless otherwise directed by the Department, animal(s) shall be examined, and treated if indicated, by an accredited veterinarian of the State of Ohio, or a specialist as recognized by the Department, for: general health; intestinal parasites as determined by a fecal test; and absence of zoonotic disease symptoms within thirty (30) days prior to arrival to the Columbus Board of Health jurisdiction. A copy of such examination results, which may be satisfied by submission of a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection or a current National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) Veterinary Services Form 9-3, including fecal test results, and treatment if indicated, must be received by the office of the Public Health Veterinarian within seven days following the examination;
 - iv. The number and type of animals;
 - v. Waste shall be stored, managed and disposed of in a manner that will not create a nuisance; transportation of raw animal waste is subject to applicable laws and rules of the City of Columbus, Franklin County and the State of Ohio;
 - vi. The prevention of waste substances from being accessible, and feed from being scattered, in such a manner that it may attract vermin and create other adverse environmental or health effects;
 - vii. The proximity of the caging, pen, or enclosure to other properties does not reasonably allow wastes to be directly deposited upon or carried into adjoining properties;
 - viii. An applicant must be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
 - ix. All required documentation and, if applicable, fee requirements have been met and/or received;
 - x. If a property is leased, the applicant must provide documentation that the

- property owner consents to the keeping of domestic animals requiring a permit.
- 4) The structure, animals, and premises shall be kept in a safe and sanitary condition so as to not become unsafe or reasonably offensive and so that they will not harbor animal or insect pests. The Department reserves the right to have any building or structure related to the keeping of animals regulated by this Chapter evaluated, at the expense of the applicant, by the Columbus Department of Building and Zoning Services, Columbus Division of Fire, or an agent approved by the Department for related hazards.
 - 5) Unless otherwise specified, the keeping and housing of domestic animals requiring a permit shall meet the minimum requirements specified by the *Livestock Care Standards* as promulgated by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 904: under authority of the Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board ([Ohio Administrative Code 901:12](#)).
 - 6) Unless specified in section 221.05 (c) (8) or 221.05 (d) (6), the number of animals that are allowed to be kept on any premise, lot, or parcel of land in the City will be determined by the Department. The Department shall make such determinations using guidance offered in specific scientific bulletins (e.g., Ohio State Extension Bulletin 604), journals, and publications, accepted practices, and the size of usable space for animals; or, in the absence of specific guidelines, will otherwise be determined by the Department.
 - 7) Domestic animals requiring a permit that are considered to be noisy by the Department, or are subsequently determined to be noisy by the Department, are prohibited for individual owners on any premise, lot, or parcel of land. The following animals are prohibited:
 - i. Roosters
 - ii. Peafowl
 - iii. Geese
 - iv. Turkeys
 - v. Donkeys
 - 8) The Department may order changes and/or actions to be taken to mitigate complaints pertaining to domestic animals requiring a permit that are noisy, or creating unreasonably loud or long noises, on premises, lots, or parcels of land.
- (c) In addition to the general permit standards specified in Columbus City Health Code 221.05 (b), the following additional standards apply to keeping of fowl:
- 1) Each pen or enclosure shall have a floor of impervious material and be under cover.
 - i. Examples of impervious flooring include: thick rubber (e.g., stall mats), concrete, blacktop, pavers, blocks, bricks, treated plywood, covered wood, roofing materials, sheet metal.
 - 2) A coop and/or run may not be located in a front yard or side yard area and shall not be located within three (3) feet of a side or rear yard line.
 - 3) All permanent pens, runs, and coops must be rodent proof. Minimally this shall mean:
 - i. Waterproof (e.g., thick rubber, concrete, blacktop, pavers, blocks, bricks, etc.) rodent deterrent materials on the bottom surface, if not in direct contact with the ground or soil, and water resistant (e.g., treated plywood, covered wood, etc.)
 - ii. Rodent proofing material (e.g., hardware cloth, wood, Plexiglass, glass, siding, etc.) from ground level up to a minimum of 36 inches from ground level on all sides.
 - iii. Rodent proofing material, or spacing less than one half inch, where any opening would reasonably allow rodents access.
 - iv. Any individual who has been issued a permit prior to January 1, 2015 shall not be required to meet the rodent proofing standards set forth above unless a rodent

