

CITY OF CAPE TOWN  
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**INFORMATION SHEET**

**APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL ANIMALS THAN PERMITTED ON PERMISES**

**Definitions**

Dwelling house: means a single building designed for use as a residence for a single family situated on premises containing not more than two such buildings.

Dwelling unit: means an inter-connected suite of rooms including a kitchen or scullery designed for occupation by a single family, other than a dwelling house, irrespective of whether such a unit is a single building or forms part of a building containing two or more units.

Large dwelling: means a dwelling house on an erf of more than six hundred square metres.

Agricultural property: means land zoned for agricultural use in terms of any town planning scheme of the Council or any other law.

**Restrictions on number of dogs and cats per dwelling type**

Dwelling house: three dogs and/or four cats

Dwelling unit: two dogs and/or four cats

Large dwelling: four dogs and/or four cats

Agricultural property: six dogs and/or six cats

**Please note that in the transitional period an animal owner will be allowed to keep a maximum of six dogs and/or six cats on any premises subject to the owner not replacing any dog or cat that dies or is disposed of.**

**Terms and conditions:**

- I. A person whose permit to keep a dog/cat has been cancelled or who has previously had a dog/cat removed from his or her car or has a previous criminal conviction or civil judgment against him or her in respect of an animal in his or her care, may not keep an animal, unless the Council determines otherwise.
- II. A permit is not transferable from one person to another or from the premises in respect of which it has been issued, to other premises.
- III. No person shall permit any dog/cat owned or kept by him or her which does not have on its collar a micro-chip a name, telephone number and physical address or reference to a society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or registered animal welfare organisations.
- IV. No person shall keep a dog if his or her premises are not properly and adequately fenced to keep such dog inside when it is not on a leash unless the dog is confined to

the premises in some other manner, provided that such confinement is not inhumane in the assessment of the authorized official.

- V. Any person who keeps a dog on any premises shall keep such dog in such a manner as not to be a source of danger to the Council's employees entering upon such premises for the purpose carrying out their duties.
- VI. A notice to the effect that a dog is being kept on such premises shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at each access point to the premises.
- VII. Applications in terms of section 4(1) of the City of Cape Town: Animal Bylaw 2010 to keep a greater number permitted in terms of section 2(2) will in the first six months of promulgation of this By-Law, be granted up to a maximum of six dogs on any premises, subject to the owner not replacing any dog that dies or is disposed of as it would result in a contravention of section 2(2).
- VIII. Applications to keep a greater number of cats on premises than the number permitted in terms of section 14(2), will in the first six months of promulgation of this By-Law, be granted up to a maximum of six cats on any premises, subject to the owner not replacing any dog that dies or is disposed of as it would result in a contravention of section 14(2).

**NB: The City of Cape Town has approved the extension of the transitional period with a further six months until August 2012.**

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