

## **ANIMAL UNIT**

A unit of measurement for livestock calculated as follows:

Each horse, cow, llama, or similar size animal shall equal one animal unit. Smaller animals shall make up one animal unit as follows: four (4) sheep, four (4) goats, two (2) swine, fifteen (15) chickens, fifteen (15) ducks, ten (10) turkeys, fifteen (15) pheasants, eight (8) geese, or ten (10) rabbits. The City Administration may determine an equivalent animal unit for animals not listed herein including miniature forms of large animals, and may determine what combination of small animals constitute one animal unit. Such determination shall consider the purpose of the regulations pertaining to the keeping of livestock and potential impacts on surrounding properties.

**10-4A-16.1 KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK:** Where allowed by the applicable base district, the keeping of livestock as an accessory use within the City of Hooper shall conform to the following standards.

A. Purpose. To set forth reasonable standards for the keeping and care of livestock that promote responsible animal husbandry; protect private property rights; help maintain neighborhood compatibility; and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

### **B. Standards for the Keeping of Livestock**

1. A minimum of 20,000 square feet is required to qualify for the keeping of livestock unless a conditional use permit is granted by the City. Any lot of 20,000 square feet or more shall be eligible for one (1) animal unit for each 10,000 square feet of property within the lot. A conditional use permit must be approved by the City in order to keep livestock on any lot less than 20,000 square feet in size. All livestock must be confined on the owner's property.
  - a. Exception – Any owner of a residential property, which is less than 20,000 square feet, may keep a maximum of ten (10) chicken hens so long as the chickens are kept in a coop or run and all other requirements for keeping livestock are met.
2. Any structure used for the keeping of livestock including, but not limited to barns, stables, sheds and corrals shall be located a minimum of 50 feet (35 feet for chicken coops and runs) from a dwelling owned by another person.
3. Property owners keeping livestock in accordance with the above standards must maintain such animals in a manner that does not create an unreasonable impact on neighboring properties. Potential negative impacts include, but are not limited to odors, noise, drainage, erosion and flies. Any person keeping livestock is responsible for the regular removal and disposal of animal waste, and the control of insects, erosion and odor. Failure to maintain the property in accordance with these requirements shall be considered a violation of this ordinance.
4. Keeping of livestock in greater numbers than outlined herein will be allowed on a conditional use basis. Any livestock in excess of the limits set herein, already being kept on the date of this ordinance, will require an application for a conditional use be filed. All such applications will be acted upon as set out in Chapter 5 of this title.
5. The offspring of animals legally kept pursuant to this section may be maintained on the property until maturity without being counted toward the animal units allowed for the property. (Maturity to be determined by qualified authority to be selected by the City Administration.)