

Item 11. REVISED. We define but do not restrict exotic animals (see definition #62), specifically pointing to concerns about potential danger. As the community continues to grow, bringing more people into close proximity, the potential for injury increases. Also, as the community grows, the proximity of numerous domestic pets can become a nuisance. We receive a fair number of complaints regarding several dogs and or cats in a house or yard causing noise or odor concerns. We limit the number of agricultural animals, but not domestic pets.

The volunteer committee, given the name "Colerain Township Friends of Animals," met on August 28, 2007. After discussion, the following revision to this proposed amendment was developed.

Add:

12.12

Pets

(A) *The keeping of exotic wildlife as a pet is prohibited in all residential districts and uses;*

~~(B) *In the R-4, R-5, R-6, and R-7 Districts, no more than four dogs and/or cats shall be kept as household pets. In the event of a household pet dog or cat giving birth to young, such young will not be considered as constituting a violation of this Section during a maximum 120 day weaning period.*~~

(B) *Household pets are permitted in all districts in accordance with the following:*

(1) *The yard shall be kept free of pet feces and other pet debris;*

(2) *Owners shall be required to maintain a current license for all pets that require a license; and*

(3) *All outdoor pens, enclosures, doghouses, and kennels shall be kept in good repair and shall be located as required by §10.2.2(H).*