

DOMESTICATED FARM ANIMALS AND BEES ON LOTS LESS THAN FIVEACRES

General Provisions

- An application is required, and all animals must be listed on the application. A zoning permit is required for all fencing, enclosures, and structures associated with keeping of animals & bees.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees may be kept on a vacant lot so long as the owner of the animals or bees occupies an adjacent lot.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees must be kept in a manner that limits odors, the attraction of insects or rodents, does not cause a nuisance to neighbors and does not cause a health hazard.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees may not be kept in an injurious or unhealthful manner.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees may be kept for personal use only and may not be used for commercial purposes.
- Area requirements for animals are cumulative on a lot regardless of the type of animal. You may not use the same space on the property for two or more different types of animal.
- The zoning & nuisance officer shall have the authority to inspect any property, at any time once an application for animals is filed to determine compliance with regulations of this section regarding the placement of enclosures, fences, cages, coops, beehives, stables and other structures used in keeping of farm animals or bees or to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the animals.

Bees

Location and Setbacks

- Beehives must be located in the side or rear yard
- Beehives must be setback a minimum of 25 feet from a neighboring dwelling.
- The front of beehives must face towards the interior of the lot.

Number

Property Size	Number of Beehives
Less than 10,000 square feet	0
10,000 square feet to 1.99 acres	1
2 acres to 2.99 acres	2
3 acres to 3.99 acres	3
4 acres to 4.99 acres	4
5 acres or greater	No limit

Fences and Shrubs

- A solid fence or dense hedge, also known as a flyway barrier, at least six (6) feet in height must be placed within five (5) feet of the entrance to the beehive and extend a minimum of two (2) feet on both sides.
- No flyway barrier is required if the beehive is located more than 50 feet from all property lines or on a porch or balcony at least 10 feet above grade and at least twenty-five (25) feet from all property lines.

Water Supply

- A readily available supply of fresh water must be available at all times.

Prohibitions

- Africanized bees are prohibited

Chickens, Ducks and Similar Small Poultry

Location and Setbacks

- Coops must be located in the side or rear yard.
- Coops must meet the side and rear yard setback requirements of the zoning district and be a minimum of 75 feet (75) from any neighboring residences.
- Existing structures that are non-conforming to required setbacks may not be used as coops.

Number

Property Size	Number of Birds*
Less than 1 acre	0
1.0 acres to 1.99 acres	8
2.0 acres to 2.99 acres	12
3.0 acres to 3.99 acres	16
4.0 acres to 4.99 acres	20
* Applicable to animals more than two (2) months in age	

Coops

- All birds must be provided with a covered, predator proof coop or shelter that is ventilated, designed to be easily accessed and cleaned and of sufficient size to provide free movement of the birds.
- Minimum four (4) square feet per animal.
- Maximum 15 feet in height.
- Coops count as an accessory building and must meet zoning requirements

Enclosures

- Birds must have access to an outdoor enclosure.
- Enclosure must be adequately bounded to contain the bird and prevent access by predators.
- Enclosure must provide a minimum of 10 square feet of area for each bird
- Slaughter
- Birds must be slaughtered indoors
- Must be done in a manner that limits odor, the attraction of insects or rodents, does not cause a nuisance and does not cause a health hazard.

Prohibitions

- Roosters, geese, guinea hens, turkeys or other large vocal poultry are prohibited.
- Predatory birds are prohibited.
- Chickens, ducks and similar small poultry cannot make noise so as to disturb the peace and quiet of people in the vicinity.
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Goats, Swine, Sheep and Hooved Animals

Zoning

- Goats, swine sheep, equine, bovine, alpacas, llamas or similar domesticated animals may only be kept on properties per acreage below.

Location and Setbacks

- Barns/stables must be located in the side or rear yard.
- Barns/stables must meet the side and rear yard setback requirements of the zoning district and be a minimum of 100 feet (100) from any neighboring residences.
- Existing structures that are non-conforming to required setbacks may not be used as barns/stables.
- All fencing must meet zoning requirements for location, design and setback.

Number

Equine, Llamas, Alpacas, Bovine, Swine

Property Size	Number of Animals
2.5 acres or more	1
3.5 acres or more	2
4.5 acres or more	3
5 acres or more	No Limit

Sheep and Goats

Property Size	Number of Animals
1.5 acres or more	2
2.5 acres or more	4
3.5 acres or more	6
4.5 acres or more	8
5 acres or more	No Limit

Barns/stables

- All animals must be provided with a covered shelter that is designed to be easily accessed and cleaned and of sufficient size to provide free movement of the animal.
- Minimum square footage per animal – see chart.
- Maximum 15 feet in height.
- Barns/stables count as an accessory building and must meet zoning requirements

Enclosures/fences

- animals must have access to an outdoor enclosure.
- Enclosure must be adequately bounded to contain the animal(s).
- Enclosure must provide a minimum square footage of area per animal – see chart.

Barn/stable requirement	Enclosure/fencing requirement
Equine – 100 sq.ft. each	1 acre
Bovine – 43 sq.ft. each	100 sq.ft. each
Swine – 64 sq.ft. each	100 sq.ft. each
Sheep/Goat – 21 sq.ft. each	No requirement

Slaughter

- Animals may not be slaughtered on premises.

Prohibitions

- Animals listed above cannot make noise so as to disturb the peace and quiet of people in the vicinity.

Rabbits

Location and Setbacks

- Cages must be located in the side or rear yard.
- Cages must meet the side and rear yard setback requirements of the zoning district and be a minimum of 75 feet (75) from any neighboring residences.

Number

Property Size	Number of Rabbits*
Less than 10,000 square feet	2
10,000 square feet to 0.99 acres	4
1 acre to 1.99 acres	8
2 acres to 2.99 acres	12
3 acres to 3.99 acres	14
4 acres to 4.99 acres	16
5 acres or more	No Limit

* Applicable to animals more than four (4) months in age

Cages

- All rabbits must be provided with a covered, predator proof coop or shelter that is ventilated, designed to be easily accessed and cleaned and of sufficient size to provide free movement of the rabbit.
- Minimum four (4) square feet per rabbit.
- Maximum 15 feet in height.

Slaughter

- Rabbits must be slaughtered indoors
- Must be done in a manner that limits odor, the attraction of insects or rodents, does not cause a nuisance and does not cause a health hazard.

Prohibitions

- Rabbits cannot make noise so as to disturb the peace and quiet of people in the vicinity.