- presence is verified by the Department.
- 4) Two hours of “free roaming” within a fence outside the designated pen, run or coop is allowed if the following conditions are met:
 - i. Flight when possible, even if to a limited degree, is restricted (wings clipped and/or overhead fencing/barrier, is in place, etc.).
 - ii. The perimeter of the “free roaming” area must not reasonably allow waste to be directly deposited upon or carried into adjoining properties via water, wind currents, fomites, etc.
 - iii. An owner is present with the birds while they are out of their pen.
 - iv. The birds can be easily and quietly returned to their pen upon demand.
 - 5) Individual owners shall have only one coop and run.
 - 6) For individual owner permits, the area for the coop and run will be limited to sixty-four square feet and six feet in height.
 - 7) For individual owner permits, the coop may be no more than thirty-two square feet.
 - 8) For individual owner permits, each bird shall have a minimum spacing in the coop and run as indicated in Table 1:
 - i. In calculating the maximum number of birds allowable, using Table 1 below, calculate the number of birds allowed per the proposed coop size, and then calculate the number of birds allowed per the proposed size of the run. The maximum allowable number of birds is the lesser of the two numbers.

Table 1: Minimum Spacing Requirements for Fowl

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

- 9) Any individual who has been issued a permit prior to the effective date of this regulation shall not be required to meet the spacing requirements in Columbus City Health Code 221.05 (c)(6) through (c)(8) unless adverse animal welfare, environmental or health effects are created as a result of the spacing or number of animals.
- 10) If related to a project for a youth educational organization, the spacing requirements as specified in Columbus City Health Code 221.05 (c)(2) and (c)(6) through (c)(8) shall not apply, so long as the project is temporary and no adverse animal welfare, environmental or health effects are created as a result of the spacing or number of animals.

(d) In addition to the general permit standards specified in 221.05 (b), large animal permits standards shall additionally include:

- 1) No large animal shall be brought into the City without obtaining the initial permit as described in Columbus City Health Code 221.05 (g) (4).
- 2) Residents in proximity to the applicant's property will be notified of the application.
- 3) The nature of the surrounding community shall be taken into consideration.
- 4) No permit for any large animal species shall be granted without written approval from the Columbus Department of Building and Zoning Services for the use of the property as described in the permit application.
- 5) No permit for any large animal shall be granted without written approval from the Columbus Department of Building and Zoning Services for the use of the shelter and location as described in the permit application.
- 6) A minimum of ½ acre of contiguous land excluding all structures and parking, and suitable for the intended domestic animal's use shall be provided for each large animal as defined in this chapter, unless otherwise directed by the Department.
- 7) No permit for any large animal species shall be issued unless approved fencing is properly installed and maintained so as to prevent escape of the animal or injury to persons or property.
- 8) No large animal, as defined in this Chapter, shall be kept on a property without adequate shelter. Adequate shelter would include a barn or stable or other structure as determined by the Department.
- 9) No person shall house a large animal except in a containment area large enough for the large animal to turn around, and to be able to be bedded in a minimum depth of six (6) inches of sawdust, wood shavings or other approved material.
- 10) No person shall operate a stable, barn, or other structure used for large animals regulated by this chapter unless the following requirements are met:
 - i. All stable, barn, or other structure locations shall be approved by the Department in addition to all applicable City, State, and Federal agencies;
 - ii. All stable, barn, or other structures shall be adequately ventilated to minimize odor, humidity and maintain temperature;
 - iii. All windows shall be screened to minimize insect and vector pest entry;
 - iv. All grain or grain-type feed shall be stored in rodent-proof containers, and hay shall be stored off the floor and at least eighteen (18) inches away from any wall;
 - v. All pens, stalls, or maintenance areas shall be picked and cleaned twice daily and stripped every seven (7) days;
 - vi. A stable or barn shall be of sufficient size to house all large animals, food supplies and equipment utilized in the caring of animals regulated in this chapter;
 - vii. A stable or barn shall be set back at least 300 feet from neighboring occupied permanent residential structures;
 - viii. A stable or barn shall have complete restroom facilities immediately accessible which shall include a hand sink with hot and cold running water;
 - ix. A stable or barn shall have a minimum of forty (40) foot candles of light.
- 11) No large animal shall be kept in any stable or barn unless that stable or barn shall have a floor of impervious material and shall be so drained that all fluid excrement or refuse liquid shall be conducted into a sanitary sewer, or as otherwise directed by the Department.
 - i. Exemption shall be made for land annexed into the City of Columbus which:
 1. Is zoned agricultural "R – Rural" use at the time of annexation.

