

3.02.25 Livestock, Residential

- a. Definition:

Livestock, Residential shall mean the keeping of equines, cattle, swine, fowl, and/or goat on a residential lot that is five acres or less in size and located in an agricultural zoning district (AG or AE). This section also provides for the keeping of one horse in the R-2, and RE zoning districts as indicated in subsection c below.
- b. Supplemental Regulations
 1. The residential livestock shall be kept in a fenced enclosure maintained to restrict the animals from being closer than 10 feet to a property line.
 2. If a place of shelter is provided it must be 100 feet or more from a residence of different ownership.
 3. The following minimum area requirements shall be maintained:
 - (a) One (1) horse or other equine per acre.
 - (b) One (1) cow or other cattle per acre.
 - (c) Six (6) goats or sheep per acre.
 - (d) Forty (40) chickens or other poultry per acre in AG and AE zoning districts, but only 1 rooster (male).
 - (e) All swine/pigs shall constitute an intense agricultural operation and be required to obtain a Special Use Permit as outlined in Article 12, Section 12.12 of the Land Development Code. One (1) pig/swine is allowed temporarily without a Special Use Permit if the animal is for a 4H/FFA project connected to the Putnam County Fair. Length of stay of said animal shall be from birth to the end of the fair. Said animal shall be removed within 30 days of the end of the Fair.
 4. As used herein, an "acre" means one acre of undeveloped, useable land area; and does not include the area serving the primary residential structure. The area requirements are per animal, i.e., a single acre may not support both a horse and a cow, but only one horse or one cow.
- c. A horse may be permitted in the R-2 and RE zoning districts by Special Use Permit if the following conditions are met in addition to approval of a Special Use Permit pursuant to Article 12, section 12.12 of the Land Development Code.
 1. The parcel shall not be less than 5 acres in area
 2. No more than one horse per 3 acres
 3. Setbacks shall be equal to those listed in subsection (b)(1) and (2)
- d. 4H/FFA animals in residential districts.
 1. Except as provided in subsection e below, one (1) farm animal per acre, including a pig, if the animal is for a 4H/FFA project connected to the Putnam County Fair. Length of stay of said animal shall be from birth to the end of the Fair. Said animal shall be removed within 30 days of the end of the Fair.
 2. The minimum size of a parcel for this activity is one (1) acre.
- e. Limited residential chicken flocks shall be allowed in R-1, R-2 and RE zoning districts provided:
 1. The parcel must have an occupied single family residence on site,
 2. This use shall be prohibited on any parcel that is occupied by any multifamily

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use or having more than one single family residence unless the other single family residences are otherwise allowed by Code or legally nonconforming under this Code.

3. A flock shall be no less than 2 and no more than 6 chickens per acre.
4. Roosters and any other species of fowl other than chickens shall be prohibited,
5. The flock shall be kept for personal use only. Commercial raising of chickens or eggs shall be prohibited,
6. Any dead animals, or parts thereof, shall be promptly and properly disposed of in a legal fashion that does not create odors or spread to other properties via wind or storm-water runoff.
7. The flock shall be confined to the parcel at all times,
8. The flock shall be confined to a coop not exceeding 150 square feet in area during nighttime hours, the coop shall be placed in accordance with the applicable building setbacks and no part of the coop shall exceed a height of six feet,
9. Stored feed shall be secured to prevent access by vermin,
10. The flight feathers on at least one wing must be clipped regularly to prevent flight.