

Animals

- Domesticated
- Non-Domesticated
- Wild Animals
- Livestock & raising of livestock animals
- Husbandry (Livestock and Domestic)

Statutes Regulating Animals:

- Division 24- Zoning Regulations

Chapter [24.210](#). – Same- Special Provisions (R1 Single Family Zone)

- Division of the city into zones, residential zones into sub-zones.

Know which Zone you are in: Chapter. [24.200](#)- General Provisions

- Division 8- PuNeighborhood PreservationSafety Regulations

Chapter 8.050 – Animals Article 1-8

Department or Agency having Jurisdiction:

- **Police Department**- Responds to immediate danger to public health and/or safety issues
- **Planning Division**- Approves temporary animal uses through the issuance of a Director's Permit
 - Group sponsored projects ie. 4H
- **Neighborhood Preservation**- Enforces public health and safety regulations, zoning regulations
 - number of animals allowed (dogs, cats, chickens)
 - Distance from schools & habitable dwellings
 - Sanitation Issues
- **Fish and Game**- Approves wild animals within city limits
- **VC Animal Control**- Contracts with City of Ventura to enforce some animal violations
 - barking, bites
- **Humane Society**-Handles cases involving hoarding and/or abuse of animals

Party responsible for Compliance:

- Property Owner
- Tenant
- Animal Owner

Violation Notification Process

(Self-Certification, Notice of Violation)

- Responsible party is notified via a letter
 - Self-Certification Letter allows you to correct any reported violation(s) within 30 days without penalties. This letter also serves to educate and provides understanding of the rules of our city ordinances.
 - Letter must be signed by responsible party and returned to Inspector.
 - Notice of Violation Letter allows you to correct verified violation(s) within 30 days without penalties. This letter also serves to educate and provides understanding of the rules of our city ordinances.
 - An inspection is requested and scheduled to verify violation(s) before civil penalties (citation) are issued.
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 - Communication between responsible party and Inspector is advantageous for abatement timeframe and case closure.
- Our main objective is to obtain voluntary compliance.

Method(s) of Abatement

- Responsible party shall correct violation(s), sign self-certification letter and return to Inspector within 30 days without any penalties.
- Submit plans to Planning Division if required.
- Obtain Director's Permit if required.

Consequences of Non-Compliance:

- Animal violations = \$53.00 first offense
- Wild Animal violations= \$132.00 first offense
- 2nd offense= 2 x original fine, 3rd offense= 3 x original fine
- Delinquency Fee: \$101.00 if not paid within 30 days
- As a last resort, cases may be referred to the City Attorney's Office.

Due Process:

- Pay civil penalties within 30 days of issuance of the citation.
- The person cited has the option of requesting an initial administrative review provided it is requested within 20 days of issuance of the citation.
- If the department upholds the citation, the person cited can request an administrative hearing which is conducted through a third party hearing officer.
- If the citation is upheld through the hearing officer, the person cited still has the option of appeal through Superior Court.

For more Information:

- US Fish and Wildlife Service:
<http://www.fws.gov/>
- County of Ventura Animal Control:
<http://portal.countyofventura.org/portal/page/portal/animalreg/>
- Humane Society of Ventura County:
<http://www.humanesocietyvc.org/>
- City of Ventura Municipal Code:
<http://www.cityofventura.net/cm/municipal-code>