

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONDITIONAL ANIMAL PERMITS

The City of Taylorsville understands that many residents value the companionship of a pet (or pets). 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. The City also recognizes that there may be special circumstances and conditions that may potentially 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. Below is a summary of the types of Conditional Animal Permits available with the City, the application requirements for each, and the process for obtaining a permit.

Conditional Animal Permits Available in the City of Taylorsville:

Fanciers Permit. This permit allows the owner to have more than two dogs and cats in a residential area for show or breeding purposes, provided that each animal is registered with a national registry. A Fanciers Permit allows a litter to remain intact until the animals are five months old; with one animal from the litter permitted to be kept until it is 12 months old. 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 the dog will 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 applicable 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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Application Fees

PERMIT TYPE	APPLICATION FEE	ANNUAL INSPECTION FEE
Hobby, Fancier's, Guard Dog, Exotic Animal, and Dangerous Animal Permits	\$60.00	\$25.00
Foster Permit	\$35.00	No Fee

Step by Step Process for Obtaining a Conditional Animal Permit:

1. Prior to submitting an application for a *Conditional Animal Permit* it is advisable to contact a Taylorsville City Planner regarding your request.
2. Submit a completed *Conditional Animal Permit Application* and all the following material to the Taylorsville Community Development Department. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**
 - A completed *Conditional Animal Permit Application* form.
 - Applicable application fees (see table above).
 - All required information for the type of permit as outlined on page one.
 - Postage for the public notice mailing to all land owners within 300 feet of the subject property. A member of the Taylorsville Planning Division will determine the number stamps necessary based on current Salt Lake County property ownership records.
3. Your application will be reviewed for compliance by City staff.
4. A public notice will be mailed by the City to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property outlining your proposal and inviting anyone with comments regarding the application to contact the City.
5. Once the application has been reviewed by City staff and the public notice process has been completed, the application will be forwarded to the Taylorsville Community Development Director for approval. If the Community Development Director determines that the application conforms to all City regulations and that the public notice process didn't identify any significant concerns, the *Conditional Animal Permit* will be issued. If, however, any significant concerns are identified during the staff review or public notice process, the Community Development Director may forward the application to the Taylorsville Planning Commission for a public hearing. If it is determined that a public hearing before the Planning Commission is appropriate, the application will be scheduled for the next possible Planning Commission meeting and another public notice will be mailed to all property owners with 300 Feet advertising the public hearing. City staff will present the item to the Planning Commission, and the applicant and members of the public will be given the opportunity to state concerns, ask questions, or provide testimony either for or against the application. All comments are recorded and considered by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may:
 - Approve the application as presented by staff.
 - Approve the application with additional standards to mitigate negative impacts of the permit.
 - Continue or "table" the application for further study.
 - Deny the application based on information provided to them.
5. If the permit is approved, you will receive a signed approval letter from the City.
6. Upon approval, the applicant is required to present the City approval letter to West Valley City Animal Services to arrange an inspection and obtain the permit.

NOTE: Conditional Animal Permits can be reviewed and/or revoked based on substantiated complaints and unresolved violations.

Animal Control Contact Information

The City of Taylorsville contracts with West Valley City Animal Services for all pet licensing and animal control services. Contact:

West Valley City Animal Services, 4522 West 3500 South, West Valley City, Utah 84120 (801) 965-5800

Applicable City Code

Title 8 - Animals; Chapter 8.12 - Permits