

Regulations regarding Farm Animals and Large Animals (Cows, Horses, Chickens...)

In order to determine whether animals are permitted, several factors need to be reviewed:

1. The type of animal needs to be classified. There are two animal classifications, farm animal and large animal. If the animal is not listed in one of the two categories, it is not permitted.

- (1) Farm animal. “Farm Animal” shall mean any living horse, mule, donkey, pony, cattle, sheep, goat, swine, chicken, goose, duck, turkey, rabbit or any other livestock in the raising of which is determined by the state of Minnesota to be an agricultural pursuit, including, but not limited to, cervidae, llamas, and ratitae.
- (2) Large Animal. Large animals shall include livestock and non-domesticated animals more than twelve (12) months of age. Examples of large animals include: horses, cows, sheep, swine, llamas, emus, ostrich, donkeys, elk, moose, deer or any other hoofed animals.

2. What is the lot size of the parcel involved?

The road right of way is not included unless the land is unplatted and zoned agricultural (A-1 or SA). Different regulations apply to lots over or under 5 acres in size.

3. The zoning needs to be known, as the regulations differ per zoning district. If you do not know the zoning of the property, please contact City Hall at 763-427-4589.

Lot Size*	Animal Type Classification	SA/A-1	R-2	R-3, R-4	R1, R1S, RO, RM, R-6, R-12, R-24, VM
2-4.9 ac	Farm Animals	CUP	CUP	CUP	Not permitted
	Large Animals	CUP	CUP	CUP	Not permitted
5+ ac	Farm Animals	Permitted	CUP	Permitted	Not permitted
	Large Animals	Permitted	CUP	Permitted	Not permitted

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Notes: In the event of a conflict between this guideline sheet and the ordinance, the text ordinance shall prevail.
Additional regulations may apply.
Please contact City Staff for more specific detailed requirements.