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### Contact Code Enforcement

For Information:

Call: 916-874-6444

E-mail: [saccode@sacounty.net](mailto:saccode@sacounty.net)

Or Visit:

<http://www.code-enforcement.sacounty.net>

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### To Report a Concern Regarding a Possible Violation of Local Codes:

Call: 311 or 916-875-4311

Or Visit:

<http://www.311.sacounty.net>

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County of Sacramento  
Code Enforcement Division  
9700 Goethe Rd. Ste. A  
Sacramento, CA 95827



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### Animals

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### Code Enforcement Mission:

To promote and maintain a high quality of life where people live and work.

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Postage

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## How Many Dogs or Cats Are Allowed?

Up to four mature cats and four mature dogs on one lot, building, structure, enclosure, or premises are allowed. Mature is defined: six months or older for cats, four months or older for dogs. More than the allowable number is considered a cattery or kennel which is only allowed in certain zones, on parcels of a certain size and requires a conditional use permit.

*(See Section 7.3 & 3.2.5, Table 3.1 (Commercial Uses) (A)(1)(b) of the Zoning Code)*

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## Are Pigs Allowed?

More than one pig is allowed on parcels located within agricultural, urban reserve, Interim-Agricultural reserve, and AR10 and AR5 zones, provided all the requirements of the County Health Department are met.

In the AR2 zone, a maximum of three pigs are allowed. On properties zoned AR1 through RD7, a maximum of one pig is allowed.

A minimum net area of 20,000 square feet is required on parcels zoned for pigs for personal use. Parcels must have a minimum of two acres for commercial use of pigs.

*(See section 3.2.5, Table 3.1 (Agricultural Uses)(5), 3.2.5, Table 3.2 (H), 3.4.4, 3.9.7.G, & 7.3 of the zoning code)*

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## Are Horses Allowed on My Property?

Horses, for personal use, are allowed on parcels greater than 20,000 square feet in the Agricultural, Urban Reserve, Interim-Agricultural Reserve, Agricultural-Residential, and RD1-7 zones. Horse stables must meet the standards in section 3.4.6 of the Zoning Code.

*(See Section 3.9.3.G of the Zoning Code)*

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## Are Chickens Allowed on My Property?

Chickens for personal use are allowed on parcels greater than 10,000 square feet in the Agricultural, Urban Reserve, Interim-Agricultural Reserve, Agricultural-Residential, and RD1-7 zones.

*(See Section 3.9.3.G of the Zoning Code)*

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## How Many Chickens and Horses are Allowed?

As many chickens and horses as you are able to maintain in a healthy, sanitary and nuisance free condition are permitted, provided the minimum lot size is met.

*(See Section 3.9.3.G of the Zoning Code)*

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## Are Other Pets Regulated?

No. Domesticated animals kept for pleasure, in a cage, terrarium, aquarium, or other confinement within the primary dwelling besides those mentioned above are not regulated by Code Enforcement as long as they are kept in a healthy, sanitary and nuisance free condition.

*(See section 7.3 of the Zoning Code)*

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## Can I have chickens on property less than 10,000 square feet?

On lots less than 10,000 square feet, the keeping of egg-laying chickens and ducks is allowed subject to the following restrictions:

- (i)** Animals must be kept in rear yard areas only.
  - (ii)** Residentially zoned parcels may have one of these animals for every 1,000 square feet of parcel area or one for every 200 square feet of rear yard area, whichever is less.
  - (iii)** Nonresidentially zoned parcels may have one of these animals for every 400 square feet of parcel area or one for every 200 square feet of rear yard area, whichever is less.
  - (iv)** A covered coop with a roof and four sides must be provided for chickens to voluntarily retreat to and roost at night.
  - (v)** These animals must be kept in a structure or fenced area at least 20 feet from all neighboring residential dwellings at all times.
  - (vi)** 10 square feet of space shall be available for each animal for foraging and roaming.
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## Code Enforcement's Goal

Code Enforcement's goal is to prevent the physical and aesthetic deterioration of our community. By enforcing the County codes, we can help you clean up your neighborhoods and maintain a healthy and safe environment.

Together, we can help reduce crime and poverty, protect the health and well-being of our residents, and help maintain property values. When you purchased your home, business, or property, you made an investment in not only in the property itself, but you also invested in the community.

As a property owner, you can positively impact your property and community by adhering to the County codes, keeping your property tidy, and reporting those who do not; thus, preserving and enhancing your community for future generations.

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## How You Can Help?

- **Keep automobile repair limited to minor repair.**
- **Keep both developed and undeveloped property free of trash, debris, and excessive foliage.**
- **Fence or board properties that might attract trespassers or vandals.**
- **Keep grounds and structures clean and tidy.**
- **Park in designated parking.**
- **Learn and adhere to local zoning and code regulations.**
- **Do not tolerate illicit activity.**
- **Cooperate in good faith should you receive a complaint.**
- **Report violations and nuisances.**

**This is Your Community! Let's work together to keep it clean and safe!**

**Report Your Concerns: Call 311**

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