2. Remains zoned “R – Rural”.
 3. Poses no public safety, public health, or environmental hazards as designated by the Department.
- 12) When sewers are required or utilized, written approval from the City of Columbus Department of Public Utilities must be obtained prior to the issuance of a permit.
 - 13) The applicant for a large animal permit shall prove their ability to respond in damages in a single minimum limit amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury to or death of any person or for damage to property owned by any other person which may result from the ownership, keeping, or maintenance of such animal. Proof of liability to respond in damages may be given by filing with the Department a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the state stating that the applicant is, at the time of his/her application, and will be during the period of such large animal permit, insured against liability to respond in such damages, or by posting with the Department a surety bond conditioned on the payment of such damages during the period of such special permit. The liability insurance or surety bond shall indemnify the City of Columbus as an additional insured. Such certificate of insurance or bond shall provide that no cancellation of the insurance or bond will be made unless ten days written notice is first given to the Department.
- (e) In addition to the general permit standards specified in 221.05 (b), business permit standards shall additionally include:
- 1) Adequate permanent physical and/or behavioral barriers shall be in place at all times.
 - 2) No permit for any business shall be issued without written approval from the Columbus Department of Building and Zoning Services.
 - 3) The business shall monitor physical contact with the public or property by staff except when adequate physical and/or behavioral barriers are sufficient to prevent such contact.
 - 4) The business shall be required to keep purchase and sale/transfer/given away records for a period of time no less than two (2) years and produce records upon demand.
 - 5) When the business is associated with large animals, the requirements set forth in Columbus City Health Code 221.05 (d) shall apply to the issuance of the permit, unless otherwise directed by the Department.
 - 6) Handwashing signage shall be conspicuously posted. The signage shall state:
 - i. Animals carry germs that can make people sick.
 - ii. Wash hands with soap and water after touching animals, leaving the animal area, going to the restroom and/or preparing foods, eating or drinking.
 - 7) Unless otherwise directed by the Department, handwashing sinks shall be readily available and accessible on site and shall be stocked with hand soap and appropriate means of drying (i.e. no multi-use towels).
 - 8) All areas must have sufficient lighting of at least forty (40) foot candles of lighting.
 - 9) No domestic animal requiring a permit shall be sold, traded or given away to a minor without the presence of the minor’s parent or guardian and written permission from said parent or guardian.
 - 10) Written procedures for quarantine and/or isolation of animals shall be provided for review.
 - 11) If public contact is allowed with any animals, the business applicant shall prove their ability to respond in damages in a single minimum limit amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury to or death of any person or for damage to property owned by any other person which may result from the ownership, keeping, or maintenance of such animal. Proof of liability to respond in damages may be given by filing with the Department a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do

business in the state stating that the applicant is, at the time of his/her application, and will be during the period of such large animal permit, insured against liability to respond in such damages, or by posting with the Department a surety bond conditioned on the payment of such damages during the period of such special permit. The liability insurance or surety bond shall indemnify the City of Columbus as an additional insured. Such certificate of insurance or bond shall provide that no cancellation of the insurance or bond will be made unless ten days written notice is first given to the Department.

