



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES

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Cat Fancier Information and Application

"Cat fancier" means an individual who on residential property owns or keeps 10 or more cats primarily as pets

Applicants must show proof that the property meets the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance at 18-4-104 that requires the following:

§ 18-4-104. Pets; livestock or fowl.

- (a) **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, "miniature pig" means a type of swine that is less than 22 inches tall at the shoulder when fully grown, including a pot-bellied pig and is spayed or neutered.
- (b) **Pets.** The keeping of pets for other than commercial purposes is allowed.
 - (1) The keeping of cats is limited to no more than nine per household.

§ 12-4-704. Fancier licenses.

(b) **Cat fancier license.** A cat fancier shall annually obtain a cat fancier license from the County. The application for a cat fancier license shall state the name and home address of the cat fancier, the address of the establishment if it differs from the home address of the cat fancier, and the maximum number of cats to be maintained.

A cat fancier shall provide proof that each cat has a current rabies vaccination. The annual fee to be paid to the County for a cat fancier license is \$100.

Article 12, Section 4-803: Animal Fancier Kennel

A. **Generally.** Each animal fancier shall provide:

- a. an exercise area of sufficient size to allow running, with sufficient fencing and a secure locking gate;
- b. enclosures, cages, and exercise areas kept clean, dry, and in a sanitary condition, providing adequate ventilation, a healthful temperature, and protection against weather extremes;
- c. daily food, free of visible contamination, that is palatable and of sufficient quantity and quality to meet the normal nutrient requirements for the type, condition, and size of the animal; and



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B. Cages. A cage shall be of sufficient size to allow the occupant to stand up, lie down, and turn around without touching the side or top, with floors made of impervious material and, unless radiantly heated, equipped with a resting board or other bedding.

Article 12, Section 4-601: Rabies Control 6-101. Vaccinations of dogs and cats required.

a) Requirement. A person may not own or keep a dog or cat over the age of four months unless the dog or cat has been vaccinated so as to provide the animal with continuous protection against rabies. The effective period of the various vaccines shall be established by the Health Officer or the authorized and trained representative of the Health Officer in accordance with the current "Compendium of Animal Rabies Vaccines" prepared and periodically revised by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.

b) Certificate. On request of the Agency, a person owning or keeping a dog or cat in the County shall promptly exhibit a currently valid rabies vaccination certificate indicating that the dog or cat has been vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian or approved governmental agency.

c) Sanction for violation. A person who fails to provide satisfactory evidence of a current rabies vaccination shall be given a written citation and an order requiring the vaccination within a seven-day period.

d) Waiver. The Agency may waive the requirements for vaccination if the dog or cat will not be exposed to rabies and, in the written opinion of a veterinarian, a vaccination is not advisable due to the physical condition of the animal.

§ 12-4-706. Denial, nonrenewal, revocation, or suspension of license.

(a) **Notice.** Before denying issuance or renewal of, suspending, or revoking any license, the Director shall give notice to the licensee which:

(1) specifies the violation or other basis for the action;

(2) states a time within which the licensee shall take corrective action to abate the violation or cure other defects, if the violation or defect is something that can be cured; and

(3) informs the licensee of the right to appear before the Department to show cause why the license should be issued or renewed or should not be suspended or revoked.

(b) **Finality.** A decision by the Department to not issue or renew, to suspend, or to revoke a license shall be final except as provided in subsection (c).



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(c) **Appeals.** A person aggrieved by a decision of the Department relating to issuance, suspension, revocation, denial, or nonrenewal of a license required by this title may appeal the decision to the County Board of Appeals within 30 days after the decision. A decision to revoke a license shall be stayed pending a decision of the Board of Appeals.

(d) **Effect of suspension or revocation.** In the case of suspension or revocation of a license, no part of the license fee may be refunded. A license or license renewal that has been denied, suspended, or revoked may not be issued or renewed until one year from the date of finality of the denial, suspension, or revocation.

(e) **Enforcement.** If corrective action is not taken by the violator within the time specified in a notice issued pursuant to this section and an appeal is not taken, the Department may request the Office of Law to institute legal enforcement proceedings.

(Bill No. 25-25)

§ 12-4-707. Licenses not transferable.

