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When allowed by Sections 17.06.030 et seq., (Allowable land uses and permit requirements) in the zone applicable to a site, the raising and/or keeping of animals is subject to the requirements of this section.

- A. **Purpose.** It is the purpose of these regulations to address the raising and keeping of animals and the areas in which domestic, farm and exotic animals are kept on private property, under specified circumstances. It is the intent of this section to protect the agricultural economic base of Placer County, to preserve the existing agrarian lifestyle in rural residential areas and to minimize potential adverse effects on adjoining property from the establishment of incompatible uses related to the raising and keeping of animals.
- B. **Applicability.** The raising or keeping of animals as either an incidental or principal land use shall only take place in compliance with the requirements of this section, regardless of whether a land use permit is required, except for those animal raising and keeping activities listed immediately below and within this Subsection, which are defined by Section 17.04.030 (Definitions) as separate land uses and are instead subject to the requirements of Sections 17.06.030 et seq., (Allowable land uses and permit requirements):
1. Animal hospitals which are considered medical services—veterinary clinics and hospitals;
  2. Chicken, turkey ranches;
  3. Grazing;
  4. Pet stores, which are considered retail stores, general merchandise;
  5. Hog ranches;
  6. Animal sales yards, feed lots and stockyards.
- C. **Permits and Applications**
1. **Permit Requirements.** Permits are required as set forth in Subsection (F) of this section for specific types of animals, or as may be required by this chapter for buildings or structures for animals.
  2. **Application Content.** Where this section requires a land use permit for a specific animal raising activity, the permit application shall include the following, in addition to the information required by Section 17.58.030 (Required application contents):
    - a. Site drainage patterns and a statement of measures proposed by the applicant to avoid soil erosion and sedimentation caused by the keeping of animals;
    - b. The applicant's plans for animal waste management and/or disposal;
    - c. Where the site is located within or adjacent to a residential zone where minimum lot size requirements are one acre or less, a statement of other measures proposed by the applicant for the management of the site and the proposed animals to insure that the animals will not become a nuisance to other residents in the vicinity of the site as a result of the discretionary use.
- D. **Limitation On Use.** The raising and keeping of specific types of animals shall occur only in the zone districts where "Animal Raising and Keeping" is identified as an allowable use by Sections 17.06.050 and 17.06.060 et seq., and only as also allowed by the following table:

[Note: This chart indicates which animal types are permitted to be kept in each zone district. Specific regulations for each animal type are contained in Subsection F.]

Animal Raising Activity	Zone Districts and Allowed Animal Raising Activities														
	RS	RM	RF	RA	C1, C2	C3	MT	RES	BP, IN, INP	AE	F	FOR	O	TPZ	-AG
Animal husbandry (F)(1)	R	R	X	X						X	X				R
Bee raising (apiaries) (F)(2)			R	R						R	R	R	R	R	R
Birds <sup>1</sup> (aviaries) (F)(3)	R	R	R	R						R	R				R
Cattle (F)(4)			R	X				X		X	X	X	X	X	R
Dogs and cats <sup>2</sup> (F)(16)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Equestrian facilities (F)(5)			R	R				R		X	X	X	R	R	R
Fowl and poultry <sup>3</sup> (F)(6)			R	X						X	X				R
Goats and sheep <sup>4</sup> (F)(7)			R	X						X	X	X	X	X	R
Hogs and swine <sup>5</sup> (F)(8)			R	R						R	R	R	R	R	R
Horses (F)(9)			R	X				X		X	X	X	X	X	R
Household pets <sup>6</sup> (F)(10)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Kennels and catteries (F)(17)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Llamas, etc. (F)(11)			R	R				R		R	R	R	R	R	R
Ostriches, etc. (F)(12)			R	R				R		R	R				R
Other small animals (F)(13)			X	X						X	X				X
Worm farms (F)(14)			X	X						X	X				X
Zoo animals (F)(15)			R	R				R		R	R		R		R

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X	Activity allowed by this section with no discretionary permits required.
	Activity not allowed
R	See Subsection F for additional special regulations.
<sup>1</sup>	Does not include "fowl and poultry" or "ostriches, etc." as regulated by Subsections (F)(6) and (F)(12).
<sup>2</sup>	Includes "kennels and catteries" as regulated by Subsection (F)(17).
<sup>3</sup>	Does not include "birds" or "ostriches, etc." as regulated by Subsections (F)(3) and (F)(12).
<sup>4</sup>	In the RS zone, does not include pygmy goats, which are regulated as "household pets" by Subsection (F)(10).
<sup>5</sup>	In the RS zone, does not include pot-belly pigs, which are regulated as "household pets" by Subsection (F)(10).
<sup>6</sup>	Does not include the keeping of dogs and cats which is instead regulated by Subsections (F)(16) and (F)(17).