(f) In addition to the general permit standards specified in 221.05 (b), public contact temporary animal venue and public contact mobile animal operation standards shall additionally include:

1) Public contact temporary animal venues

- i. Temporary permits shall be valid for no more than seven (7) consecutive days.
- ii. No large animal shall be brought into the City without obtaining a permit.
- iii. Unless otherwise directed by the Department, temporary handwashing stations shall be readily available and accessible on site and shall be stocked with hand soap and appropriate means of drying (i.e. no multi use towels).
- iv. No single entity shall obtain more than twelve (12) public contact temporary animal venue permits in any calendar year.
- v. No single entity shall obtain more than two (2) permits in a calendar year for the same location.
- vi. Handwashing signage shall be conspicuously posted. The signage shall state:
 1. Animals carry germs that can make people sick.
 2. Wash hands with soap and water after touching animals, leaving the animal area, going to the restroom and/or preparing foods, eating or drinking.
- vii. The public contact temporary animal venue applicant shall prove their ability to respond in damages in a single minimum limit amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury to or death of any person or for damage to property owned by any other person which may result from the ownership, keeping, or maintenance of such animal. Proof of liability to respond in damages may be given by filing with the Department a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the state stating that the applicant is, at the time of his/her application, and will be during the period of such large animal permit, insured against liability to respond in such damages, or by posting with the Department a surety bond conditioned on the payment of such damages during the period of such special permit. The liability insurance or surety bond shall indemnify the City of Columbus as an additional insured. Such certificate of insurance or bond shall provide that no cancellation of the insurance or bond will be made unless ten days written notice is first given to the Department.
- viii. Adequate/permanent physical and/or behavioral barriers shall be in place at all times.

2) Public contact mobile animal operation

- i. Unless otherwise directed by the Department, temporary handwashing stations shall be readily available and accessible on site and shall be stocked with hand soap and appropriate means of drying (i.e. no multi use towels).
- ii. No permit holder shall operate at the same physical location for more than four (4) exhibitions or events in a licensing period. No permit holder shall operate

- more than seven (7) consecutive days per location.
- iii. Handwashing signage shall be conspicuously posted. The signage shall state:
 1. Animals carry germs that can make people sick.
 2. Wash hands with soap and water after touching animals, leaving the animal area, going to the restroom and/or preparing foods, eating or drinking.
 - iv. The public contact mobile animal operation applicant shall prove their ability to respond in damages in a single minimum limit amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury to or death of any person or for damage to property owned by any other person which may result from the ownership, keeping, or maintenance of such animal. Proof of liability to respond in damages may be given by filing with the Department a certificate of insurance from an insurance company authorized to do business in the state stating that the applicant is, at the time of his/her application, and will be during the period of such large animal permit, insured against liability to respond in such damages, or by posting with the Department a surety bond conditioned on the payment of such damages during the period of such special permit. The liability insurance or surety bond shall indemnify the City of Columbus as an additional insured. Such certificate of insurance or bond shall provide that no cancellation of the insurance or bond will be made unless ten days written notice is first given to the Department.
 - v. Adequate/permanent physical and/or behavioral barriers shall be in place at all times.
 - vi. Permit holders shall provide a schedule of events or exhibitions at least two weeks in advance of said events or exhibitions, unless reasonable cause is provided.
 - vii. The Department reserves the right to inspect events or exhibitions throughout the permit period.

