



**Rat Control Checklist (Chapter 9.28, El Paso City Code)**  
**City of El Paso Code Compliance Division**

Item	Requirement	Answer	Ordinance Reference	Comments
1	Has the business building provided rat stoppage in accordance with the regulations of Rat Control?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.020	
2	Are foundation wall ventilator openings equal to one-half of an inch or smaller to prevent the ingress or egress of rats?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.030.C	
3	Are all foundation, exterior walls, and roof openings (excluding openings for light and ventilation purposes e.g. doors and windows) closed with rat-resisting material?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9. 28.030.D	
4	Are all exposed edges of lower eight inches of wooden doors and door jambs covered with a solid sheet of metal of not less than 24 gauge thickness?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9. 28.030.E	
5	If metal flashing has been applied, is <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The door is free swinging?</li> <li>• Is clearance between door and door jambs and sills less than three-eighths of an inch when closed?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.030.E	
6	Are any light or ventilation openings located within 30 inches above ground or roof level covered for their entire width and height with wire cloth?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.030.F	
7	Is the mesh of the wire cloth (19 gauge or heavier) equal to or smaller than one-half of an inch?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.030.F	
8	Are light wells that are located below outside ground level and covered with cast iron, steel grills or steel gratings or other similar material have openings less than one-half of an inch?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.030.G	
9	If the building is constructed on piers having wooden floors with sills (less than 12 inches above surface), is the intervening space between the floor sill and ground protected against the ingress/egress of rats? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If NOT, is there a solid masonry or concrete wall of not less than 4 inches thick installed?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.030.H	
10	Are fruit, vegetables, or any other food exposed and offered for sale, on racks, stands, platforms, and in vehicles have floors paved with concrete, asphalt, or other similar material?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.040	

11	Are fruit, vegetables, or any other food exposed and offered for sale, on racks, stands, platforms, and in vehicles kept 24 inches or more above the floor?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.040	
12	Is the building protected from roof rats? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not having objects leaning against the wall.</li> <li>• Tree/tree branch trimmed 10 ft. or more from building.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.050	
13	Has person responsible for business building/premises prevented rodent harborage through the following methods? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not accumulating lumber, boxes, barrels, bricks, stones or any other character of materials?</li> <li>• Not allowing dead animals, butchers' offal, seafood, vegetables, animal matter or any other food products to be dumped or placed on land or water/waterways.?</li> <li>• Not having garbage, rubbish, waste, or manure be placed, left, dumped, or permitted to accumulate or to remain in buildings or premises?</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9.28.060.B	