Important Information

- To have chickens, bees or potbellied pigs you must have an approved permit issued by the City of Westminster. The cost is $25.00 per permit.
- Hives and coops must be predator proof.
- During reasonable hours, an Animal Management officer or their designee, has the right to enter the any part of the yard to inspect and confirm compliance.
- Fresh water must be available to bees and chickens at all times.
- Animals must be kept in such a way that it does not become a nuisance to your neighbors. This includes quieting any audible noises and removing excrement promptly. Damages caused by any animal are your responsibility.
- Check with your Home Owner Association (HOA) prior to purchasing these types of animals.
- If you are a renter, landlord approval must be obtained in advance.
- Rooster are NOT allowed.



Helpful Contacts

Westminster Animal Management

Emergencies:	911
Non-Emergency Officer Response:	(303) 658-4360
Animal Management Office:	(303) 658-4326

Colorado State University Extension for Agriculture
http://urbanag.colostate.edu/

Chicken Information Resources
http://www.denverext.colostate.edu/chickeninfo.html

American Beekeeping Federation
http://www.abfnet.org/?page=34

Colorado Bee Keepers Association
http://coloradobeekeepers.org/education/resources/

Miniature Pig Registry
http://minipigregistry.homestead.com/AboutMPPR.html

North American Potbellied Pig Association
http://petpigs.com/

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City of Westminster's Guide to Backyard Livestock And Potbellied Pigs

Provided by the
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Animal Management Unit
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Westminster, CO 80031
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Download application at:
www.cityofwestminster.us

Bee Keeping

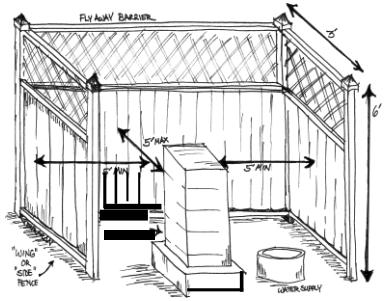
It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, harbor, keep, maintain or permit on his property within the City, bees or bee hives, unless the owner or occupant of the property complies with the requirements in W.M.C. 6-7-12 (H).

- Must have a permit issued by the City of Westminster;
- Must be kept in the rear yard of a single-family detached property with an existing residence.



At all times, bees must be provided with a properly designed beehive, including, but not limited to:

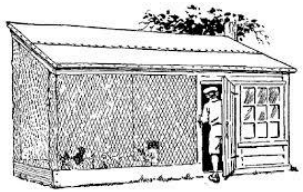
- Predator proof;
- Provide adequate shelter from inclement weather, including sun, wind, rain, snow, hail & extreme temperatures;
- A six-foot (6') tall flyaway barrier or privacy fence with the rear yard;
- Fresh water supply in the rear yard, readily accessible to all bees;
- Any honeycomb removed from the hive must be immediately enclosed in a bee-proof and predator proof container, and placed in a secure location/building;
- Aggressive or Africanized bees are prohibited.



(Example of flyaway barrier)

Hive Requirements

- Shall not exceed a maximum gross floor area of nine (9) square feet;
- Shall not exceed six (6) feet in height from the ground, excluding the roof. The hive's total height to measure not more than seven (7) feet from the ground;
- Each hive shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from all side and rear property lines.



Backyard Chickens

It shall be unlawful from any person to possess, harbor, keep, maintain or permit on his property within the City any chickens, unless the owner or occupant of the property complies with the requirements in W.M.C. 6-7-12 (I).

- Must have a permit issued by the City of Westminster;
- Must be kept in the rear yard of a single family detached property with an existing residence;
- Only hens (female chickens) permitted;
- Chickens must be kept in their coop from dusk until dawn, they are allowed to free range in the rear yard from dawn to dusk if rendered unable to fly.
- Rear yard shall be fully screened by a privacy fence a minimum of six (6) feet in height; except for properties adjoining City-owned open space, for which a privacy fence is not required;
- Excrement shall be properly disposed of to minimize presence of flies, insects, odor, and disease;
- Fresh water supply in the rear yard, readily accessible to chickens;
- Chicken feed shall be stored in a re-sealable, airtight, vermin-proof container;
- Any onsite slaughtering of chickens must take place indoors only, and only those chickens permitted on the property may be slaughtered. Outdoor slaughtering in prohibited.

Coop Requirements

- Shall not exceed a maximum gross floor area of one hundred twenty (120) square feet;
- Shall not exceed six (6) feet in height from the ground;
- Shall be set back from all side and rear yard property lines by a minimum of ten (10) feet;
- Only one (1) coop per rear yard.



Potbellied Pigs

It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, harbor, keep, maintain, or permit at his dwelling within the City, any potbellied pig or any pig purporting to be a potbellied pig, unless the owner complies with the requirements in W.M.C. 6-7-12 (F).

- Must have a permit issued by the City of Westminster;
- Must be registered through a bona fide potbellied pig registry;
- Males over the age of four (4) months must be neutered;
- Harness and identification tag must be worn by the pig at all times;
- Shall not exceed ninety-five (95) pounds;
- No more than one (1) potbellied pig allowed on any residential property;
- Must be kept for personal enjoyment.

Any permit may be denied, cancelled, or revoked for any violation of the W.M.C. related to the keeping of bees, chickens, and potbellied pigs.

The above information is provided for your information, for the entire W.M.C. related to the keeping of bees, chickens, and potbellied pigs visit our website at www.cityofwestminster.us

If you have any questions, contact Westminster Animal Management at 303-658-4326.