(g) Permit Application, Renewal and Approval

- 1) The following must be received and approved by the Department prior to domestic animals requiring a permit being brought into the City:
 - i. A completed domestic animal plan review packet and applicable fee.
 - ii. Written plans including design details of the intended caging/confinement, and when already present on the property, photographs of the existing caging/confinement, demonstrating that it is inoffensive, secure, under cover, and, when required, has impervious flooring.
 - iii. A written document outlining the intended disinfection and cleaning schedule.
 - iv. A written document outlining a general knowledge of the proper handling and care for the species of animal.
- 2) Permit renewal. Except for public contact temporary animal venue permits and individual owner permits for animals not defined as large, all permits required by this Chapter are annual and expire on the last day of December of each year. Applications for permit renewal shall be made in December. Applications post marked on or before the last day of December shall be considered timely. Failure to renew permits annually shall be considered a violation of this Chapter and responsible parties may be subject to penalties set forth in Columbus City Health Code 209.99.
- 3) Individual owner permits, excluding large animals, are valid for a four (4) year licensing period.

- 4) Initial permit. An application for an initial permit shall include one or more inspections of the property to verify the plans submitted. The application shall include any applicable permit fees. A permit issued to a new permit holder after the first day of October does not expire until the end of the permit period next succeeding issuance of the permit.
- 5) Permits and permit fees established in accordance with this Chapter shall be specified in accordance with the following categories:
 - i. Individual owner
 - ii. Individual owner - large animal
 - iii. Business
 - iv. Public contact temporary animal venue
 - v. Public contact mobile animal venue

(h) Fees

- 1) There is levied and assessed in each category specified in Columbus City Health Code Chapter 221.05 (g)(5) the following fee:
 - i. Plan review application, fifty dollars (\$50.00)
 1. Plan review application fees are waived for temporary event and mobile public contact animal venue applications.
 - ii. Four year permit, individual owner, one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00)
 - iii. Individual owner, large animal, one-hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00)
 - iv. Business, one-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)
 - v. Public contact temporary animal venues, thirty dollars per event (\$30.00)
 - vi. Public contact mobile animal venue, one-hundred twenty five dollars (\$125.00)
- 2) Plan review and permit fees are non-refundable.
- 3) The initial permit fee is due upon receipt of completed initial permit application.
- 4) An additional fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be added to the plan review fee as specified in (h)(1)(i) when the department determines that the domestic animals requiring a permit were kept on the property prior to submitting the plan review application as required by this Chapter.
- 5) Any applicant that can demonstrate that they are eligible for Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) or eligible for supplemental nutrition program for Woman, Infants and Children (WIC) will not be required to pay any fees prescribed in this section, yet are subject to other requirements specified in this regulation.

(i) Inspections

- 1) An inspection shall be conducted at least once during a permit term for all permits issued in accordance with this Chapter. Inspections shall be conducted either by the Health Commissioner or his/her designee
- 2) Each inspection shall be recorded on a form prescribed by the Department.

(j) An inspection may require the removal from the property of any animal, equipment, and/or structure(s) found to be maintained in a condition that presents a clear and present danger to the public safety and/or public health.

(k) The Department shall keep records of all persons carrying a valid permit.

(l) The Department may immediately confiscate a domestic animal requiring a permit, from an owner if the animal is kept in violation of permit requirements. The applicant/licensee is liable for the

costs of confiscation, placement and care for said animal from the time of confiscation until the time of return to the licensee or until the time the animal has been relocated to a facility approved by the Department, or until otherwise disposed in a manner approved by the Department.

