

## **10-12-26: KEEPING OF ANIMALS:**

A. For the keeping of animals within the residential zoning of the city the following requirements are provided:

1. No farm animal(s) shall be kept on any lot smaller than thirty thousand (30,000) square feet.
2. The number of farm animals kept on any lot or parcel in the R-1, R-2, R-3, or Rm-1 zones shall not exceed one farm "animal unit", as defined herein, for each ten thousand (10,000) square feet of lot or parcel size.
3. Farm animals may be kept on any lot or parcel in the A-1 or O-1 zones without restriction to the number of farm animals (except pigs and porcine), provided the keeping of farm animals in the zones does not constitute a nuisance as defined in the laws of the city.
4. No farm animal(s) shall be kept on any lot or parcel where less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet of the lot or parcel is used as livestock management, nor shall fractional animal units be permitted for horses, mules, donkeys, bovine cows, llamas or alpacas. Livestock management areas shall include all portions of the lot or parcel used as sheds, barns, coops, corrals, pastures, stables, gardens, or cultivated grounds, where animal waste can be spread, but shall not include any area of the lot or parcel devoted to dwellings, sidewalks, driveways, or lawns.
  - a. Pasture Requirements: Lots or parcels where animals are kept must be maintained with at least seventy five percent (75%) pastured area. Pasture will not be required for fowl (excepting ratite fowl), and rabbits.
  - b. Definition Of Pasture: An area of a lot or parcel, which is used intermittently for animals to browse, but which is not used for long term continuous confinement. Pasture area shall be maintained such that the ground surface remains predominantly vegetated at all times.
5. One "animal unit" shall be any one of the following: One cow, one horse, one mule, one donkey, one bovine cow, two (2) llamas or alpaca, four (4) adult sheep, eight (8) feeder lambs, four (4) goats, four (4) ratite fowl, twelve (12) of any other fowl, twelve (12) rabbits, together with the suckling offspring thereof.

No pigs or porcine shall be kept in any zone within the city limits. Any animal not specifically permitted is prohibited.

6. Structures shall be provided and maintained for all animals. Such structures shall be enclosed (fully or partially), roofed, and sited a minimum of one hundred feet (100') behind the rear of the main building, and shall comply with all other setbacks and yard requirements for the zone.

7. The following additional requirements shall apply to the location of all pens, corrals, barns, stables, coops, and other structures for the confinement and keeping of animals:
  - a. All such structures and buildings shall be located at least one hundred feet (100') from all dwellings located on adjoining lots or parcels, or if any adjoining lot or parcel does not have a dwelling located thereon, at least three feet (3') from the property line of the adjacent lot or parcel.
  - b. Any structure or enclosure for the confinement of animals within the city limits must be cleaned and maintained so as not to become a health hazard or nuisance.
8. Each lot or parcel must have a year round water supply. (Ord. 29-3-26, 6-12-2001)