



October 22, 2025

Harmeet Singh
1367 South Palm Street
Visalia, CA 93292

RE: APPROVAL OF PERMIT FOR – KEEPING OF RACING, HOMING, & SPORTING PIGEONS AS HOUSEHOLD PETS PURSUANT SECTION 17.32.250 OF THE VISALIA MUNICIPAL CODE

This letter is to inform you that on October 16, 2025, the City of Visalia Planning Division reviewed your permit and determined that all provisions as required pursuant to Section 17.32.250 of the Visalia Municipal Code have been met. The Keeping of Racing, Homing, & Sporting Pigeons as Household Pets Permit is hereby approved, subject to the following:

1. The keeping of racing, homing or sporting pigeons, in accordance with the limitations specified in Section 17.32.270, may be permitted upon issuance of a permit by the planning and building division.
2. This article shall apply only to parcels ten thousand (10,000) square feet in area or larger that are located within the R-1-5, R-1-12.5, and R-1-20 zones.
3. Leg Banding. All racing, homing or sporting pigeons shall be banded with a leg band. The leg band is defined as a seamless band, made of a durable material, which designates the national organization with which the bird is registered, and indicates the year of birth of the bird. Birds that are not banded shall not be considered to be racing, homing or sporting pigeons.
4. Number Limit. The number of racing, homing or sporting pigeons shall not cumulatively exceed one hundred (100) per parcel.
5. Loft Setbacks. The structure ("loft") housing the racing, homing or sporting pigeons shall comply with setback, height, and lot coverage limitations in the underlying zone. The loft shall be setback a minimum distance of ten feet from residential structures on the site, to provide adequate distance for clean and sanitary loft maintenance, and a minimum distance of twenty- five (25) feet from the buildable area of any adjacent parcel. The buildable area shall be defined as that portion of the parcel that excludes the front, rear, and side yard setback areas. A site plan shall be submitted to ensure the site is in compliance.
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7. Release and Feeding of Pigeons. All racing, homing or sporting pigeons shall be confined to the loft; except for limited periods necessary for exercise, training and competition. At no time shall pigeons be allowed to perch or linger on the buildings or property of others. Objects shall not be thrown at the birds during their training or exercise. All birds shall be fed within the confines of the loft.



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Planning & Community Preservation Department
Planning Division

8. Racing Pigeon Association Membership. Owners of racing, homing, or sporting pigeons kept as household pets are required to be members of a nationally recognized racing, homing, or sporting pigeon association.
9. The applicant shall provide documentation of membership in a nationally recognized racing, homing or sporting pigeon association with the permit application. The permit may be granted for a maximum period of three years. The permit may be renewed upon reapplication and a site inspection to verify compliance with the requirements of this article.
10. The city shall have the right to enter the property for verification of permit compliance, consistent with the provisions and limitations of Section 17.46.030.
11. Additional requirements or conditions may be added as deemed necessary by the City Planner.
12. The permit shall be revoked by the planning and building division upon violation of any condition, regulation or limitation of the permit issued, unless such violation is corrected within ten days of notice of such violation. Any permit may be revoked for any violation. In the event of permit revocation, or objections to limitations placed thereon, an appeal may be made in writing to the planning commission. The planning commission shall review the appeal consistent with the provisions of Section 17.38.110. The decision of the planning commission may be appealed to the city council consistent with the provisions of Section 17.38.120.

If you have any questions concerning your application, please feel free to contact the Planning Division at planning@visalia.gov or (559) 713-4359

Sincerely,

Paul Bernal, Director / City Planner
Planning and Community Preservation Department / Planning Division
City of Visalia

Cc:

Kaur Ramandeep, Owner
Jesse Villegas, Code Enforcement Officer

Enclosures:

- *Keeping of Racing, Homing, & Sporting Pigeons as Household Pets Permit*

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COMM. DEVELOP. OF VISALIA

New Application
 Renewal

CITY OF VISALIA
Keeping of Racing, Homing, and Sporting Pigeons as Household Pets Permit
(PURSUANT TO SECTION 17.32.250)
315 E. ACEQUIA AVE.

Planning Division
Planning@visalia.gov
559-713-4359

Applicant's Name: Harmeet Singh Phone: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]
Number of Pigeons on site: 100

Owner Renter Note: This permit is issued under provisions of the Zoning Regulations and does not supersede more stringent agreements or conditions between a tenant and landlord and does not supersede any deed restrictions or covenants, conditions or restrictions which may apply to the property.

CONDITIONS AND REGULATIONS

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Additional Comments/Conditions Required: See appraisal letter

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing information is true and correct.

[REDACTED] 10/15/25 Approval Disapproval 10/22/2025
Applicant's Signature Date Planning Department Date

**AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION, INC.
2025**

HARMEET SINGH



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Citation Number
AC04600

City of Visalia • Municipal Code ADMINISTRATIVE CITATION

Warning Only

VC 9.32.030 - Subsequent violation will result in fine assessment.

Date of Violation 8-12-25 Time _____ am/pm SMTWTFs Case# 250612096

Date Citation Issued 08-12-25

Name (First, Middle, Last) Ramandeep Kaur

Address 1367 S. Palm St.

City Visalia State CA Zip Code 93292

Driver's License # _____ State _____ Birthdate _____

Sex _____ Hair _____ Eyes _____ Height _____ Weight _____ Race _____ Other _____

Location of Violation 1367 S. Palm St.