E. Operation and Maintenance Standards:

- Odor and Vector Control.** Pastures (only on parcels of less than 4.6 acres in area), agricultural accessory structures and animal enclosures (as defined in Section 17.04.030 and further discussed in Section 17.56.020(C) of this chapter), including but not limited to pens, coops, cages, barns, corrals, paddocks and feed areas shall be maintained free from excessive litter, garbage and the accumulation of manure, so as to discourage the proliferation of flies, other

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disease vectors and offensive odors. Sites shall be maintained in a neat and sanitary manner (see Section 8.16.120 of the Placer County Code).

2. **Erosion and Sedimentation Control.** In no case shall any person allow animal keeping to cause significant soil erosion, or to produce sedimentation on any public road, adjoining property, or in any drainage channel. In the event such sedimentation occurs, the keeping of animals outdoors on the site shall be deemed a nuisance and may be subject to abatement as set forth in Article 17.62 (Enforcement).
- F. **Specific Types of Animals Permitted.** The following requirements apply to the keeping or raising of specific types of animals, in addition to all other applicable standards of this section. More than one type of animal may be kept on a single site, as provided by Subsection G, except that where an animal density ratio (i.e., number of animals per acre) is indicated for any specific type of animal, the site area allotted to one type of animal cannot be used to justify another type of animal which is also subject to an animal density ratio.

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR SPECIAL TYPES OF ANIMALS RELATED TO LOT SIZE**

**Sites less than one acre in area:** Where an animal density ratio is specified in this Subsection, the ratio may be applied to sites less than one gross acre in size; however, no animals may be kept on a site if the gross area of the site is less than the minimum area required for the raising and keeping of animals.

**Example:** An individual who owns a one-half acre (gross) site in a Combining Agriculture (-AG) zone district may keep three sheep because the animal density ratio for sheep in that zone district is six animals per acre (gross) with a minimum site size of one-half acre (gross) required for the keeping any such animals.

**Nonconforming sites:** In any instance where a site is 1.5 acres or less in gross area and is also smaller than the minimum lot size required by the zone district in which it is located, the regulations applicable to the Combining Agriculture (-AG) zone district (or the regulations applicable to the zone district wherein the site is located, which ever is the more restrictive) shall apply.

1. **Animal Husbandry Projects.** Notwithstanding the other limitations on use in Subsection D, and subject to the operation and maintenance standards of Subsection E, the keeping or raising of cattle, horses, goats, sheep, hogs, chickens, rabbits, birds or other animals as a school, 4-H, Future Farmers of America (FFA) or a similar organization project may be authorized by the Planning Director in those zone districts which do not otherwise permit the raising or keeping of such animals only after consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner and after a determination by the director that adverse impacts to neighboring residents are effectively mitigated.
2. **Bee Raising.** Requirements and standards for bee raising activities shall be as required by the Agricultural Commissioner.
3. **Birds.** The keeping of domestic or exotic birds, other than game fowl and poultry or ostriches, emus and similar birds, is permitted where allowed by Subsection D. The keeping of game fowl and poultry or ostriches, emus, etc. is instead subject to Subsections (F)(6) and (F)(12), respectively, of this section. Any species of domestic or exotic bird (except game fowl and poultry or ostriches, emus and similar birds) which is raised or kept inside a residence is considered a "household pet" and is otherwise regulated by the provisions of Subsection (F)(10) of this section. The keeping of imported birds may also require approval by: the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Fish and Wildlife Service; the U.S. Department of Public Health; the California Department of Fish and Game; and/or the California Department of Food and Agriculture, in addition to any

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approval required by this code. The number of such birds which may be raised or kept on a site is not limited except in the RS zone district or on nonconforming parcels in other zone districts as noted below.

