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Animals in Residential Zones

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ANIMAL RELATED DEFINITIONS - DMC - 11.01.050

"Farming, general" means the cultivation, breeding, raising and production for commercial purposes of plants, animals, fish and products from plants, animals and fish, but excluding feedlots.

"Feedlot" means any land, structure, pen or corral where more than five animals are maintained in close and confined quarters with less space than required in DMC Section 11-03.100 A. (animal densities).

"Livestock" means domesticated animals, such as horses, cows, goats, and sheep. Swine is not allowed to be raised or cared for within the city limits.

"Pet, household" means a domesticated animal of ordinary species that lives, or is commonly known to be capable of living, within the confines of a residence. Animals considered to be common household pets include but are not necessarily limited to the following: dogs, cats, rabbits, indoor birds, small rodents, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians and fish, and potbellied pigs.

Animals not considered a domesticated animal of ordinary species that lives, or not commonly known to be capable of living within the confines of a residence are not allowed as pets. Animals not allowed as pets include but are not necessarily limited to the following: horses, cows, goats, sheep, swine, donkeys, full size swine, chickens, roosters, endangered or exotic species (not listed above) and any similar species.

"Production animals –Small" means small domesticated animals, such as chickens, roosters, rabbits, or other similar animals or fowl, but does not include pets.

ANIMAL PERMITTED USES IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES - DMC 11-03.020

USE CHART AR – Agricultural Residential UR – Urban Residential	RESIDENTIAL ZONES	
	AR	UR
A. Residential.		
Pets, household	A²	A²
B. Agricultural Uses.		
General farming	P²	A²
Feedlots	X	X
Large Sized Livestock	P²	X
Moderate Sized Livestock	P²	X
Small production animals	P²	A²
² See DMC 11-03.100 for limitations to pets, livestock and production animals		

A = Accessory Use P= Permitted Use X= NOT Allowed

ANIMAL DENSITIES—LIVESTOCK AND ANIMAL RESTRICTIONS - DMC 11-03.100

- A. Livestock and production animal restrictions. - Livestock and production animals such as horses, cows, goats, sheep and fowl are allowed subject to DMC 11-03.020 and as follows:
1. In the AR zone, large sized livestock animals such as a horse, cow or similar-sized animals require a minimum of 40,000 square feet of usable pasture area for the first large animal with an additional minimum usable pasture area of 20,000 square feet per each additional large animal.
 2. In the AR zone, moderate sized livestock animals such as a sheep, goat or similar-sized animals totaling 200 pounds or less require a minimum of 10,000 square feet of usable pasture for the first moderate sized animal with an additional minimum usable pasture area of 5,000 square feet per each additional animal.
 3. Small sized production animal such as chickens, rabbits or similar sized animals:
 - a. In the UR zone, a maximum of six (6) small production animal are allowed on a lot 7,200 sf. or larger. A variance may be requested to allow small production animals on a substandard sized lot in the UR zone.
 - b. In the AR zone, a minimum of 100 square feet of useable fenced or enclosed area is required for the first small production animal with an additional minimum area of 50 square feet per each additional animal.
 4. Swine are prohibited.
 5. No feedlots or similar dense animal-raising facilities or operations are permitted.
 6. Shelters, fenced areas or corrals for animals may be built 25 feet or more from a property line or 50 feet or more from an existing residential building on adjacent properties. Except that, a shelter, fenced area or corral for six (6) or fewer small production animals may be located 15 feet from a side or rear property line and 20 feet from a front property line.
- B. Household Pets – Household pets including but not limited to dogs, cats, indoor birds, small rodents, nonvenomous reptiles or amphibians, fish, and potbellied pigs, subject to the following standards and limitations:
1. Three dogs per residential lot, regardless of lot size.
 2. Full-size swine are prohibited,
 3. Goats are prohibited.
 4. Reptiles or amphibians weighing more than 10 pounds are prohibited.
 5. A maximum of three (3) household pets may be housed outside the residence in a shelter or fenced area.
- C. Livestock, small production animals and pets are subject to the provisions of DMC Chapters 6.8, Animal Control.

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