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## Local Orders Policy 2003– Keeping of Animals (Order 18) Fact Sheet

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### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 SECTION 124

#### ORDER 18(11) – The keeping of horses

##### Criteria

**11.1** Horses must not be kept within 9 metres of an adjoining property, boundary or a dwelling, school, shop, office, factory, workshop, church or other place of public worship, public hall or premises used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food. This distance may be varied on application in areas zoned for stable/horse keeping purposes.

**11.2** The floors of stables must be paved with concrete mineral asphalt or other equally impervious material, and must be properly graded to drain.

**11.3** Horse yards must be so enclosed as to prevent the escape of horses.

**11.4** Yarded horses must be provided with a loosebox or similar shelter.

**11.5** The provision of protection from sun, rain, wind and extremes of temperature should be provided. The facilities must be of such a standard of construction and state of repair that prevents escape or injury to the horse. Yards and other holding facilities must be of post and rail or similar construction. Paddock held horses may use natural cover, but rugging and constructed shelters should also be considered.

**11.6** Stables may be built of timber, steel mesh, brick or concrete of an approved design, but must:

- (a)** Be vermin resistant;
- (b)** Have an impervious floor with appropriate drainage;
- (c)** Have a minimum floor area of 12 square metres for every horse, and 9 square metres for every pony;
- (d)** Have doors with a minimum height of 1.3 metres. The doors must open outward; and
- (e)** Provide ventilation of such a standard that prevents dampness, avoids excessive odours and prevents draughts.

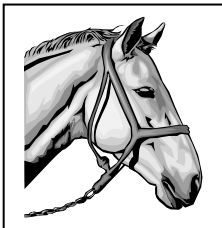
**11.7** Where rail fences are not available, appropriate visual additions such as reflective tape, plastic pipe, and so on, must be used on all wire fences.

**11.8** All fences must be of such construction and standard of maintenance that will reasonably ensure that the horse cannot escape and/or be injured.

**11.9** No tethered horse may be on a roadway or public place, unless under the direct supervision of an adult.

**11.10** Horses on busy roadways must be under the direct care of a responsible adult.

**11.11** No horse may be taken onto a public reserve, unless permission to do so has been obtained from Parramatta City Council.



**11.12** The keeping of horses or donkeys in townhouse or unit developments is not permitted.

**11.13** No horse may be kept on a public place or vacant allotment within the Parramatta Local Government Area.

**11.14** Any stabled horses must be exercised at least daily and exercise must not be less than thirty minutes and the time out of stables must be in excess of two hours.

**11.15 Cleansing and Waste Requirements**

(a) No impervious surfaces used by horses shall drain into any stormwater drainage system or waterway. All liquid waste shall be disposed of in a manner approved by Sydney Water.

(b) Cleaning of all areas must be completed daily.

(c) Provision of waste bin for solid matter and manure, such a waste bin must be cleaned out at least weekly. Council will allow certain forms of composting of stable waste on a case-by-case basis.

**11.16** No horse may be kept in a residential area, unless it is essential to the occupier's profession (eg. racing or livery stables). Such activity is permissible by planning legislation.

**11.17** Council approval for keeping horses within a residential area must be obtained prior to the keeping of such animals.

**11.18** Suitable fire safety procedures must be provided. In the case of more than four individual stables (connected) and for all barn type stables, fire assessment and fire plans are required, including the provision of:

- (a) At least one exit to the outside per five stables;
- (b) Exit width of 1.3 metres per stable, and an exit width of 2 metres for aisles;
- (c) Fire hose reels, in working order;
- (d) Adequate water pressure;
- (e) Feed and bedding storage in a separate and unconnected building; and
- (f) Smoke detection equipment in working order.