- a. **Indoor Aviaries.** In the RS zone district, or on parcels in other residential or agricultural zone districts which are less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in area and are smaller than the minimum lot size requirement of that zone district, the raising and keeping of domestic or exotic birds is permitted in indoor aviaries as defined in Section 17.04.030 of this chapter. There is no limit on the specific number of birds kept in indoor aviaries (subject to the nuisance animal provisions in Subsection H), except that the minimum site size required for the raising and keeping of any Parrots—Class 2 as listed in Subsection (F)(3)(b) is ten thousand (10,000) square feet of gross site area.
- b. **Outdoor Aviaries.** In the RS zone district, or on parcels in other residential or agricultural zone districts which are less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in area and are smaller than the minimum lot size required in that zone district, the raising and keeping of domestic or exotic birds is permitted in outside aviaries, as defined in Section 17.04.030 of this chapter, only in the numbers and types as shown in the following chart and subject to the nuisance animal provisions in Subsection H:

**OUTDOOR AVIARIES—SITE SIZE, NUMBER AND TYPE LIMITATIONS**

Minimum Site Size	Number of Birds Permitted	Types of Birds Permitted in an Outdoor Aviary
5,000 sq. ft.	150	Canaries and Finch-type birds <sup>1</sup> and Passeriformes <sup>2</sup>
	40	Small Doves <sup>3</sup> , Small Quail <sup>4</sup> , and Pigeons <sup>5</sup>
	24	Parrots—Class 1 <sup>6</sup>
10,000 sq. ft.	300	Canaries and Finch-type birds, and Passeriformes
	80	Small Doves, Small Quail and Pigeons
	48	Parrots—Class 1
	20	Parrots—Class 2 <sup>7</sup>
20,000 sq. ft.	600	Canaries and Finch-type birds, and Passeriformes
	160	Small Doves, Small Quail and Pigeons
	96	Parrots—Class 1
	40	Parrots—Class 2
One acre (43,560 sq. ft.)	1200	Canaries and Finch-type birds, and Passeriformes
	320	Small Doves, Small Quail and Pigeons
	192	Parrots—Class 1
	80	Parrots—Class 2
> One acre (> 43,560 sq. ft.)	no maximum number limit	All species, except "Parrots—Class 3" <sup>8</sup> which are not permitted in the RS zone or on sites in other residential or agricultural zone districts which are less than 20,000 sq. ft. in area and are smaller than the minimum lot size required for the zone district in which they are located.

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1	Canaries and Finch-type birds are songbirds of the families: <i>Estrildae</i> , <i>Fringillidae</i> and <i>Passeridae</i> .
2	<i>Passeriformes</i> are perching-type songbirds such as robins, etc. which have similar vocal characteristics as those in the Canary and Finch category.
3	Small Doves are those which do not exceed the size and/or noise level of the Common Ringneck ( <i>Streptopelia risoria</i> ).
4	Small Quail are those which do not exceed the size of Button Quail or similar species.
5	Pigeons of all types.
6	Parrots - Class 1 are Australian Rosellas, Kings, Pymhura conures, Parrotlets, small Lorries, Grass Parakeets and parrots with similar noise-making capabilities.
7	Parrots - Class 2 are those of the genus' <i>Chalcopsitta</i> , <i>Lorius</i> , <i>Pseudos</i> and <i>Trichoglossus</i> .
8	Parrots - Class 3 are those of the genus' <i>Amazona</i> , <i>Anodorhynchus</i> , <i>Aratinga</i> , <i>Brotogenis</i> , <i>Cacatua</i> , <i>Calyptorhynchus</i> , <i>Cyanoliseus</i> , <i>Eclectus</i> , <i>Enicognathus</i> , <i>Eulophus</i> , <i>Myiopsitta</i> , <i>Nandayus</i> , <i>Nestor</i> , <i>Pionites</i> , <i>Prioniturus</i> , <i>Probosciger</i> , <i>Ramphastos (toucans)</i> , <i>Rynchopsitta</i> , and <i>Tanygnathus</i> .

