



### 30-8-11.3 Animals and Livestock

#### A. Livestock

The keeping and raising of horses, cows, sheep, goats, and other livestock, except swine, is a permitted accessory use in the AG and R-3 districts subject Chapter 5 of the City Code and the following standards.

##### 1. Minimum Lot Size

###### a. Horses and Cows

The minimum lot size for the keeping of horses and cows is 20,000 square feet.

###### b. Sheep and Goats

The minimum lot size for the keeping of sheep and goats is 10,000 square feet.

##### 2. Setbacks

Fencing and shelters for such animals must be set back at least 50 from all property lines.

##### 3. Maximum Density

###### a. Horses and Cows

No more than one horse or cow over 6 months of age may be kept per 10,000 square feet of fenced lot area. Areas covered by principal structures may not be counted toward satisfying minimum lot area per animal requirements.

###### b. Sheep and Goats

No more than one sheep or goat over 6 months of age may be kept per 5,000 square feet of fenced lot area. Areas covered by principal structures may not be counted toward satisfying minimum lot area per animal requirements.

#### B. Poultry and Bees (as accessory to single-family detached dwellings)

*Commentary: Also subject to Chapter 5 of the City Code.*

##### 1. Applicability

The standards of this section apply in all R-3, R-5, R-7, RM-5, RM-8, RM-12, and RM-18 districts.

##### 2. General

a. No poultry shall be permitted to roam loose from a residential property addressed in this section. Some type of fenced area is required for all such animals.

b. No poultry animals that make sounds clearly audible off-site are permitted.

c. Lots less than 7,000 square feet in area shall not be permitted to have poultry or bees.

##### 3. Location Behind Principal Building

Coops and shelters for poultry shall be located behind the rear wall of the principal building.

##### 4. Setbacks and Density on Large Lots

The following setback and density regulations apply to animals/colonies located on lots that are greater than 12,000 square feet in area:

###### a. Poultry

###### i. Setback

Coops and shelters for poultry shall be not less than 50 feet from any property line.

###### ii. Maximum Density

No more than one animal over 6 months of age shall be permitted for every 2,000 square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number exceed 20 animals.

###### iii. Alternate Standard

a. a. In cases where, due to lot configuration, the width of the area remaining after

compliance with the setback requirement listed in (i) above is less than 10 feet, the setback from each lot line may be reduced by the same amount to achieve a 10-foot wide area but in no case shall the setback be reduced below 25 feet from any property line or below 50 feet from any dwelling unit located on an abutting lot.

- b. b. No more than one animal over 6 months of age shall be permitted for every 3,000 square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number exceed 10 animals.

- b. Bees

- i. Setback

- Colonies and shelters for bees shall be not less than 50 feet from any property line.

- ii. Maximum Density

- No more than one colony shall be permitted for every 1,500 square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number of colonies exceed 20.

- iii. Alternate Standard

- a. a. Colonies and shelters for bees shall be not less than 25 feet from any property line or less than 50 feet from any dwelling unit located on an abutting lot.

- b. b. No more than one colony shall be permitted for every 2,000 square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number of colonies exceed 10.

- 5. Setbacks and Density on Smaller Lots

The following setback and density regulations apply to animals/colonies located on lots between 7,000 square feet and 12,000 square feet in area:

- a. Setback

- Coops, shelters and colonies for such animals shall be not less than 25 feet from any property line and not less than 50 feet from any principal building located on an abutting lot.

- b. Maximum Density for Poultry

- No more than one animal over 6 months of age shall be permitted for every 3,000 square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number exceed 4 animals over 6 months of age.

- c. Maximum Density for Bees

- No more than one colony shall be permitted for every 2,000 square feet of lot area. In no case shall the total number of colonies exceed 6.