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ZONING SECTION

ANIMALS

Agricultural Animal Keeping

A-1 & A-2 zones

Ranching, farming, and dairy operations = permissive uses

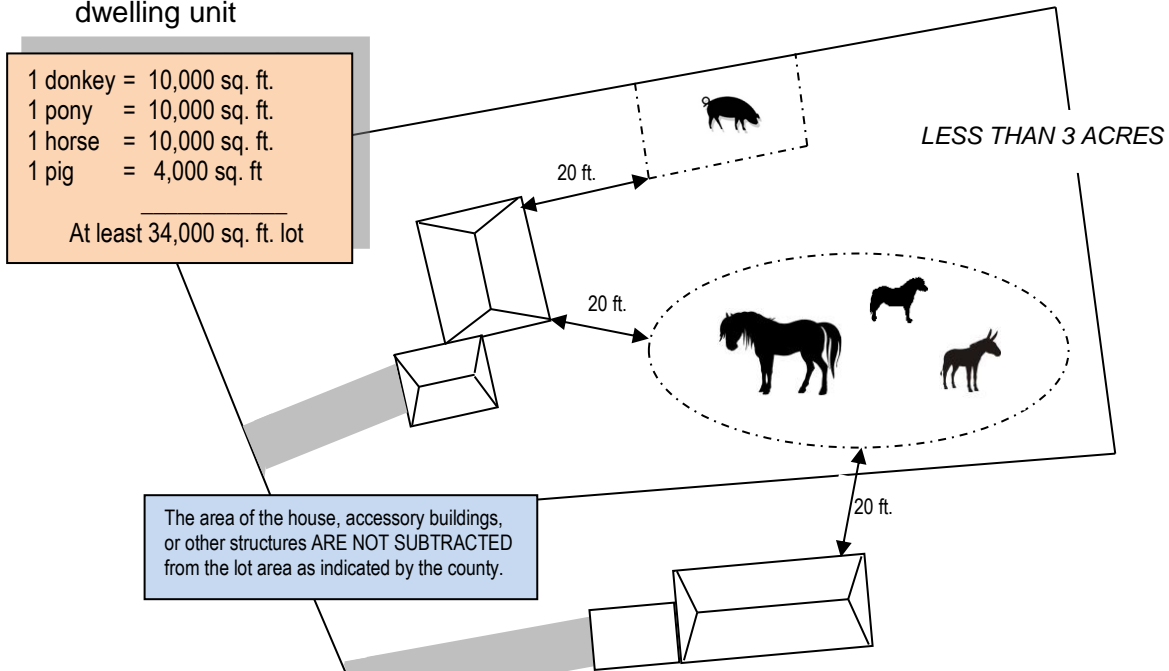


There is no limitation in the ordinance as to the number of farm animals that can be kept. Additionally, these zones allow for the display and sale of agricultural products, including poultry or rabbits, and allow for a 16-sq. ft. sign to advertise the items for sale.

R-1, R-2 & M-H (O-1, C-N, C-1 & C-2)

For lots at least three (3) acres in area, the same allowances as outlined in the A-1 and A-2 zones are permitted (see above). However, for all lots that are less than 3 acres in area, the following limitations apply:

- ⚡ For each cow or horse on the property = 10,000 sq. ft. of lot area is required
- ⚡ For each sheep, pig, or goat on the property = 4,000 sq. ft. of lot area is required
- ⚡ Any building, pen, or corral for the animals must be at least 20 feet from any existing dwelling unit



	COW OR HORSE 10,000 sq. ft. of lot area is required	COW OR HORSE No limit
R-2	SHEEP, PIG OR GOAT 4,000 sq. ft. of lot	SHEEP, PIG OR GOAT No limit
M-H	20 FT. BETWEEN PEN & SFD	

Domesticated Animal Keeping

NONPROFIT ANIMAL FACILITY

Conditional use in A-1, A-2, R-1, R-2 & M-H

- Activity provides care for 6 or more dogs, cats, donkeys, wolves or any other animals
- Does not operate for profit; selling of animals, fees for boarding, etc. does not occur
- Animal breeding does not occur in connection with the operation



More than five dogs as pets



Rescue operation for stray dogs



Shelter for abandoned cats

COMMERCIAL ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENT

Conditional use ONLY in A-1 and A-2

- Activity provides care for 6 or more dogs, cats, donkeys, wolves or any other animals
- Operates for profit; animals are kept, boarded, or maintained for a fee
- Animal breeding is allowed
- Also includes kennels, grooming parlors, pet shops, and animal hospitals



Doggy day care facility



Pet groomer



Kennel for boarding animals

Somewhat related . . .