4. **Cattle.** The maximum number of animals allowed in the combining Agricultural (-AG) zone is two per gross acre of site area; in the Residential-Forest (RF) zone the maximum number of animals is one per gross acre of site area (in both zones, the site must be no less than one gross acre in size in order for any animals of this type to be kept). This ordinance does not otherwise limit the number of animals permitted on a given site, if such animals are otherwise allowed pursuant to Subsection D.
5. **Equestrian Facilities.** Commercial horse, donkey, and mule facilities as defined by Section 17.04.030 are allowed as follows:
- Such facilities are allowed in the AE, F and FOR zones subject to compliance with the development standards of the applicable zone (Sections 17.06.060 et. seq.) and Article 17.54 (General Development Regulations).
  - Such facilities are allowed in the RA, RF, RES, TPZ and O zones, and in the -AG combining district, subject to Minor Use Permit approval, except as provided in Subsections (5)(c) and (5)(d) of this section.
  - Such facilities are allowed in the RA, RF, RES, TPZ and O zones, and in the -AG combining district without the requirement of Minor Use Permit approval only where all of the following standards are met. In such instances, these uses shall be referred to as "minor equestrian facilities."
    - A total of no more than two horses, donkeys or mules per gross acre (except in the RF zone) of property owned, leased or otherwise under the contractual control of the facility operator shall be permitted (including any horses, donkeys or mules used for commercial purposes as well as any personal horses, donkeys or mules kept on site), and a minimum of one gross acre is required in order to operate any such equestrian facility. In the RF zone district, no more than one horse, donkey or mule per gross acre (with a minimum requirement of one gross acre to operate any equestrian facility) may be kept in conjunction with such facilities.
    - The minor equestrian facility shall be clearly consistent with and clearly accessory to the principal residential or agricultural use of the property.
    - The minor equestrian facility shall not involve more than three patrons visiting the site at any one time and no more than a maximum of fifteen patrons per day.

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- iv. The operator of the minor equestrian facility shall obtain a Placer County Business License for the activity and shall comply with all of the home occupation ordinance performance standards (Section 17.56.120(C)), parking requirements (Section 17.56.120(D)) and sign provisions (Section 17.56.120(E)), except for the restrictions contained in Section 17.56.120(C)(2) and (C)(3) which would otherwise prohibit outdoor commercial activities.
  - v. The facility operator shall implement "good management practices" to provide effective odor and vector control, appropriate erosion and sediment control, functional dust suppression and regular manure and urine removal, as deemed appropriate by the Planning Director in consultation with the animal control officer and the Agricultural Commissioner.
  - vi. Such facilities may be further regulated by County building permit requirements (contact the Placer County Building Department).
  - vii. Such facilities shall comply with all applicable Environmental Health regulations pertaining to sewage disposal, water supply and other public health issues (contact Environmental Health Services, Placer County Department of Health and Human Services).
- d. Such facilities are allowed in the AE, F, and FOR zones subject to compliance with the development standards of the applicable zone (Sections 17.06.060, et seq.) and Article 17.54 (General Development Regulations). If boarded horses are kept, fed and/or cared for in any type of "animal enclosure" [as discussed in Section 17.56.020(c)], or in any way other than a "pasture" or as "equine pasture boarding" [as defined in Section 17.04.030, the facility is considered to be a "boarding stable" and, therefore, is an equestrian facility within the meaning of this Subsection.
6. **Fowl and Poultry.** The number of fowl or poultry that may be kept on a site where allowed by Subsection D is not limited by this section except as follows:
- a. In the combining Agricultural (-AG) zone district (where the site must be no less than one-half acre for any such animals to be kept) and in the Residential-Forest (RF) zone district (where the site must be no less than one acre for any animals of this type to be kept), no more than twenty-four (24) such animals per acre shall be maintained; and,
  - b. The keeping of more than one hundred (100) fowl or poultry is considered to be a "chicken/turkey ranch," and is subject to the requirements of Sections 17.06.030 et seq., (Allowable land uses and permit requirements) for such uses.
7. **Goats and Sheep and Animals of Similar Size at Maturity, Including Miniature Horses, Miniature Ponies and Miniature Donkeys.** The maximum number of animals allowed is not limited except in the combining Agricultural (-AG) zone district where the limitation is six animals per (gross) acre of site area (the site must be a minimum of one-half of an acre (gross) in order for any animals of this type to be kept), and in the Residential-Forest (RF) zone where the limitation is six animals per (gross) acre (the site must be no less than one acre for any animals of this type to be kept). Unaltered male goats, or male goats altered after five months of age which retain the odor of an unaltered male, may only be kept on a site located within the combining Agricultural zone district (-AG) if an Administrative Review Permit (Section 17.58.100) is first obtained.
8. **Hogs and Swine.** The keeping of up to nineteen (19) hogs or swine of breeding age is permitted where allowed by Subsection D, except in the combining Agricultural (-AG) zone district, and in the Residential-Forest (RF) zone district where the limitation is one animal per (gross) acre of site area (the site must be no less than one (gross) acre in either zone

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district in order for any animals of this type to be kept). The keeping of more than nineteen (19) hogs or swine of breeding age on any site constitutes a hog ranch, and is subject to the requirements of Sections 17.06.030 et seq., (Allowable land uses and permit requirements) for chicken, turkey and "hog ranches."