Fines for violating the City of Visalia Municipal Code are \$100 for the first offense, \$200 for a second violation of the same ordinance within one year and \$500 for each additional violation within one year.

Section	Description of Violation	Fine Due and Payable
1.	<u>vmc 17.32.290</u>	<u>\$100</u> , \$200, \$500, or \$ <u>100</u>
2.	<u>Permit Required x1</u>	\$100, \$200, \$500, or \$ _____
3.	<u>vmc 6.08.010</u>	<u>\$100</u> , \$200, \$500, or \$ <u>100</u>
4.	<u>Animal Care</u>	\$100, \$200, \$500, or \$ _____
5.	<u>(I) unsanitary conditions</u>	\$100, \$200, \$500, or \$ _____

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS IS \$ 200.00

Violation not committed in my presence, declared on information and belief.

Evidence seized? _____ Photographs taken? Yes/No Number attached: 1

Supplemental report(s) attached? Yes/No Department _____

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct.

[Signature]
Signature of issuing employee

2305
ID#

METHOD OF SERVICE

- Personal Service
- Certified Mail - Complete
- Certified Mail - Pending
- Posted at Property with First Class Mail

Employee Name A. Silva Department 1465 Phone 713-4700
Print Print

WITHOUT ADMITTING GUILT, I PROMISE TO PAY THE FINE OR PAY THE FINE AND REQUEST AN ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING.

If you would like to contest this citation and appear before an Administrative Hearing Officer you must file a written notice of request to appeal within 10 days of having been issued the Administrative Citation. If you fail to do so your appeal rights shall be deemed waived and the Administrative Citation fine shall become final. Written Appeal forms are available at:

City of Visalia Community Development Department
315 E. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291

FAILURE TO PAY ASSESSED FINES IS A Misdemeanor AND VIOLATORS



August 12th, 2025
Case# 250812096
Re: 1367 S Palm St.

Ramandeep Kaur,

You have been Issued two Citations, one monetary citation amounting to \$200 for VMC 17.32.290 permits required & VMC 6.08.010 Animal Care (I). Unsanitary conditions. You were also issued a citation WARNING for VMC 17.04.030 for raising chickens/ roosters. Animal control was sent photos of chickens free roaming your backyard and sitting on your fence line. You have 7 days to remove the chickens and roosters to avoid a monetary citation. We request a walk-through of your backyard on the 7th day after 9am to assure you have removed chickens and or roosters from your parcel. Animal control has attempted contact at your residence now for the 3rd time without a response from you to address the violations. Please reach out to 559-713-4957 and request to speak with Officer Silva if you have any further questions. You will continue to be monetarily cited until you have come into compliance. First violation is \$100x second violation is \$200, 3rd violation and on is \$500 each violation.

17.32.290 Permit requirements.

A. The keeping of racing, homing or sporting pigeons, in accordance with the limitations specified in Section [17.32.270](#), may be permitted upon issuance of a permit by the planning and building division. A permit for keeping pigeons may be processed as an administrative matter by the planning and building division and no public hearing shall be required. The permit application shall be made on a form prescribed by the planning and building division and shall be accompanied by a fee set by resolution of the city council sufficient to cover the cost of handling the application.

B. The applicant shall provide documentation of membership in a nationally recognized racing, homing or sporting pigeon association with the permit application. The permit may be granted for a maximum period of three years. The permit may be renewed upon reapplication and a site inspection to verify compliance with the requirements of this article.

C. The city shall have the right to enter the property for verification of permit compliance, consistent with the provisions and limitations of Section [17.46.030](#).

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6.08.010 Animal care.

It is unlawful for the owners or persons having custody of any animal to permit, either willfully or through failure to exercise due care or control, any cruel acts upon said animal. Cruel acts are defined as follows:

A. To place, leave or expose, making accessible to animals, any poisonous substance;

B. To have, keep, or harbor any animal which is infected with any dangerous or incurable or painfully crippling condition, except as hereinafter provided. All such diseased or crippled animals with an incurable ailment taken into custody of the city shall be transferred to the Poundmaster for impoundment. This section shall not apply to animals within veterinary hospitals or under the care of a veterinarian, or having been diagnosed with any common, incurable disease where impoundment or quarantine is not recommended by a doctor of veterinary medicine;

C. To fail, refuse or neglect to provide any animal in their charge or custody as owner or otherwise, with food, drink, shade or weatherproof housing facilities, or to carry any animal in or upon any vehicle in a cruel or inhumane manner;

D. To willfully, or maliciously kill, maim, disfigure, tease, torture, beat with a stick, chain, club or other object, mutilate, burn, scald with any substance, over-drive or otherwise cruelly set upon any animal, except that a reasonable force may be employed to drive off vicious or trespassing animals;

E. To hobble livestock or other animals by means of chains which are composed of tempered or other permanent wire links;

F. To drive or work any animal in a cruel manner when such animal is unfit for such work;

G. To promote, stage, hold, manage, conduct, carry on or attend any game, exhibition, contest, or fight in which one or more animals are engaged for the purpose of injuring, killing, maiming or destroying themselves or any other animal or person;

H. No person or business shall give away any live vertebrate animal as a prize for, or as an inducement to enter, any contest, game or other competition, or as an inducement to enter a place of amusement or offer such vertebrate as an incentive to enter into any business agreement whereby the offer was for the purpose of attracting trade;

I. No person shall keep upon any premises, any animals, including any fowl or household pets in a foul, offensive, obnoxious, filthy or unsanitary condition.

Officer A. Silva
Badge# AC2305
559-713-4957