



CAN I RAISE ANIMALS ON MY PROPERTY?

THIS GUIDE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH CITY DEFINITIONS, PROCESSES, AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO RAISING ANIMALS.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

1 ZONING

First, find out your zoning. Are you in a residential, commercial, mixed-use, or industrial zone?

2 DEFINITIONS

Next, understand how the zoning ordinance defines small animals, large animals, apiaries, and domestic animals.

3 REQUIREMENTS

Finally, use the handy table to match your zoning with animal type to find out if it's allowed and if you need a permit.

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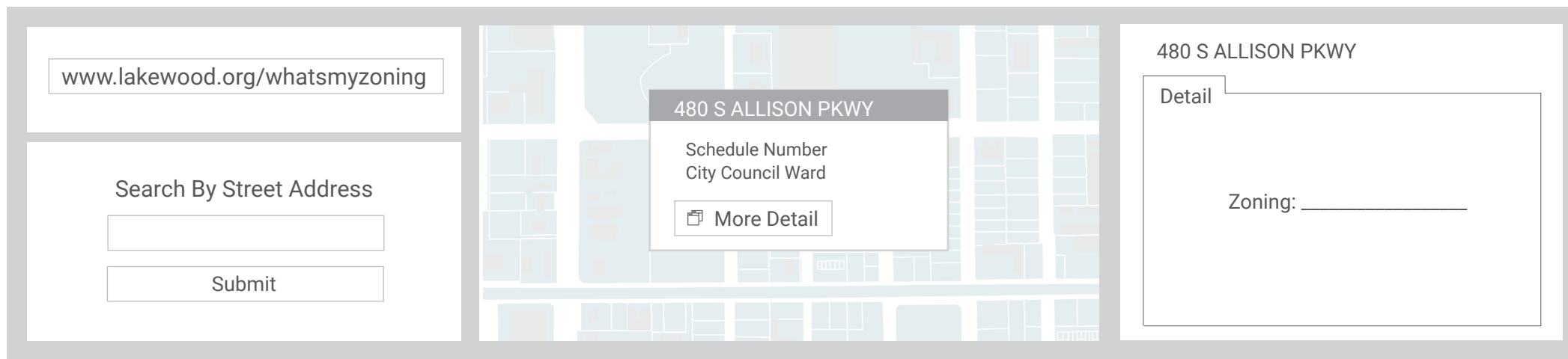
FIND YOUR ZONING

A Go to "What's my Zone District?" page: www.lakewood.org/whatsmyzoning. Type in your address.

⚠ Type your address without punctuation. The system will not recognize your address if there is punctuation.

B A map will appear with an icon on your property. Click on the button "More Detail."

C A small window will open. Scroll until you see "Zoning." This will list the code for your zone district. Click on the code to download a summary sheet of your zone district.



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REVIEW DEFINITIONS



APIARIES - BEES

A place where bees are kept for their honey.

African bees are prohibited.



SMALL ANIMALS

Small, domestic animals include but are not limited to:

- Rabbits
- Chinchillas
- Chickens
- Ducks
- Geese
- Turkeys
- Pigeons
- Dwarf goats



LARGE ANIMALS

Large, domestic animals limited to:

- Livestock
- Emus
- Ostriches

Equivalents for 1 horse:

- 1 Cow
- 2 Llamas
- 2 Alpacas
- 2 Goats
- 2 Sheep



HOUSEHOLD PETS

Regulated species of household pets means any species of animal commonly kept as a pet within households that are more than 4 months of age, such as a dog, cat, rabbit, duck, pot belly pig that weighs less than 70 pounds, and ferret, the keeping of which is not prohibited by this title.

In Lakewood, you are allowed up to five household animals (as defined above), with a limit of three per species.

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UNDERSTAND REQUIREMENTS



ALLOWED NO PERMIT REQUIRED

A permit is not required, but you must comply with the following standards:

Small & Large Animals
Zoning Code
Article 4

Household Pets
Municipal Code
Article 6



ALLOWED PERMIT REQUIRED

A small animal permit must be acquired from the Planning Department, and you must comply with standards outlined in Article 4 in the Zoning Code.

Small Animal Permit
Cost: \$15



NOT ALLOWED

Raising animals is not allowed in these zone districts.



ZONE DISTRICT



BEES - APIARIES



SMALL ANIMALS



LARGE ANIMALS



HOUSEHOLD PETS

M- (Mixed-Use)
C-R
LI & LI-RD



R-2
R-1-6



R-1-9
R-1-12
R-1-18



R-1-43



R-MF



R-MH



Allowed Not Allowed Permit Required



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