



Livestock Zoning Quick Guide

How many horses, chickens or other livestock can I have?

§ 360-6. Definitions.

LIVESTOCK — An animal typically kept for breeding, production or agricultural products, and/or sale or pleasure, including, but not limited to any horse, bovine, bison, sheep, goat, pig, llama, alpaca, domestic rabbit, farm-raised deer, as defined in WI st. 95.001 (1)(ag), or domestic fowl, including any farm-raised game bird, as defined in WI st. 169.01(12m).

LIVESTOCK UNIT — The equivalent to one of the following (*animals not listed to be categorized by Zoning Administrator*):

- i. One cow or steer
- ii. One horse
- iii. Two pigs or hogs
- iv. Two sheep, goats, or llamas
- v. Two ostrich or emu
- vi. Five fowl

§ 360-15. Accessory Structures and Uses.

N. Livestock. Livestock are allowed in districts as describe below:

- (1) On parcels of five or more acres, but less than 35 acres, the keeping of livestock is limited to no more than 24 chickens or one livestock unit per two acres, whichever is greater.
- (2) On parcels of less than five acres, no livestock shall be allowed except for chickens subject to the following:
 - (a) On parcels less than two acres, up to 6 chickens.
 - (b) On parcels two acres but less than three acres, up to 12 chickens.
 - (c) On parcels three acres but less than five acres, up to 24 chickens.
 - (d) All lands being used for the keeping of chickens shall be under the same ownership.
 - (e) The keeping of chickens shall be regulated as follows:
 - [1] Chickens shall be kept in a covered enclosure or coop that is predator proof, thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to allow free movement of the chickens and designed to be easily accessed,

cleaned and maintained by the owners. Chickens shall be kept in an enclosure or fenced-in area at all times.

- [2] A covered enclosure or coop is considered a structure and is subject to all applicable zoning and building restrictions and codes. However, a small enclosure or coop 80 square feet or less shall not count toward the number of accessory buildings allowed on a lot. Only one covered enclosure or coop is allowed per lot.
- [3] The covered enclosure or coop housing the chickens and chicken runs shall be located at least 25 feet off the property line and 50 feet from all existing dwellings on adjoining properties. The covered enclosure or coop and chicken run shall not be located in the front yard.
- [4] The keeping of chickens shall not cause any nuisance or unhealthy conditions or otherwise interfere with the normal use of any property.
- [5] Feed for chickens shall be stored indoors or in a sealed container if stored outside.
- [6] All enclosures or coops and chicken runs shall be removed from the property no later than three months after chickens are no longer kept on the property.
- [7] All applicable federal, state, county and local laws, codes, licenses and requirements must be complied with and followed.
- [8] The keeping of roosters is prohibited.