

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

City of Taylorsville  
Information Form

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ANIMAL PERMITS  
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## Conditional Animal Permits

The City of Taylorsville contracts with West Valley City Animal Services for all pet licensing and animal control services. West Valley enforces all Taylorsville City ordinances relating to animals, including the number of pets allowed at private residences. Under general circumstances, Taylorsville City Code permits a maximum of two dogs and two cats per residence. In addition the Code also regulates ownership of certain other animals. However the City also recognizes that there may be special circumstances and conditions that may require an exception to the normal standards of pet ownership. As a result, the City has created several special permits (Conditional Animal Permits) to accommodate those who, because of their unique circumstances, would like to vary from the standard provisions of the Code. All conditional animal permits require conditional use permit approval from the Taylorsville Planning Commission.

### Conditional Animal Permits Available in Taylorsville City:

- Fanciers Permit.** This permit allows the owner to have more than two dogs and cats in a residential area provided that each animal is registered with a national registry, eligible for licensing by West Valley City Animal Services, and approval is granted by the Director of West Valley City Animal Services. Adequate areas for shelter and confinement must be verified.
- Hobby Permit.** This permit allows pet owners to keep more than two dogs, cats, or ferrets in a residential area provided that each animal is rendered sterile, individually licensed and approval is granted by the Director of West Valley City Animal Services. Adequate areas for shelter and confinement must be verified.
- Foster Permit.** This permit is available for those who want to shelter more than two dogs or cats until a permanent home can be found. The pets to be fostered must be the property of a local public animal shelter or animal welfare organization and be awaiting adoption. Adequate areas for shelter and confinement must be verified.
- Guard Dog Permit.** By City Code, a guard dog is defined as any dog that will detect and warn its handler that an intruder is present in or near an area that is being secured and will attack a human pursuant to training or its handler's command. The *Guard Dog Permit* is required for any person who owns or hires a guard dog. The Guard Dog Application must set forth the type of dog, the site where said dog shall be used, and the hours that the dog will be on duty. Each gate or door must be posted with a warning sign stating "*Warning: A guard dog is guarding the property. Entry herein may cause dog to attack and cause significant injury, even death. To reach the handler call \_\_\_-\_\_\_.*" All guard dogs must be licensed and micro-chipped. The license shall be attached to a one inch wide red or orange collar with the word "Danger" written or embroidered in black lettering at least ¾ inch in height.
- Exotic Animal Permit.** This permit is available for those who want to own or keep an exotic animal. An exotic animal is any animal whose native habitat is not indigenous to the continental United States, excluding Alaska, except tropical fish, fur-bearing animals commercially bred for the furrier trade, birds, and dangerous animals. The applicant must demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the species to provide adequate care, provide proof of adequate caging, provide proof that the animal poses no threat to the health and safety of the community in the event the animal should escape, and provide proof of any required state or federal license.
- Dangerous Animal Permit.** A dangerous animal is any animal that would be a hazard to the public health and safety by virtue of training, treatment, physical condition, or disposition. To obtain a Dangerous Animal Permit the applicant must be able to demonstrate all of the following:
  - Sufficient knowledge of the species to provide adequate care.
  - Provide proof of adequate primary caging for the species and a secondary system of confinement so as to prevent unauthorized access to the animal and to prevent escape of the animal.
  - Provide proof that adequate measures have been taken to prevent the animal from becoming a threat to the health and safety of the community.
  - Present proof of any required State or Federal permits.
  - Present proof of liability insurance in the amount of at least \$100,000.00, which policy shall name the City of Taylorsville as an individual insured and shall not be subject to cancellation or other material modifications without at least 30 days prior written notice to the City.

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**Step by Step Process for Obtaining a Conditional Animal Permit:**

- It is advisable to contact a Taylorsville City Planner regarding your request prior to filing an application for a *Conditional Animal Permit*.
- Submit a completed *Conditional Animal Permit Application* and all of the following materials to the Taylorsville Community Development Department:
  - All applicable fees.
  - A list of owner names, mailing addresses, and property identification numbers of all property owners within 400 feet of the subject property. Property owner information may be obtained from the Salt Lake County Recorder’s office located at 2001 South State Street, Room N2300, Salt Lake City, Utah.
  - Self adhesive mailing labels, typed or machine printed with each property owner’s name and address as identified above (no hand written labels please). *Note: Duplicate listings should be omitted.*
  - Plain white envelopes (size 10 business envelope measuring 4” x 9½”) with postage for each property owner. *Note: Labels should not be placed on envelopes.*
- After the application is received, the matter will be scheduled for a public hearing before the Taylorsville Planning Commission. During the scheduled public hearing, the applicant, and all other members of the public who desire to ask questions, state concerns or provide oral testimony either for or against the application are invited to do so. All comments are recorded and considered by the Planning Commission. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission may:
  - **Approve application as presented.** If the application is approved, the applicant must then comply with all applicable city ordinances. Please see next step for information concerning licensing your animal.
  - **Approve application with conditions.** Following Planning Commission approval, the applicant must comply with all applicable city ordinances as well as any additional conditions of the Planning Commission approval. Please see next step for information concerning licensing your animal.
  - **Continue or “table” application for further study.** If the application is continued for further study and review, Staff will reschedule the application for Planning Commission consideration once the application is ready for Planning Commission review.
  - **Deny application based on “findings of facts” gathered from Planning Commission Staff Report and other applicable discovery information.** If the application is denied, applicant may appeal decision (see *Appeal of a Planning Commission Decision* below).
- If the permit is approved, the applicant will receive an approval letter within 7 days on official City of Taylorsville letterhead. This letter should in turn be presented to West Valley City Animal Services at the time of licensing the additional animals. Please note that all *Conditional Animal Permits* are reviewable upon complaint.

**Application Fees:**

<b>FILING FEE</b> To be paid to the City of Taylorsville	<b>PERMIT FEE</b> To be paid to West Valley City Animal Services after Taylorsville Planning Commission approval	
<b>All Applications: \$35.00</b>	<b>Foster Permit</b>	No Fee
	<b>Exotic Animal Permit</b>	\$ 5.00
	<b>Fanciers Permit, Hobby Permit, Guard Dog Permit, and Dangerous Animal Permit</b>	\$25.00

**Meeting Dates:**

The Taylorsville Planning Commission meets in a regular business meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month (except holidays). The Planning Commission meets in the Council Chambers located on the first floor of the Taylorsville City Hall located at 2600 West Taylorsville Blvd. Please contact the Taylorsville Planning Department for specific dates and times.

**Appeal of Planning Commission Decision:**

Anyone not satisfied with a decision of the Planning Commission may appeal the decision to the City Council. The appellant may be the applicant, an adjacent property owner, an effected resident, or even the City of Taylorsville itself. Appeals must be in writing and received by the Community Development Director within ten (10) days of the Commission’s decision. Appeals must contain all pertinent documents and state reason(s) for the appeal. *Payment of a \$35.00 fee is required at time of filing.*