

# Urban Miniature Goat Ordinance Chart - Nationwide Examples 2024

City	Population Density	Zones	Lot Size Minimum	Setbacks	Fence Requirements	Pen Size Minimum	Care Requirements	Quantity	Neutered Male Allowed	Dehorn Required	Permit or License	Source
Seattle, WA 749,000 pop.	8,775 /sq mi		None	10 ft from property line	"It is unlawful to... Permit any miniature goat to leave the owner's premises"	None evident	General sanitation requirements	3-7 or more (3 on properties less than 20,000 sq ft, 1 more per every 5,000 sq feet.	Yes	Yes	License	Seattle Municode 23.42.052
Portland, OR 652,000 pop.	4,888 /sq mile	Any lot (including lots with more than one residential unit)	Any lot- up to 3; 10,000 square feet and greater- up to 5.	3 feet from side property line, 10 feet from rear property line.	None; general animal at large prohibition	400 sq ft (200 per animal)	Animal not endangered; shelter adequately lighted and ventilated	3-5 (On lots 10,000 sq ft and greater up to 5)	Yes (and intact male not prohibited)	No	None	Portland City Code 13.40.010, 13.40.020 C
San Diego, CA 1,381,000 pop.	4,255 /sq mile	Residential single dwelling unit	No minimum	5 ft from side property lines, 13 ft from rear property line	5 ft	400 sq ft	Predator-proof, vented, waterproof and easily accessed for cleaning.	2	Yes	Yes	None	San Diego Article 4 Div 3 §44.0307; and handout
Austin, TX 974,000 pop.	3,006 /sq mi	Residential	None, just meet setback requirements	10 ft for 2, 50 ft for 3-6, 100 ft for 7 or more	No At-Large animals	"Adequately sized"	Clean, safe, sufficient space	2-7 or more, based on setback requirements	Yes	No	None	Austin Municode 3-2-15, 3-2-5
Pittsburgh, PA 303,000 pop.	5,471 /sq mi	Residential (as accessory use)	2,000 sq ft	None evident	General requirement: not at large and protected	None evident	Free from accumulations of excrement and objectionable odor, food rodent proof, protect from predators.	2-9 (2 on 2,000-10,000 sq ft properties, 1 more per additional 5,000 sq ft., 9 on a 1 acre property)	Yes	Yes	Permit	Pittsburgh Municode 912.07.B (13-17), and Dep. of Planning Urban Agriculture handout

# Suburban Miniature Goat Ordinance Chart - Denver Metro Area

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Denver, CO 715,000 pop.	4,674 /sq mile	Residential	None; any residence that meets pen and setbacks requirements.	15 ft from neighbor dwelling	"Adequate fencing to prevent escape," no minimum height	260 sq ft	Adequate space and protection from weather and predators	2	Yes	No	Permit	Denver Municode Sec 8-91. and Zoning Code 11.8.5.1
Lakewood, CO 156,000 pop.	3,334 /sq mile	Residential single family, including Small Lot Residential (6,000 - 9,000 sq feet)	6,000 sq ft	5-10 ft from property line	4 ft	None	Predator-resistant enclosure, ventilated shelter with 10 sq ft per animal	3 on small lots. If over 9,000 sq ft open lot, 2 more for every additional 6,000 sq ft	Yes	No	Permit for small lot, <i>None for large lot.</i>	Lakewood Title 17 Zoning Ordinance 17.4.3.1 and Urban Ag. Handout Dwarf G.
Arvada, CO 124,000 pop.	3,028 /sq mile	Any zoning district	None; any lot with sufficient setbacks in backyard	35 ft from neighbor dwelling, 15 ft from property line, backyard only.	None, just general prohibition on animals at large except cats	None	Predator-resistant, ventilated shelter accessible for cleaning	2	Yes	No	None	Arvada Municode Sec. 14-123
Edgewater, CO 5,000 pop.	7,630 /sq mile	Residential single family detached	None; any single family detached	35 ft from neighbor dwelling	6 ft, solid	260 sq ft	Adequate shelter that protects and is maintained in a sanitary condition.	2	Yes	No	License	Edgewater Municode Sec. 7-6-81.
Brighton, CO 40,000 pop.	1,887 /sq mile	single-family detached properties	7,500 sq ft (0.17 acre)	10 ft from property line, rear 50% of lot	4 ft	260 sq ft	Covered, predator resistant shelter	2	No	Yes	Permit	Brighton Municode Sec. 6-4-900.

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Thornton, CO 142,000 pop.	3,949 /sq mi	Residential, Single-Family Detached dwellings	None, if minimum pen size can be met in rear of lot	5 ft from property line	No minimum height. "Sturdy fencing sufficient to keep the miniature goats contained"	300 sq ft	Goat shelter covered and predator-resistant, proper ventilation	2	Yes	Yes	Permit	Thornton Municode Sec. 6-54. Miniature goats
Wheat Ridge, CO 32,000 pop.	3,243 /sq mile	Residential	No minimum	30 ft from neighbor dwelling, 15 ft from property lines, side or rear yards only	No minimum, just cannot be at large	260 sq ft	Accumulation of animal waste that is a nuisance to surrounding properties is prohibited	3 if less than 9,000 sq ft open lot area. 6 for open lot over 9,000 sq ft. 6 more for each additional 6,000 sq ft.	Yes	No	None	Ordinance Amend-ing the Wheat Ridge Laws Concern-ing the keeping of Dwarf Goats

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