COMMERCIAL STABLES

Conditional use ONLY in A-1 and A-2

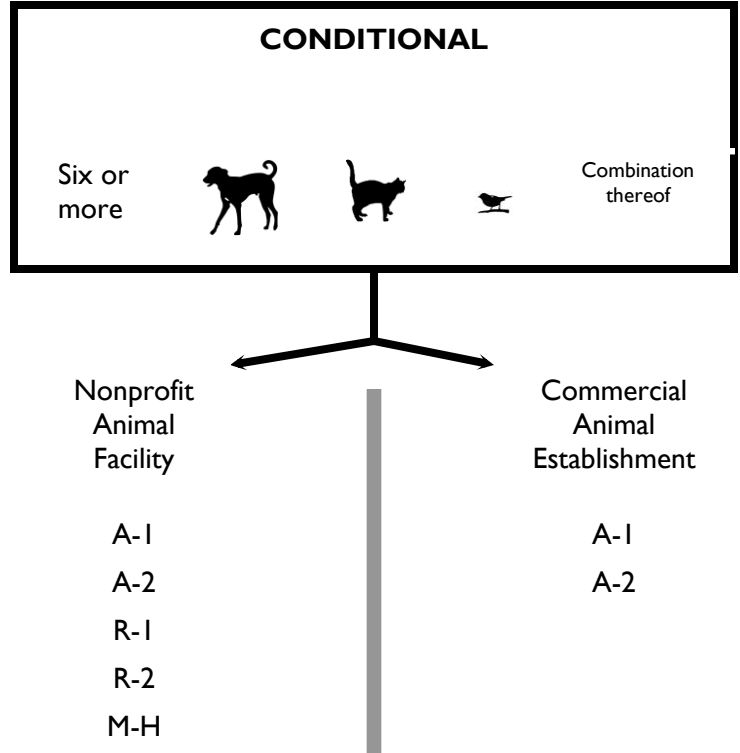
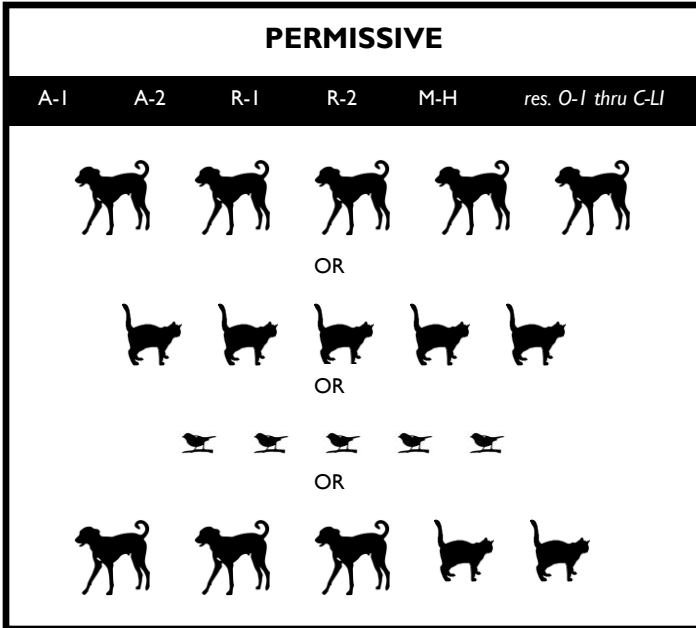
- Provides some type of shelter, housing, or care for horses **NOT OWNED** by the property owner or residing tenant
 - *If all horses on the site are owned by the proprietor, conditional use approval is unnecessary*

	A-1	A-2	R-1	R-2	M-H
Up to 5 dogs/cats/combo (PETS ONLY)	PERMISSIVE		PERMISSIVE		
6 or more dog/cats/combo (PETS OR SHELTER/RESCUE)	CONDITIONAL		CONDITIONAL		
6 or more dog/cats/combo (PETS OR OPERATION INVOLVING A FEE)	CONDITIONAL		NOT ALLOWED		
Horses other than those owned by proprietor	CONDITIONAL		NOT ALLOWED		

***Please contact the Zoning Department for animal keeping criteria 314-0350**

Commercial Animal Establishment. Any establishment or premises, operating for profit, where six or more dogs and/or cats or aggregate thereof, over four months of age are boarded, kept, or maintained for any purpose whatsoever; it includes kennels, grooming parlors, pet shops, animal hospitals and breeders. (Section 5. Definitions.)

Nonprofit Animal Facility. Any facility or premises, not operating for profit, where six or more dogs and/or cats or aggregate thereof, over four months of age are kept or maintained; it includes shelters and refuges, with the exception of state inspected veterinary hospitals, federally inspected laboratory facilities and zoos. (Section 5. Definitions.)



	A-1	A-2	R-1	R-2	M-H
Kennel	☑	☑			
Grooming parlor	☑	☑			
Pet shop	☑	☑			
Animal hospital	☑	☑			
Breeder	☑	☑			
Shelter	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
Refuge	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑
6 or more pets	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑

**“Hobby Breeders’ Permit” &
 “Multiple Animal Permit” are
 Animal Care terms**