

# Summary of Codes Relating to Keeping of Goats in Colorado Municipalities

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Topic	Arvada	Colorado Springs	Denver	Fort Collins	Golden	Lafayette	Wheatridge	Summary
<b>Allowed Zones</b>	all	residential zones		all	- residential, private or public school, or municipal uses - excluding mobile homes and mobile home parks	- agricultural, residential, and public zoning districts, and in conjunction with residential uses and school uses	residential zones	- 3 cities allow in all zones - 2 cities only allow in residential zones - 2 cities allow in ag, residential, and public zones
<b># of Goats/ Accumulation of Animals</b>	- no more or less than 2, plus offspring not taller than 16" at the withers - max. 15 animals	up to 4	up to 2	- no explicit number, based on ability to provide adequate conditions	- no more or less than 2, 12 weeks of age or older - no limit on offspring under 12 weeks	- no more or less than 2, 12 weeks of age or older - no limit on offspring under 12 weeks	- no more than 3, plus their unweaned offspring	- 3 cities allow no more OR less than 2 - 1 city allows up to 4 - 1 city allows up to 3 - 1 city allows up to 2 - 1 city bases allowance on # that can be adequately maintained - 4 cities allow unlimited unweaned offspring
<b>Breeds/ Gender/ Neuter</b>	- unneutered adult male not allowed - males must be neutered before 6 months or before reaching height of 16" at withers - only Nigerian Dwarf or African Pygmy breeds no taller than 24.5" at withers	- only breeds under 100 pounds	- no intact male goats older than six weeks	- only Nigerian Dwarf or African Pygmy breeds - only female or altered male	- males must be neutered before age of 6 months - Alpine goats, LaMancha goats, Nubian goats, Boer goats, or other similar full-sized dairy and meat goats are not allowed	- only Nigerian Dwarf or African Pygmy breeds, not taller than 24.5" at withers - males must be neutered before age of 6 months	- only dwarf goats (which generally weigh 40-75 pounds) - unneutered males not allowed	- 2 cities allow breeds based on weight - 2 cities only allow Nigerian Dwarf or African Pygmy that is <24.5" at withers - 1 city allows only Nigerian Dwarf or African Pygmy breeds - 1 city specifies breeds not allowed - 6 cities do not allow unneutered adult males (some specify older than 6 weeks)
<b>Shelter/ Structures/ Locations/ Setbacks/ Fencing/ Permeable Land</b>	- shelter/enclosure cannot be in front setback - shelter must be kept back from property lines - shelter may not be within 15' of any side or rear property line	- private stables/corrals permitted as residential accessory use in residential zone if: lot is at least 37,000 square feet, and all buildings are constructed at least 55' from the building envelope of adjoining lot	- >130 square feet of permeable land area per goat, plus adequate shelter space - adequate shelter must be provided to protect from elements, prevent wildlife, other predators from gaining entry - adequate fencing shall be provided to prevent escape	- shelter & enclosure must be in rear 50% of lot - shelter: covered, predator-resistant, properly ventilated, easy to access, clean, and maintain - during daylight must have access to shelter and outdoor enclosure adequately fenced to protect from predators - outdoor enclosure must total > 150 square feet per goat - must be closed in shelter from dusk to dawn - neither shelter nor outdoor enclosure may be located < 15' feet from any abutting property line unless written permission from abutting property owners	- must be in shelter, rear yard from dusk to dawn - from dawn to dusk may be allowed to roam within designated outdoor area	- neither shelter nor yard area shall be located in front 50% of lot which abuts street providing principal access to or visibility of lot - shelter: min. 5' setback from side or rear property line; predator-resistant, solid covered roof, moisture-proof, suitable size for animal, made of durable material, solid floor raised >2" from ground, entrance covered by flexible, wind-proof material, sufficient bedding - max. shelter size 100 square feet, max. height 7' at highest point of roof - yard area: fully fenced, constructed to confine onsite	- shelter shall not exceed 400 square feet of ground floor area nor 12' feet in height - max. ground floor areas may be increased by 50% for each acre in addition to the min. lot size for zone district - shelter shall not be located in front yard, shall be set back at least 15' from side and rear property lines, no closer than 30' from residence or other main structure on adjacent property - min. 130 square feet of permeable lot in side or rear yard	- This varies significantly in terms of how much is covered and what is required. The following topics were covered in codes in certain cities: - shelter location not in front setback: 5 cities - shelter location other restrictions: 5 cities - permeable land area: 2 cities - shelter requirements: 3 cities - dusk to dawn requirements: 2 cities - shelter size: 3 cities - fencing: 3 cities
<b>Waste/ Cleaning</b>	- unlawful to allow accumulation of feces on any premises owned, occupied, or controlled by such person in the city	- responsible for proper handling of manure, bedding - manure, bedding shall be kept and temporarily stored at farthest possible point from any private dwelling or natural watercourse, shall be removed at least every 10 days	- prohibited to maintain shelter or enclosure in unsanitary condition, allow an offensive odor to escape therefrom, allow discharges to storm drainage system, or attract insects or rodents	- responsible for immediate removal of manure on any property not owned/occupied by owner or keeper - responsible for periodic removal of manure on property owned/occupied by such owner or keeper	- shelters, outdoor areas shall be regularly maintained in clean, sanitary condition to control dust, odor, waste and to minimize flies, other insects, potential for disease - waste must be stored in re-sealable, airtight, vermin-proof, predator-proof container and be properly	- responsible for removing and cleaning up such goat feces on any public or private property	- accumulation of animal waste to the extent that such becomes a nuisance to surrounding properties is prohibited	- This is mentioned in some way by all cities.
<b>Food &amp; Water/ Care</b>				- provide animal sufficient good and wholesome food and water - goats > 12 weeks of age shall be vaccinated against rabies, continue to be vaccinated at intervals recommended by veterinarian	- fresh water supply shall be provided and maintained in rear yard at all times, in location readily accessible - feed shall be enclosed in re-sealable, airtight, vermin-proof, predator-proof container	- water shall be provided onsite and accessible to animals at all times - animal cruelty prohibited		- This is often mentioned in the general context of keeping animals. - fresh water supply: 3 cities - food supply: 2 cities - rabies: 1 city
<b>Permit Required?</b>	no	yes	yes, annual	yes, by Humane Society	yes	yes	no	- yes, require permit: 5 cities - no, do not require permit: 2 cities
<b>Slaughter</b>				- may not be killed by or at direction of owner/keeper except pursuant to lawful order of health officials, or for purpose of euthanasia when surrendered to licensed veterinarian or Humane Society for such purpose	- on-site slaughtering prohibited	- slaughter only allowed by special review in M1 zone (industrial)	- use of residential property for animal slaughtering or butchering (private or for sale) which interferes with comfortable enjoyment of life/property by others, or causes detriment to public health, safety or welfare is prohibited	- Mentioned by 4 cities. If allowed, it is only under specific, narrow circumstances.

Note: Empty boxes indicate that no applicable regulation exists for that jurisdiction.