

## Article 4

### Standards for Specific Land Uses

#### 18.42.040- Animal Keeping

Animal keeping within the City shall comply with requirements of this Section, and shall occur only where allowed by Article 2 (Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses) and this Section. The provisions of this Section are intended to assist in ensuring that animal keeping does not create adverse impacts on adjacent properties by reason of bright lights, dust, insect infestations, noise, odor, or visual blight.

**A. Pre-existing uses.** Any legally established animal keeping use that became nonconforming upon adoption of this Section shall be permitted to continue subject to Chapter 18.90 (Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Parcels).

**B. Allowable animal keeping activities and permit requirements.**

**1. Activities and permit requirements.** Animal keeping, including related animal husbandry activities (breeding, judging, etc.) is allowed only in compliance with the limitations on use and permit requirements in Table 4-1, and the animal keeping standards in Subsection C. The keeping of imported animals may require approval by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Public Health, California Department of Fish and Game, and/or the California Department of Food and Agriculture, and the Mendocino County Agricultural Commissioner, in addition to any City approval required by this Section.

**Table 4-1 - ALLOWABLE ANIMAL-KEEPING AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

Type of Animal	Permit Requirement by Zoning District			Commercial & Industrial Districts
	RR & RS	RL & RM	RH, RVH	
Beekeeping	P or MUP*	P or MUP*	P or MUP*	P or MUP*
Fowl, poultry, aviary (except roosters)	P	P	MUP	-
Hogs and swine	P	-	-	-
Two or fewer horses and cows	MUP	-	-	-
Household pets	P	P	P	-
Roosters	MUP	-	-	-
Other large animals (defined in Table 4-2)	P	MUP	-	-
Other small animals (defined in Table 4-2)	P	P	P	-

**Key to permit requirements:**

P	Permitted animal keeping, no City approval required for the animal keeping activity, provided that it complies with the standards in Subsections C. through F.
P or MUP*	Beekeeping, as a permitted use, is limited to two hives per parcel without a Minor Use Permit. A Minor Use Permit is required for more than two hives per parcel in any zoning district. Bee hives are not permitted within one-half mile of MacKerricher State Park's Glass Beach Headlands, due to potential impacts on endangered native bees in this area. All parcels that establish non-native bee colonies shall also plant native flowering vegetation that is a known source of nectar, pollen and food for bees.