Licenses required by this title are not transferable.

(Bill No. 25-25)

§ 12-4-708. Burden and standard of proof with respect to licensing.

The burden of proof for the fact that an animal or commercial kennel has been licensed or is not required to be licensed shall be on the owner of the animal or the owner or operator of the commercial kennel. The standard of proof shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

§ 18-18-101. Fees.

The following fees shall be paid as provided in the following chart, except that fees paid on an application governed by the law as it existed prior to May 12, 2005 shall be credited against the fees in the following chart if the application is withdrawn and a new application is filed under this article:

Zoning certificate of use	\$50
Zoning verification letter	\$50



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§ 18-17-203. Civil fines and citations.

(a) **How civil fine imposed; service.** A civil fine may be imposed for a zoning violation through the issuance and prosecution of a civil citation in accordance with Land Use Article, §§ 11-201 through 11-209, of the State Code. Civil citations shall be served in accordance with Maryland Rule 3-121.

(b) **Amount of fine.** The civil fines for a zoning violation that occurs on property located in the critical area are \$500 for the first violation and \$1,000 for any subsequent violation. For a zoning violation that occurs on any other property other than for the posting of a temporary sign, the civil fines are \$125 for the first violation, \$500 for the second violation, and \$1,000 for any subsequent violation. For the posting of a temporary sign, the civil fine is \$125 for each violation.

§ 12-4-1001. Civil penalties.

A person who violates an order issued under §§ [12-4-401](#) et seq. is subject to a civil fine of \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense. Otherwise, a person who violates any provision of this title is subject to civil fines (Class E) as provided in § [9-2-101](#) of this Code.

§ 9-2-101. Civil offenses and fines.

(a) **Scope.** This section does not apply to the issuance of civil citations for violations of [Article 18](#) of this Code. Except as otherwise provided, the provisions of this section apply to all other violations that are made civil offenses or made subject to civil fines by this Code.

(f) **Schedule of fines.**

(5) for a Class E civil offense: \$50 for the first violation; \$100 for the second violation; and \$500 for the third or any subsequent violation.

(g) **When deemed to be a Class E civil offense.** A violation of this Code shall be deemed a Class E civil offense if the violation is made a civil offense but is not classified as described in subsection (f) or made subject to a specific fine amount.

(h) **Continuing violation.** Each day that a violation continues constitutes a separate civil offense. All civil fines for continuing violations shall accrue without a requirement for an additional assessment, notice, or opportunity for hearing for each separate offense.



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Cat Fancier License Application

Facility Owner Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ M.I.: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Property to be Licensed

Address (if different from home address): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Information

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Property Details

Property Size (provide proof): _____

Number of Cat(s) and/or other animals on property: _____

Please select the type of license you wish to apply for:

New Cat Fancier License: \$100.00

Renewal Cat Fancier License \$100.00

Description of maintenance (play areas, cages, etc.):



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Cat Fancier License Application Acknowledgement

Please read carefully and initial next to each item:

1. _____ Applicants must obtain a Certificate of Use or Letter of Zoning Approval (if applicable) from Zoning and provide a copy to Animal Services prior to receiving the license.
2. _____ Applicant must provide proof of current rabies vaccination for all cats on the property prior to applying.
3. _____ License will be issued once application is processed and an Animal Services Officer has completed an inspection at the property.
4. _____ Anne Arundel County Animal Services, a Health Officer or designee may revoke an Cat Fancier License for any violation of Anne Arundel County Code Article 12 Section 4 (Animal Services) or any state or federal laws regarding the keeping of animals.
5. _____ The burden of proof of the fact that an animal or establishment has been licensed or is otherwise not required to be licensed shall be on the owner or custodian of the animal or the owner of the establishment.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Received: _____ Received By: _____

NTC: ___ Yes ___ No Animal Service Officer: _____

Certificate of Use Required: ___ Yes ___ No Certificate of Use Obtained: ___ Yes ___ No

Letter of Zoning Approval: ___ Yes ___ No Letter of Zoning Approval: ___ Yes ___ No

Payment Date: _____ Type: Cash Credit Check # _____

Accepted / Returned / Reason for Return: _____

License sent to Field: _____