**9. Horses**

- a. The provisions of this Subsection [17.56.050(F)(9)] apply to the keeping of any member of the horse family, including but not limited to donkeys and mules, but not including miniature animals of these species which are otherwise regulated by Subsection (F)(7). The permitted number of animals is not limited except in the combining Agricultural (-AG) zone district where no more than two animals per (gross) acre of site area shall be permitted, (the site must be no less than one (gross) acre in order for any animals of this type to be kept), and in the Residential-Forestry (RF) zone where the limitation is one animal per (gross) acre (the site must be no less than one (gross) acre in order for any animals of this type to be kept). See Subsection (F)(5) for requirements applicable to equestrian facilities.

[Note: Such facilities may be further regulated by County building permit requirements (check with the Placer County Building Department).]

- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (F)(9)(a), the following provisions apply to each parcel within the combining Agricultural (-AG) zone that was created by the recordation of a subdivision map prior to 1955 wherein a common open space area with a minimum gross area of one hundred (100) acres was also created and which open space area is owned and managed by an association of property owners within the subdivision (including the owner of the parcel) for equestrian uses (including pasturage), for other recreational and open space uses, and for the benefit of the property owners:
- i. For parcels with a minimum gross area of one-half acre up to nine-tenths acre, one horse may be kept.
  - ii. For parcels with a minimum gross area of nine-tenths acre up to one acre, two horses may be kept.
  - iii. For parcels with a minimum gross area of seven-tenths acre up to nine-tenths acre upon which there had been constructed horse keeping facilities as of July 25, 1995, and upon which two horses were being kept and have been kept since July 25, 1995, two horses may be kept; provided, however, the right to keep two horses shall expire upon the earlier of: (i) sale or conveyance of the parcel to a third party on or after July 1, 2000, or; (ii) disuse of the property for the keeping of two horses for a period of one year after July 1, 2000.
  - iv. The keeping of horses on any parcel as allowed by Subsections (F)(9)(b)(1), (2) or (3) shall be subject to regulation by the County under the equine management regulations, Appendix F, page 370.
  - v. Parcels with a minimum gross area of one acre may keep horses in compliance with Subsection (F)(9)(a) above.

10. **Household Pets.** When conducted within the house or within a residential accessory structure on the same site, the keeping of common household pets (other than dogs and cats which are regulated by Subsections (F)(16) and (F)(17)), including but not limited to, guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, pygmy goats, pot-belly pigs, domestic or exotic birds (except game fowl, poultry, ostriches, emus and other similar birds which are regulated by Subsections (F)(6) and (F)(12), respectively), non-poisonous reptiles and amphibians, fish, and/or the keeping of other domesticated or caged small animals (which are not otherwise regulated by Subsections (F)(13) and (F)(15)) is permitted by this section, subject to the following provisions:

