



## Information sheet

### Registration of more animals than permitted on premises

#### 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 By-law 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).

**All households need to comply with the by-law. Any household found contravening the by-law will be liable to a fine.**

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