

ARTICLE V. AGRICULTURAL ANIMALS

Sec. 3-151. Restricted premises.

The keeping of agricultural animals shall be restricted to premises which conform to the following requirements:

- (1) The premises must be at least one acre (43,560 square feet) in size;
- (2) Fences on the premises must conform to City Code requirements. Agricultural animals may not be permitted to graze, forage, or otherwise roam nearer than 25 feet from any other adjoining property lines, including municipal property. This requirement may be waived for purposes of obtaining a permit from animal control to keep agricultural animals, provided that the adjoining property is currently zoned or used for keeping agricultural animals, and a notarized, undisputed written agreement between the property owners is submitted with the application for such permit;
- (3) Barns, stables, corrals, sheds, hives, coops, pens, or other similar structure where agricultural animals may be housed, fed, confined, or where food is stored, must conform to City Code requirements and may not be located nearer than 150 feet from any residential dwelling, office building, school building, church, business, or other structure under separate ownership, which is intended for human habitation or use;
- (4) There must be at least one-third acre of pasture area provided on the premises for each head of livestock, ostrich, buffalo, llama, emu, rhea, alpaca, Family Cervidae, or similar animal; and
- (5) Up to five individual fowl per each one-fourth acre of land may be kept upon the premises. Fowl must be kept in a pen or other enclosure located at least 150 feet from any residential dwelling, office building, school building, church, business, or other structure under separate ownership which is intended for human habitation or use. Such pen or enclosure must provide at least 100 square feet of exercise area for each bird kept therein. In order to minimize the potential for noise nuisances to adjacent or nearby premises, roosters capable of crowing shall not be allowed to be kept within 1,500 feet of any residential dwelling, office building, school building, church, business, or other structure under separate ownership which is intended for human habitation or use.

(Ord. No. 1999-2-95, § I, 2-6-95)

Cross reference(s)--Fences, § 4-441 et seq.

Sec. 3-152. Keeping swine in city prohibited.

It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to keep or allow any swine to be kept upon any premises in the city, except as may be specifically stated within this chapter. This section shall not be applicable to swine kept in the city under the following conditions:

- (1) Animals kept for educational or show purposes at the LISD Vocational Agriculture facility located on Treatment Plant Road;
- (2) Animals temporarily brought into the city and kept at an exhibition or holding area of a trial or show in which the animal is a participant, but not to exceed 72 hours;
- (3) Animals temporarily brought into the city and kept at the site of a "petting zoo" or similar event of which the animal is an integral part, but not to exceed 72 hours; or
- (4) Purebred miniature swine commonly referred to as potbellied pigs, which conform to the definition and requirements for such animals stated within this chapter.

(Ord. No. 1999-2-95, § I, 2-6-95)

Sec. 3-153. Commercial feedlot or concentrated feeding operation.

It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to operate or allow the operation of a commercial feedlot or concentrated animal feeding operation upon any premises in the city.

(Ord. No. 1999-2-95, § I, 2-6-95)

Sec. 3-154. Areas prohibited.

It shall be a violation of this chapter for any person to knowingly or intentionally ride, drive, or otherwise permit agricultural animals to enter upon any public school grounds, public park grounds, public sidewalk, public street, or other public property, except on bridle paths, riding areas, or exhibiting areas specifically designated by the city for such animals

(Ord. No. 1999-2-95, § I, 2-6-95)