

**Section 10-61 – Restriction on Numbers and Types of Animals, Companion Animal Hoarding:
Prohibition of Animals at Large and Menacing Animals**

The Animal Control Officer (supervisor of animal services) shall be the final authority in determining how many animals or household pets shall be allowed in an apartment, mobile home, house or yard, considering the provisions under Section 10-41 (providing food, water, adequate shelter and protection from weather, veterinary care and humane care and treatment), the amount of space allocated for each animal, mistreatment of any animal and further considering the companion animals' and owners' health, safety and well-being. Should the Animal Control Officer determine that the number of animals is a health or safety risk, the ACO has the authority to remove the animals, immediately, from the residence for the well-being of the animal(s) and the owner(s).

Companion Animal Hoarding

A Person is in violation of this section if they:

- (1) possess a large number of companion animals;
- (2) fail to, or are unable to provide, what he or she is required to provide under Section 10-41 of this Chapter (food, water, adequate shelter and protection from weather, veterinary care and humane care and treatment)
- (3) keep the companion animals in a severely overcrowded environment; and
- (4) display an inability to recognize or understand the nature of or has a reckless disregard for the conditions under which the companion animals are living and the deleterious impact they have on the companion animals' and owners' health and well-being.