

WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMAL PERMIT GUIDELINES & APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT

(For complete details see IMC 6.08)

Background

Requirements for obtaining a wild or exotic animal permit are outlined in Ilwaco Municipal Code Chapter 6.04.035. The possession of a wild or exotic animal within the Ilwaco city limits by a private citizen is unlawful, except by permit per 6.08.035 (see *Permit Submittal Checklist following*).

Definitions

- “Animal control authority” means all law enforcement officers and persons deputized as an animal control officer.
- “Wild or exotic animal” means any of the following:
 - Species of snakes capable of inflicting serious physical harm or death to human beings.
 - Nonhuman primates and prosimians.
 - Bears.
 - Nondomesticated species of felines.
 - Nondomesticated species of canines and their hybrids, including wolf and coyote hybrids.
 - The order crocodilia, including alligators, crocodiles, caiman and gavials.

Application Process

- Applicant **submits the application**, all related materials and application fees to the city clerk/treasurer.
- City clerk/treasurer **determines if information is complete**. If information is not complete, permit will not be processed until such time as information is complete.
- City clerk/treasurer publishes a **Notice of application and public hearing**.
- After hearing testimony at public hearing, if animal control authority determines that adequate safeguards will be instituted and maintained that will effectively control the dangerous or vicious propensities of such a wild or exotic animal, eliminating any danger to individuals or property and providing that keeping or maintaining of any such animal will in no way constitute a nuisance to the occupants of any surrounding area, animal control authority **issues Report of Decision letter**.
- Upon verification that the permit conditions have been met, animal control authority **issues permit letter**.

Permit Submittal Checklist

(Please initial each statement)

_____ Permit application is for a _____ (type of animal), which is not statutorily defined as a potentially dangerous animal under RCW 16.30.010.

_____ There will be a secure enclosure to confine the wild or exotic animal that, during any absence of the owner or keeper, will safely confine the wild or exotic animal.

_____ The premises will be posted with clearly visible warning signs stating that a wild or exotic animal is on the premises and will display a conspicuous symbol informing and warning children of the presence of a wild or exotic animal.

_____ A copy of a surety bond issued by a surety insurer qualified under RCW 48.28 in the sum of \$50,000 conditioned upon payment of damages to any person injured by the wild or exotic animal will be provided and maintained.

—OR—

_____ A copy of a policy of liability insurance issued by an insurer qualified under RCW Title 28 in the amount of at least \$50,000, which specifically provides coverage for any and all personal injuries inflicted by the wild or exotic animal, will be provided and maintained.

_____ Copies of all federal and state required documentation, including but not limited to, a health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian licensed in the state of origin as required by Washington State Department of Agriculture under WAC 16-54-180, and an import permit authorizing importation into Washington State, will be provided.

_____ Applicant agrees to be financially responsible for any and all professional consulting/legal services deemed necessary by the city for complete permit review.

Attachments

_____ Master Planning Permit Application Form.

_____ Application Fee: \$75

Signature Date

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