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- a. An Administrative Review Permit is required for the keeping of carnivorous animals other than dogs, cats, non-poisonous reptiles and amphibians; and,
  - b. No more than four pot-belly pigs, pygmy goats, or domestic household pets of similar size, or a combination of any such animals may be kept per dwelling unit in the following zones: RS, RM, C1, C2, C3, MT, RES, BP, IN, INP, FOR, O and TPZ. In all other zone districts, animals which fit this description (or which are not kept within a residential structure) are regulated as specified for their species type in Subsections (F)(1) through (F)(9) and (F)(11) through (F)(15).
11. **Llamas and Alpacas.** The permitted number of animals of this type is not limited except in the combining Agricultural zone (-AG) where no more than six animals per gross acre may be kept, and in the RF zone district where no more than ten animals per gross acre of site area shall be permitted (in either zone district, the site must be no less than one acre (gross) in order for any animals of this type to be kept).
  12. **Ostriches, Rheas, Emus and Other Similar Birds.** Animals of this type may be raised and kept as allowed by Subsection (D) above except as follows:
    - a. The raising and keeping of ostriches may constitute a danger to persons in the immediate vicinity of such animals and are subject to the provisions of Subsection (F)(15)(b). The numerical ratios discussed in Subsection (F)(12)(b) are also the maximum numbers of ostriches permitted on a site.
    - b. Rheas, emus and other similar birds may be raised and kept with no limitation on the number of animals allowed, except that in the RA and RF zones no more than seven animals per one gross acre of site area shall be permitted (the site must be no less than one acre (gross) in order for any animals of this type to be kept), and in the combining Agricultural zone (-AG) no more than four animals per gross acre of site area shall be permitted (the site must be no less than one acre (gross) in order for any animals of this type to be kept). The keeping of more than nineteen (19) of the animals in this category on any parcel of less than ten acres (gross) is considered a commercial operation, and shall require Minor Use Permit approval (Section 17.58.120).
  13. **Other Small Animals.** The raising of mink, chinchillas, rabbits or other animals of similar size, not including dogs and cats as regulated by Subsection (F)(16), household pets as regulated by Subsection (F)(10) or zoo animals as regulated by Subsection (F)(15), is permitted as indicated in Subsection D.
  14. **Worm Farms.** The raising of worms is allowed where indicated in Subsection D.
  15. **Zoo Animals.** The raising or keeping of animals other than those specified in Subsections (F)(1) through (F)(14), (F)(16) and (F)(17) of this section that are common to zoos, or are carnivorous, poisonous or are not native to North America, is considered to be a "zoo," and is subject to the following requirements:
    - a. Where the animals have satisfied all applicable requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Department of Public Health, the California Department of Fish and Game and the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and where otherwise allowed by Subsection D, the Planning Director may determine after consultation with appropriate zoological experts that a particular non-carnivorous, nonpoisonous animal is substantially similar in its physical characteristics and/or potential effects on a site and on persons living or working in the vicinity to one of the animals listed in Subsections (F)(2) through (F)(14), (F)(16) and (F)(17). In such cases, the raising or keeping of the particular exotic animal in question may be allowed subject to the

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specific provisions of Subsections (F)(2) through (F)(14), (F)(16) and (F)(17) or other appropriate standards as may be identified by the Planning Director.

- b. For carnivorous and/or poisonous animals, or animals determined by the Planning Director to be potentially dangerous to persons living or working in the vicinity of such animals, the keeping and raising of these animals is permitted where allowed by Subsection D, and only after a Minor Use Permit is first obtained.
16. **Dogs and Cats.** The raising and keeping of domestic dogs and cats, including commercial and private kennels/catteries, is regulated by this Subsection as follows:

- a. **Residential Single-Family (RS) and Residential Multifamily (RM) Zones.** In the RS and RM zone districts, the keeping of no more than four dogs, four cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of four, is allowed subject to the provisions of Subsection (E). However, up to eight dogs, eight cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of eight, may be permitted subject to an Administrative Review Permit for a private kennel/cattery first being approved. Commercial kennels/catteries are not permitted.
- b. **Combining Agriculture (-AG) Zone.** In the -AG zone district, the keeping of no more than six dogs, six cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of six, is allowed subject to the provisions of Subsection (E) above. However, up to twelve (12) dogs, twelve (12) cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of twelve (12), may be permitted subject to an Administrative Review Permit for a private kennel/cattery first being approved. Commercial kennels/catteries are not permitted.
- c. **Residential-Agricultural (RA) and Residential-Forest (RF) Zones.** In the RA and RF zone districts, the keeping of no more than six dogs, six cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of six, is allowed subject to the provisions of Subsection E. However, up to fifteen (15) dogs, fifteen (15) cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of fifteen (15), may be permitted subject to an Administrative Review Permit (ARP) for a private kennel/cattery first being approved. More than 15 dogs or cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) may be kept, subject to a Minor Use Permit first being approved. Commercial kennels/catteries as described in Subsection (F)(17) may be permitted, subject to a Minor Use Permit first being approved.

[Note: If the site area is 4.6 gross acres (two hundred thousand (200,000) square feet) or more, the provisions of Subsection (F)(16)(d) apply rather than those of this Subsection; refer to the table following Subsection (F)(17). Also see note following Section 17.56.050(F)17(a) where the site area is less than required by the zone district within which it is located.]

- d. **Agricultural Exclusive (AE) and Farm (F) Zones.** In the AE and F zone districts, the keeping of no more than fifteen (15) dogs, fifteen (15) cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of fifteen (15), is allowed subject to the provisions of Subsection E. However, up to twenty-five (25) dogs, twenty-five (25) cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of twenty-five (25), may be permitted subject to an Administrative Review Permit for a private kennel/cattery first being approved. Commercial kennels/catteries as described in Subsection (F)(17) may be permitted, subject to a Minor Use Permit first being approved.

