



Guide to Pets and Wild Animals

Chapter 91 of the City Code contains several sections specific to the keeping of animals, as well as sections on declarations of nuisances created by animals and feeding of wild animals. This document will identify several primary expectations and serve as a how to guide for Saint Anthony Village residents and business owners. As in all cases, it is the resident's responsibility to abide by the complete code language.

City Code defines three classifications of animals as follows:

- *Domesticated animals:* house pets such as dogs, cats, and birds, or other common pets kept in small containments which can be contained within a principal structure throughout the entire year, provided that containment can be accomplished without special modification to the structure requiring a building permit from the city. In addition, the term "domestic animals" includes birds (other than chickens, ducks and geese) and rabbits normally sheltered outside the home.
- *Farm animals:* cattle, hogs, bees, sheep, goats, chickens, turkeys, horses and other animals commonly accepted as farm animals in the state, and/or which are kept for agricultural purposes or food production.
- *Wild Animals:* any animals which are not domesticated animals as defined herein, or which are not naturally tame or gentle, but are of a wild nature or disposition, or which would constitute a danger to human life or property. The term includes animals and birds, the keeping of which is licensed by the State or federal government, such as, wolves, raptors, and pheasants. By way of example and not of limitation, the term includes: ducks, pheasants, geese, turkeys, birds of prey, squirrels, chipmunks, raccoons, coyotes, weasels, wild ferrets, sheep, goats, swine, monkeys, chimpanzees and deer.



Required proof of vaccination



3+ dogs requires a multiple dog license



Feeding wild animals is prohibited

Section 91.02 in City Code covers dogs required immunizations against rabies, and includes:

- All dogs in the city over the age of six months shall be vaccinated for rabies and shall be re-vaccinated according to standard veterinary practices thereafter. A certificate from the veterinarian vaccinating said dogs shall be exhibited to the animal control authority upon demand.
- Each dog shall wear a sturdy collar for aid in identification. The dog must wear a veterinarian's metal tag showing proof of current rabies vaccination. In lieu of a veterinarian's metal tag, the dog's collar must contain identification including the name and phone number of the dog's owner. At the owner's discretion, a tattoo or implanted microchip may be used in lieu of the collar and tag.



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Section 91.0 in City Code defines when you need a special multiple dog license:

- Upon issuance of a special multiple dog license, 3 dogs over 6 months of age may be kept at a licensed property upon compliance with the following:
 - Written approval. The filing of written approval of the occupants from at least 75% of the residential property within 200 feet of the licensed premises;
 - Fenced yard. The yard of the licensed premises is fenced in such a manner as to restrain dogs on the premises from leaving the yard;
 - Nuisance. Dogs kept on the licensed premises do not create a nuisance by excess barking or by creating unsanitary conditions;
 - Fee. Payment of a yearly license fee pursuant to Chapter 33; and
 - Denial of application. The Chief of Police may deny requests for renewal of a special multiple dog license based upon complaints received during the preceding year. In the event of such a denial, the applicant may, within 10 days of being advised of the denial, request, in writing, a hearing before the City Council on the denial.

Nuisance Issues;

- No owner or keeper of any dog or other domesticated animal may permit the animal to be at large and must at all times keep the animal under physical restraint. An animal is deemed “at large” whenever it is off the property of the owner or keeper and not under physical restraint.
- It is the responsibility of the owner, keeper, or other person in control of an animal to clean up any droppings of the animal and to dispose of the droppings in a sanitary manner.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least 5 minutes with less than 1 minute of interruption. The barking must also be audible off of the owner’s or caretaker’s premises.
- Any person knowing of a human being bitten by a dog shall immediately notify the Police Department and the dog shall then be confined and kept under observation for a period of 10 days before being disposed of, if necessary.

Feeding of Wild Animals

- No person shall intentionally feed wild animals within the City. Intentional feeding means the provision of any grain, fruit, vegetables, nuts, salt licks, or any other food that attracts wild animals.
 - Living food sources such as trees and other live vegetation shall not be considered food for wild animals.
- Feeding Songbirds. The feeding of songbirds is permitted under the following conditions:
 - Feeding is done from a bird feeder that is designed to prevent other wild animals from feeding and is placed at least 5 feet above the ground.
 - The bird feeder does not become an attractive nuisance to other wild animals.
 - Songbird feeding occurs on private property owned or controlled by the person responsible for the feeder.



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- **Exemptions**

- Specific to Section 91.57(2a), persons that cannot physically place materials 5 feet or higher from the ground, must place feeder at the highest point physically possible and must comply with the other standards contained in Section 91.57(2).
- Snakes (less than four (4) feet in length), gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs mice, turtles, fish (not prohibited by Minnesota DNR) and birds (not prohibited by Minnesota DNR) kept inside of a residence and within a restrictive cage or habitat.
- Animal species otherwise allowed and/or licensed by the City.
- The provisions of Section 91.57 shall not apply to the employees or agents of the City, County, the State, the Federal government or veterinarians who in the course of their official duties have wild animals in their custody or under their management.