- (m) The requirements of a person to obtain a permit for specified animals in this section shall not apply to exempt persons as defined in this section.
- (n) All permit holders shall allow the Health Commissioner or his/her designee to enter the premises, at all reasonable times, where animals are kept to ensure compliance with this Chapter, as prescribed by Columbus City Health Code 209.02 (c).
- (o) All permit holders shall notify the Department of changes to the stated information on the permit within 30 days of any changes using the appropriate form, as supplied by the Department.
- (p) The Health Commissioner, or his/her designee may modify or limit an animal permit at any time for violation of this chapter or other Federal, State or City regulations. The Board of Health may suspend, limit or revoke a permit as described in Columbus City Health Code 203.10.
- (q) No person shall store animal food and/or feed animals in such a method or manner on any premise, lot or parcel of land within the jurisdiction of the City of Columbus Board of Health if such feeding creates a nuisance, insanitation and/or danger to any person and/or property. Such method or manner shall include, but not be limited to:
 - 1) Storing food in such a manner that it is accessible to non-domestic animals, nuisance animals, vermin, and other pests.
 - 2) Placing food in the open in a container that allows the scattering of such food upon the ground.
 - 3) Allowing food to remain after such feeding where it is accessible to non-domestic animals, nuisance animals, vermin, and other pests.
 - 4) Allowing food to remain in feed pans, troughs, and other feeder containers overnight without making such feeder equipment inaccessible to non-domestic animals, nuisance animals, vermin, and other pests.
- (r) No person shall allow the house, caging, runs, yards or the premises where animals are kept to become offensive due to unsanitary conditions. Such animals shall not be allowed to create an unsanitary condition on the streets, alleys or sidewalks, or premises of others. Offensive, unsanitary conditions shall include but not be limited to odor, accumulated urine, urine soaked ground, feces and rodent harborages.
- (s) If an owner, keeper, or harbinger is cited for unsanitary conditions, the Health Commissioner or Public Health Veterinarian may limit the number of animals that may be maintained on a premise.
- (t) No person shall allow any animal suffering from a zoonotic and/or communicable disease to run at large or to come in contact, either directly or indirectly, with any other animal or any person, except the owner or keeper of the animal, a household member, a licensed veterinarian, employees of an animal clinic/hospital, employees of the Capital Area Humane Society, employees of the Franklin County Department of Animal Care and Control, or as designated by the Department.
- (u) Upon the death of an animal the owner or keeper of the animal shall promptly make arrangements for proper disposition of the dead animal.

- (v) Any person transporting a domestic animal requiring a permit within the City must maintain the animal within a confinement sufficient to prevent the animal from escaping and/or causing or resulting in serious injury, harm or disease to humans, domestic animals, and/or property.
- (w) No person, owning or responsible for animals shall knowingly or negligently allow any of them to run at large in any street, alley or unenclosed lot within the City.
- (x) The Department may declare any animal a nuisance, dangerous or vicious animal as defined in Chapter 243 of this Health Code.

221.06 STANDARDS RELATIVE TO CARRIAGE HORSES.

- (a) In addition to the listed requirements below, all carriage horse companies shall meet the minimum requirements set forth in Columbus City Code Chapter 595 – Horse Drawn Carriages.
- (b) Each horse shall be identified by a brand, mark or tag, uniquely identifying the horse. A description (including photograph) of each horse, including brand, mark or tag, age, breed, sex, color and other identifying markings shall be filed with the Public Health Veterinarian.
- (c) A certificate of well-being shall be issued within thirty (30) days prior to use by horse carriage company. The horse shall be examined for soundness of its teeth, legs, hoofs, shoes and cardiovascular system, as well as for signs of drug abuse, injury, disease or deficiency. Each horse shall have flesh muscle tone, and weight sufficient to pull a carriage. This examination shall be performed by a veterinarian and a statement of this examination forwarded to the Public Health Veterinarian. Each horse deemed to have met the standards of this section shall be issued a certificate of wellbeing. The certificate shall identify the horse by breed, color, sex, and markings and shall state the type of carriage the horse can pull safely without causing injury to the horse.
- (d) The Public Health Veterinarian shall examine and/or accept a veterinarian's statement of examination of any horse ordered out of service for injury, illness or any horse involved in an accident. A re-certification statement shall be issued when the veterinarian finds the horse fit to return to service.
- (e) Animals shall not be tethered, kept, washed and/or groomed outside of the stable, barn, or other structure, except as needed, when being worked outside of the stable facility. Animals shall not be washed while at a designated tether location.