[Note: If the site area is less than 4.6 gross acres (two hundred thousand (200,000) square feet), the provisions of Subsection (F)(16)(c) apply rather than those of this Subsection; refer to the table following Subsection (F)(17). Also see note following Section 17.56.050(F)17(a) where the site area is less than required by the zone district within which it is located.]]

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- e. **Commercial Zones.** In the C1, C2, C3, HS, MT, OP and RES zone districts, the keeping of no more than four dogs, four cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of four, is allowed as an accessory use to any permitted residential use, subject to the provisions of Subsection E. However, the keeping of a larger number of dogs and/or cats may be permitted subject to a Minor Use Permit for a commercial kennel/cattery first being approved. In the CPD zone district, the keeping of dogs and/or cats may be permitted subject to a Conditional Use Permit for a commercial kennel/cattery first being approved.
- f. **Industrial Zones.** In the AP, BP, IN and INP zone districts, the keeping of no more than four dogs, four cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of four, is allowed as an accessory use to any permitted residential use, subject to the provisions of Subsection E. However, the keeping of a larger number of dogs and/or cats may be permitted subject to a Minor Use Permit for a commercial kennel/cattery first being approved.
- g. **Resource and Open Space Zones.** In the FOR, O, W and TPZ zone districts, the keeping of no more than four dogs, four cats or a combination of such animals (four months of age or older) not to exceed a total of four, is allowed as an accessory use to any permitted residential use, subject to the provisions of Subsection E. However, the keeping of a larger number of dogs and/or cats may be permitted subject to a Minor Use Permit for a commercial kennel/cattery first being approved.
- h. **Combinations of Animals.** The number of dogs, cats or a combination of dogs and cats kept on a site shall not exceed the maximum levels listed above, regardless of the purposes to which the animals are put (e.g., an individual located on a three-acre (gross) parcel in an RA zone district may not keep more than sixteen (16) dogs, even if six of the animals are personal pets and the rest are breeding and/or show animals, unless a Minor Use Permit for a commercial kennel is first obtained).

The provisions of Subsections (F)(16) and (F)(17) are graphically depicted in the table following Subsection (F)(17).

- 17. **Kennels and Catteries.** The raising and keeping of dogs and/or cats (four months of age or more) in greater numbers than are permitted without an ARP or MUP as required by Subsection (F)(16) constitutes a kennel/cattery for purposes of this chapter. Kennels/catteries are divided into two categories:

- a. **Private Kennels/Catteries.** The keeping of dogs and/or cats (four months of age or older) as pets or for hobby, or other noncommercial purposes is considered a private kennel/cattery. The maximum number of dogs or cats which may be kept in a private kennel/cattery is restricted based upon the zone district wherein the kennel/cattery is located and as discussed in Subsection (F)(16). Said limitations are graphically depicted in the chart at the end of this Subsection.

[Note: The minimum lot size required by the zone district within which the private kennel/cattery is to be located is also the minimum parcel size required for an Administrative Review Permit application submittal (i.e., parcels which are smaller than the required lot size in the zone district and are, therefore, nonconforming are not eligible to have an application filed for permission to operate a private kennel/cattery thereon).]

- b. **Commercial Kennels/Catteries.** The keeping of more dogs and/or cats (four months of age or older) than are otherwise permitted in a private kennel/cattery as discussed in Subsections (F)(16) and (F)(17)(a) and graphically depicted in the table below, or the boarding, training or breeding of any number of dogs or cats, is considered a commercial kennel/cattery and is permitted in the RA, RF, C1, C2, C3, RES, IN, AE and F zones,

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subject to the approval of a Minor Use Permit. For purposes of this section the word "breeding" shall mean the breeding of more than two litters on any one parcel in any calendar year.

[Note: The minimum lot size required by the zone district within which the commercial kennel/cattery is to be located is also the minimum parcel size required for a Minor Use Permit application submittal (i.e., parcels which are smaller than the required lot size in the zone district and are, therefore, nonconforming are not eligible to have an application filed for permission to operate a commercial kennel/cattery thereon).]

- c. **Dog/Cat and Kennel/Cattery Table of Required Permits.** The following table is a graphic representation of Subsections (F)(16) and (F)(17). An Administrative Review Permit (ARP) is required for a private kennel/cattery. A Minor Use Permit (MUP) or a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is required for a commercial kennel/cattery, depending upon the zone district in which the proposed kennel/cattery is located.

