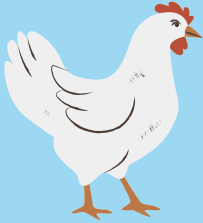
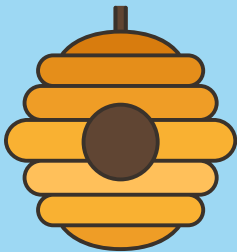


Animal Keeping Ordinance Frequently Asked Questions



What is Animal Keeping?

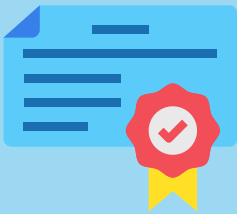
Animal keeping is the practice of owning certain farm animals and honeybees at your own residential property for personal use. It allows homeowners and communities to produce healthy, nutritional food and promotes environmental sustainability.



What Animals Would Be Allowed and How Many?

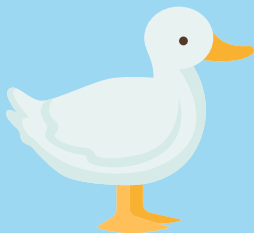
This proposed ordinance allows chickens, ducks, and honeybees. Roosters are not allowed in the proposed ordinance.

- A maximum of 8 animals would be allowed. This can be a combination of ducks and chickens or all ducks or all chickens.
- A maximum of 2 honeybee hives would be allowed.



How to Obtain a License?

Applications for licenses would be obtained from the City of Detroit Animal Care and Control Division. The proposed license fee is \$50 and to be renewed annually for the same amount.



Where Would I be Allowed to Keep My Chickens, Ducks, or Bees on My Property?

Chickens and ducks are to be kept in shelters, enclosures, and chicken coops behind your home. Honeybees are kept in beehives.



What are the Proposed Distance Requirements?

- Chicken and duck enclosures must be kept 30 feet away from your neighbor's home and 5 feet from side property line lines.
- Honeybee hives must be kept 25 feet from your neighbor's home and at least 5 feet from side property lines.
 - Honeybees require a minimum 6-foot-tall fence or barrier, depending on placement.