



SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION AND INFORMATION OUTLINE EXOTIC ANIMALS

This outline provides you with information on how to apply for a Special Use Permit-Exotic Animals. We hope that the information will be beneficial in instructing you on what information is required and what steps must be taken to review your application. The more thorough and complete the application submitted to the Town, the better we are able to serve you and help you achieve your goals.

Included is the **SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION**. Should you have any questions, please contact the Planning Division at (760)369-6575 x317 or x328. The Planning Division is located in the Community Development/Public Works Department building at 58928 Business Center Drive off of Indio and Yucca Trail, north of the Monterey Business Center. You may visit our website for additional information at:
<http://www.yucca-valley.org/departments/planning.html>

What is a Special Use Permit?

A Special Use Permit is required to maintain an exotic animal in a residential area. The Permit is required in order to regularly monitor the operation of the use to insure the continued compatibility with the surrounding properties. The permit will evaluate the proposal to insure that any impacts to surrounding residences are mitigated. The permits are renewed annually.

What is an Exotic Animal?

Ordinance 128 regulates the keeping of Exotic Animals and defines an exotic animal as a bird, mammal, frog, toad, salamander, bony fish, lamprey, reptile, crayfish or slugs and snails that are restricted by the State of California.

The keeping of an exotic animal is considered an accessory use to a single family dwelling pursuant to the following:

Animals with a State Fish and Game caging requirement of 50 square feet or less and within an enclosed building shall be permitted provided the applicant registers the animal on a form provided by Animal Control. No Special Use Permit is required.

Any exotic animal with a State Fish and Game caging requirement of 51 square feet to 149 is allowed as an accessory use to a single family dwelling provided the residence is located in the Large Animal Overlay District. A Special Use Permit is required for up to two (2) animals. Three (3) or four (4) animals require a Conditional Use Permit. No other additional exotic animals would be permitted as accessory to a single family dwelling.

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Any exotic animal with a State Fish and Game caging requirement of 150 square feet or greater is prohibited as an accessory use to a residence unless a Conditional Use Permit is approved for a zoo.

Who approves the Special Use Permit?

The Special Use Permit application is reviewed by Planning Division and is approved by a hearing officer at a permit hearing. If there are unusual circumstances, or if one or more conditions require the submittal of a Conditional Use Permit, the application may be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review.

Fees

The fee for processing a Special Use Permit is \$675 and must be paid to the Town at the time the application is filed.

Submittal Requirements

For a Special Use Permit – Exotic Animals, the following information shall be submitted along with the completed application form:

- Property Owners List-A list of all property owners and mailing addresses within 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the property in question. This list will be used for public notification. This information shall be provided on mailing labels.
- A fully dimensioned site plan of the property to include all buildings/enclosures on the property, parking areas and setbacks from the property lines.
- A fully dimensioned floor plan of the residence to include the area and square footage of the business activity.
- Copies of any permits issued by the State Department of Fish and Game



Special Use Permit Application

Date Received _____
By _____
Fee _____
Case # _____

General Information

APPLICANT _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

REPRESENTATIVE _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PROPERTY OWNER _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Mailing Address _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Project Information

Property Address _____ Assessor Parcel Number(s) _____

Property Size _____

Existing Land Use _____

Zoning _____ General Plan Designation _____

Type of animal(s) to be kept on property _____

Applicant Signature _____

Property Owner Signature _____

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Owner/Applicant Authorization

Applicant/Representative: I/We have reviewed this completed application and the attached material. The information included with this application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We further understand that the Town may not approve the application as submitted and may set conditions of approval. Further, I/We understand that all documents, maps, reports, etc., submitted with this application are deemed to be public records. This application does not guarantee approval or constitute a building permit application.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Property Owner: I/We certify that I/We are presently the legal owner(s) of the above described property (If the undersigned is different from the legal property owner, a letter of authorization must accompany the form). Further, I/We acknowledge the filing of this application and certify that all of the above information is true and accurate. I/We understand that I/We are responsible for ensuring compliance with conditions of approval. I/We hereby authorize the Town of Yucca Valley and or/its designated agent(s) to enter onto the subject property to confirm the location of existing conditions and proposed improvements including compliance with applicable Town Code Requirements. Further, I/We understand that all documents, maps, reports, etc., submitted with this application are deemed to be public records. This application does not guarantee approval or constitute a building permit application. I am hereby authorizing

_____ to act as my agent and is further authorized to sign any and all documents on my behalf.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Property Owners Mailing List

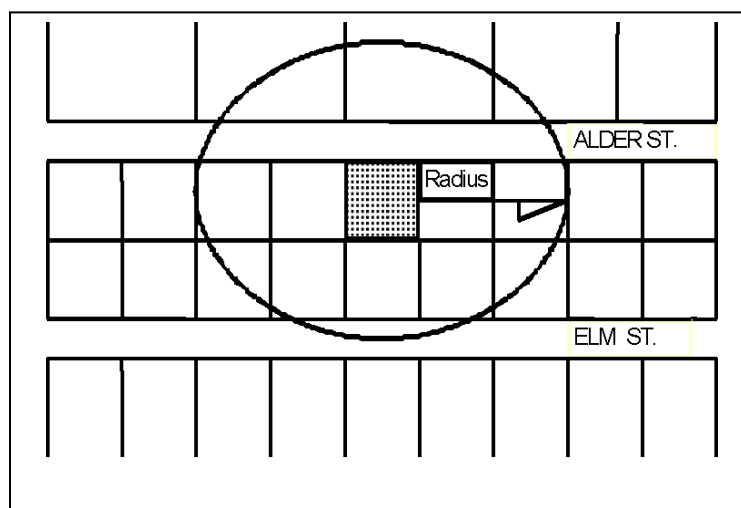
All applications that are subject to a Public Hearing require the applicant to submit a list of property owners who own property contiguous to and within 300 feet of the project site. This process is required by Section 83.010330 of the Development Code to notify residents and property owners in the immediate vicinity. Staff will send public notices to these individuals informing them of the proposed project and scheduled public hearings.

The surrounding property owner information must be obtained from the most current San Bernardino County Assessor's roll or shall be prepared and verified by a title company doing business in San Bernardino County. A County Assessor's office is located at 63665 29 Palms Hwy in Joshua Tree. The general telephone number for the Assessor's office is 760-366-1420.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- Two (2) sets of adhesive labels containing the mailing address of the owner(s), applicant(s) and of all surrounding property owners, including vacant properties. Mailing labels must contain: Assessor's Parcel Number, property owner's name, address, and zip code.
- One (1) copy of the label sheets.
- One (1) radius map showing the subject property and all surrounding properties. The appropriate radius shall be drawn from the exterior boundaries of the subject property as shown in the sample below. The scale of the radius map shall be large enough to clearly show all surrounding properties.
- One (1) electronic copy of all submitted materials.

Sample Vicinity/Radius Map



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SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS LIST CERTIFICATION
(To be submitted with application)

I, _____, certify that on _____ the attached property owners list was prepared by _____ pursuant to the requirements of the Town of Yucca Valley. Said list is a complete compilation of the owner(s), applicant(s) and representative of the subject property and all owners of surrounding properties within a radius of _____ feet from all exterior boundaries of the subject property and is based on the latest equalized assessment rolls of the San Bernardino County Assessor's Office dated _____. I further certify that the information filed is true and correct to the best of my knowledge; I understand that incorrect and erroneous information may be grounds for rejection or denial of the development application.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

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