**NON-COMMERCIAL DOG/CAT AND KENNEL/CATTERY TABLE OF REQUIRED PERMITS**

Zone District	Number of Dogs or Cats Permitted	Discretionary Permits Required
RS, RM	1 - 4	None
	5 - 8	ARP
-AG	1 - 6	None
	7 - 12	ARP
RA, RF—<4.6 acres	1 - 6	None
	7 - 15	ARP
	>15	MUP
RA, RF—4.6 acres or more	1 - 15	None
	16 - 25	ARP
	>25	MUP
AE, F—<4.6 acres	1 - 6	None
	7 - 15	ARP
	>15	MUP
AE, F—4.6 acres or more	1 - 15	None
	16 - 25	ARP
	>25	MUP
C1, C2, C3, HS, MT, OP, and RES	1 - 4 <sup>1</sup>	None
	>4	MUP
CPD	1 or more	CUP
AP, BP, IN and INP	1 - 4 <sup>1</sup>	None
	>4	MUP
FOR, O, W and TPZ	1 - 4 <sup>1</sup>	None
	>4	MUP

<sup>1</sup> Only allowed as an accessory use to a permitted residential use

- G. **Multiple Animal Types.** More than one species of the animals listed in Subsection F of this section may be kept on a single site provided that:

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1. The requirements of Subsection F and all other applicable provisions of this section are satisfied for each species.
  2. Where Subsection F of this section establishes a minimum site area for a specific species of animal, the largest minimum site area required for any one of the animal species which is proposed to be raised or kept on the site in question shall apply.
  3. No animals shall be raised or kept on a site in excess of the number allowed by the animal density ratio for each type of animal as established in Subsection F, except that the animals permitted pursuant to Subsections (F)(1), (F)(2), (F)(3), (F)(10), (F)(13), (F)(14), (F)(16) and (F)(17) may be kept on a site in addition to any animals allowed by Subsections (F)(4), (F)(5), (F)(6), (F)(7), (F)(8), (F)(9), (F)(11) and (F)(12). Example: On a three-acre parcel (gross) located in the RF zone district, up to three horses may be kept, as well as rabbits which are raised outside.
- H. **Nuisance Animals.** In addition to the remedies for violation of this chapter which are provided in Article 17.62 of this chapter and in Chapters 6 and 15 of this code, the dispute resolution process outlined below may be used when any animal regulated by this section is determined to be a nuisance by virtue of the noise it makes.
1. Whenever any animal produces noise determined by a County enforcement official with appropriate jurisdiction to be unusually loud and continues such noise-making activity for an unreasonable period of time, the enforcement official shall notify in writing the owner of the animal, or any other party responsible for the animal, to quiet the animal so as to eliminate the nuisance. The procedures in Article 17.62 of this chapter, or in Chapters 6 and 15 of this code shall be followed. An opportunity to resolve the nuisance situation may also be provided for as discussed in Subsection (H)(2) of this section.
- After notification of the animal's owner, or a party responsible for the animal, but before any judicial hearing is scheduled, a dispute resolution meeting must be scheduled by the appropriate enforcement official. The dispute resolution meeting shall be attended by the animal's owner or the party responsible for the animal, the complainant, the enforcement official and a member of the Placer County animal advisory group (see Subsection I of this section) who has expertise appropriate to the situation being discussed. If the nuisance problem can be resolved as a result of this meeting, all formal enforcement proceedings shall be suspended, pending successful implementation of any and all agreements reached at the dispute resolution meeting. If the nuisance problem cannot be resolved in a satisfactory manner, formal enforcement proceedings shall again commence. Failure of the animal's owner or the responsible party, whichever is appropriate, to attend the dispute resolution meeting, shall be cause for formal enforcement procedures to continue to the next appropriate phase of processing.
- I. **Animal Advisory Group.** An animal advisory group made up of volunteers with expertise in the raising and keeping of one or more types of animals regulated by this section shall be formed and maintained for the purposes discussed in Subsection H. The animal advisory group membership roster shall be maintained by the Placer County Health Officer, or an authorized designee, and shall include as few or as many individuals as are necessary to carry out the intent of this section. The purpose and intent of this section are included at Subsection A.
  - J. **Animal Enclosures.** Regulations regarding animal enclosures are found in Section 17.56.020 (Accessory buildings and uses). (Ord. 5048-B (Exhibit A), 2000; ZO § 15.160)

