

Facts & Background

- Purpose
 - Create a use for outdoor and indoor animal exhibition.
 - Defined by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as an animal exhibition (Animal Welfare Act & Animal Welfare Regulations).
- No use currently exist within Stonecrest Zoning Ordinance.
- The proposed ordinance would only allow the use in certain areas of the city.
- Development standards will be implemented.

Indoor Animal Exhibition

- Recommended Definition
 - Indoor Animal Exhibitions means the display of any animal to the public in an enclosed building. Such exhibitions may include, but are not limited to indoor zoos, indoor petting zoos, aquariums, bird aviaries, butterfly exhibits, museums with live exhibits and educational venues. Indoor animal exhibitions shall not include retail pet stores, the keeping of household pets, livestock shows, purebred dog or cat shows, and similar events.

Indoor Animal Exhibition

- Recommended Supplemental Regulations
 - **1.** Be conducted entirely within an enclosed building.
 - **2.** Not produce any noise, dust, liquids, fumes, odors or other irritants that may affect surrounding residents, business owners or property owners.
 - **3.** Be properly insured and provide proof of that insurance to the City annually.
 - **4.** Provide written permission from the owner or property manager of the building being occupied to the City.
 - **5.** Display a copy of all required valid licenses and permits in a prominent place on premises.
 - **6.** Be licensed and comply with all rules and regulations for a “Licensed Class C – Exhibitor” under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 et seq.) and as regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations established in the most recent issue of “USDA Animal Care – Animal Welfare Act and Animal Welfare Regulations” (aka the USDA Blue Book).
https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/downloads/bluebook-acawa.pdf.
 - All required licensing shall be renewed prior to expiration and a copy provided to the City. Upon expiration or non-renewal of the license, the use shall immediately cease operations until a copy of a valid license is provided to the City.

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- **7.** Comply with the Georgia The Department of Agriculture Animal Health Division regulations as established in the [Rules and Regulations of the State of GA Chapter 40-13](#).
- **8.** Comply with applicable standards of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the regulation of non-native species as per the regulated wild animals/exotics types (<https://gadnrle.org/exotics>), and restricted non-native species found in O.C.G.A. §27-5-4.
- **9.** Comply with applicable regulations and standards for regulated native species as per the Georgia DNR's laws related to native wildlife (<https://gadnrle.org/laws-native-wildlife>). The Georgia DNR shall be notified prior to adding additional regulated species prior to acquisition. Proof of notification and approval may be required at any time by the City of Stonecrest to ensure compatibility.
- **10.** Comply with the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) regulations for general requirements for animal health and disease prevention, including following all requirements for importing animals from out of state, for intrastate transportation, vaccination and quarantine requirements, as applicable, as per the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia Chapter 40-13 (<http://rules.sos.state.ga.us/GAC/40-13>).
- **11.** Comply with the Georgia Department of Public Health regulations pertaining to reporting rabies exposure.
- **12.** Comply with DeKalb County requirements for "hazardous animals" as per DeKalb County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5 – Animals (https://library.municode.com/ga/dekalb_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CODECO_CH5AN)
- **13.** Comply with [§ 27-5-5 - Wild animals for which license or permit required :: 2010 Georgia Code :: US Codes and Statutes :: US Law :: Justia](#)

Outdoor Animal Exhibition

- Recommended Definition
 - An Outdoor Animal Exhibition means the display of any animal to the public in an open-air structure such as a corral or other fenced area. Outdoor animal exhibitions may include, but are not limited to, outdoor zoos, outdoor petting zoos, wildlife or fauna parks and similar venues. This use shall not include an agricultural fairs, livestock shows, purebred dog or cat shows, or similar events. Outdoor animal exhibitions are not considered agricultural fairs where animals are displayed on exhibition grounds for comparing and judging the qualities and characteristics of various breeds and species of animals. The main purpose of such exhibitions is not to market "for sale" animals, but merely for their display.

Outdoor Animal Exhibition

- Recommended Supplemental Regulations
 - As related to Outdoor Exhibitions, such use shall comply with The Indoor Animal Exhibition supplemental regulations along with the two (2) additional supplemental regulations
 - 1. Outdoor animal exhibitions shall only operate between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM.
 - 2. No building that houses animals or enclosure that contains animals shall be placed less than one hundred (100) feet from a common property boundary with a residential use or a residential zoning district.

Recommended Permissible Areas

What changed?

- Indoor and Outdoor Exhibition is permitted in C-1 (Local Commercial) and C-2 (General Commercial) with a Special Land Use Permit
 - Has to be approved by Mayor and Council