

MARICOPA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE

CHAPTER XI

ANIMALS

SECTION 3

MOBILE PET GROOMERS/SHOPS

REGULATION 1. Definitions

- a. “Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops” means an enclosed vehicle-mounted establishment that is designed to be readily movable and from which any animal is given away, kept for sale, bathed, groomed, or treated for vermin.
- b. “Animal Commissary” is a pet shop that acts as a base of operations for a mobile pet shop. All mobile pet shops shall operate from an Approved, fixed, permitted Animal Commissary and physically return to the Animal Commissary at least once during each operating day.
- c. “Animal Commissary” does not include:
 1. A private residence that is not permitted as a pet shop by this Code.
 2. Permitted Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops.
 3. Any permitted food establishment.

REGULATION 2. Plan Approval

- a. Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall not be constructed, altered or increased in size, until detailed plans and specifications have been submitted to and Approved by the Department. The owner, operator, or his authorized agent shall certify in writing that the plan documents comply with this Regulation.
- b. The construction, alterations, or improvements shall conform to the Approved plans and specifications. All changes in construction or the deletion or addition of equipment requires prior approval by the Department.

REGULATION 3. Permit Required

- a. No Person shall operate a Mobile Pet Groomer/Shop without a valid permit to do so from the Department. The Permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the vehicle.

- b. A separate Permit is required for each Mobile Pet Groomer/Shop. Permits are not transferrable from Person to Person, place to place, or vehicle to vehicle.

REGULATION 4. Compliance

- a. All Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall be operated and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition in compliance with the appropriate parts of this Section and with Chapter XI, Sections 1 and 2.

REGULATION 5. General Requirements

- a. All Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall clearly display the name of the business on the two sides and rear exterior of the vehicle in letters at least three inches high and a minimum of 3/8 inch wide. When more than one Permit is issued with the same business name to the same Permit holder, the vehicle identification number shall be clearly displayed along with the business name.
- b. Compressors, auxiliary engines, generators, and similar mechanical equipment that are not an integral part of a Mobile Pet Groomer/Shop shall be located away from the area where animals are serviced or stored. This equipment shall be accessible from the exterior of the Mobile Pet Groomer/Shop.
- c. Sanitary toilet facilities for use by employees shall be readily available within 200 feet of all Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops that are operated at one location for more than one hour.
- d. Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall not operate without hot and cold potable water, hand washing soap, sanitary towels, and Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations Approved hand sanitizer that are available for immediate use at all times.
- e. When in operation, the area around a Mobile Pet Groomer/Shop shall be kept clean and free from litter, Garbage, and Rubbish at all times.
- f. All support and servicing activities for mobile pet shops shall be carried out at the permitted animal commissary. These activities include disposing of wastewater into the sanitary sewer system (wastewater shall not be discharged into a storm drain or onto the ground), washing the vehicle, and recharging the potable water tank. These activities shall not be carried out at an un-permitted private residence. A written agreement with a permitted Animal Commissary must be provided to the Department prior to Permit approval. In addition, the owner or operator shall maintain an Animal Commissary visits log that may be reviewed by the Department during each routine inspection.

REGULATION 6. Interior Fixtures

- a. Interior walls and ceilings of all Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall be light in color and shall have smooth and easily cleanable surfaces.
- b. Interior flooring shall be of impervious construction where it is subject to flooding, spillage, hard use, or where pets are serviced or stored. Carpeting is prohibited in Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops.
- c. Windows shall be protected with an Approved sliding screen, window, or a mechanical air curtain.

REGULATION 7. Water and Wastewater

- a. Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall provide an Approved potable water hose designated for potable water only. This hose shall only be used to fill the fresh water tank.
- b. All connections on the vehicle for waste discharge shall be of different sizes or types than those used for supplying potable water to the Mobile Pet Groomer/Shop.
- c. Waste connections shall be located lower than potable water inlet connections to preclude contamination of the potable water system.
- d. Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall provide a minimum flow rate of hot and cold water to any sink or tub of one gallon per minute.
- e. Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops that bathe, groom, or treat pets shall have a permanently installed potable water storage tank with a minimum capacity of 30 gallons.
- f. Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops that are limited to the sale or distribution of pets shall have a permanently installed potable water storage tank or self-contained hand washing station with a minimum capacity of 5 gallons for the purpose of hand washing only.
- g. Potable water system inlets shall be protected from potential contamination with Approved back-flow preventers. Potable water inlets shall be no larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ inch unless otherwise Approved by the Department.
- h. A liquid waste storage tank with a capacity 15% greater than the potable water storage tank shall be installed in all Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops.
- i. Mobile pet shops shall not connect to potable water or wastewater systems except during servicing operations at the permitted animal commissary.

- j. Water and sewage piping connected to and serving Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops that are Approved by the Department shall be connected to an Approved potable water system and shall also be connected to an Approved sewage disposal system.
- k. All exterior water system connections for vehicles used as Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops shall be provided with an Approved back-flow prevention device.
- l. All water tanks, pumps, and hoses shall be flushed and sanitized before being placed into service after construction, repair, modification, and periods of non-use longer than 7 consecutive days.
- m. All wastewater and garbage disposal shall be conducted in accordance with this Code and all other applicable state and local Rules and Regulations.

REGULATION 8. Additional Regulations for Mobile Pet Groomers/Shops that Sell or Distribute Pets

- a. When selling or distributing pets outside the vehicle (*e.g.*, a swap meet), a sign indicating the business name shall be displayed with letters that are at least 6 inches high by 1 inch wide. The sign shall be visible to the consumer and shall be in addition to any signs used on the vehicle.
- b. When selling or distributing pets outside the vehicle, a self-contained hand washing station shall be present.
- c. When selling or distributing pets outside the vehicle, the permitted Mobile Pet Groomer/Shop shall be present.
- d. Mobile pet shops that sell or distribute pets shall return to the permitted Animal Commissary at least once a day to store pets, and for cleaning, waste disposal, and servicing. A written agreement with the permitted Animal Commissary must be provided to the Department upon request and at the time the Permit is issued or renewed.