

## CHAPTER 29

### ANIMALS AND FOWL

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The purpose of this Chapter is to provide regulations for the keeping of animals in all areas of the City.

**11-29-102 Effect of Chapter.**

The regulations as contained in this Chapter shall apply and govern in all zones.

**11-29-103 General Provisions.**

The keeping of animals within the City of Farmington shall be permitted or prohibited as follows:

(1) All animals shall be classified in one of the following four (4) categories (animals include all living creatures, fowl, reptiles, fish, etc.):

- (a) Class A (Small Animals): Animals kept as pets or for family food production, or recreational purposes such as dogs, cats, rabbits, fowl, etc.
- (b) Class B (Large Animals): Animals kept as pets or for family food production or recreational purposes; such as horses, cows, goats, sheep, etc.
- (c) Class C (Commercial Animals): Any and all animals of every size, type or kind kept or maintained for commercial purposes.
- (d) Class D (Dangerous Animals): Animals that are inherently or potentially dangerous may be kept or maintained only by conditional use permit.

(2) All animals must be kept and maintained in such a manner so as NOT to degrade (below a reasonable standard), the health, safety, noise, odor or sanitation environment of persons dwelling on neighboring lots.

(3) The animals permitted in any zone are limited in numbers so as to comply with the conditions mandated in Section 11-29-103(2) and to prevent a significant degradation in appearance of the premise on which they are kept in comparison with neighboring premises:

- (a) Class A animals may be kept in all zones.
- (b) Class B animals are permitted only in Zones AA, A, AE, M-1, R-2, B, LR, S, LS, R-4 and R-8, and OTR.

- (c) Class C animals are prohibited from all zones except Zones C, A, C-R and M-1.
- (d) Class D animals are prohibited from all zones except by conditional use permit.

(4) The following numbers and kinds of animals in the size areas described are presumed to meet the standards set forth in Section 11-29-103 (2) and (3). This presumption is rebuttable by the keeper proving that greater numbers of animals are being kept and meeting these standards, or by the City proving that equal or lesser number of animals are being kept in a manner not meeting these standards:

- (a) Any Size Lot: 2 dogs or 4 cats or 4 ducks or 4 turkeys or 4 geese or 8 chickens or 8 rabbits or 8 pigeons or any equivalent combination.
- (b) 1/2 Acre: 2 dogs or 2 sheep or 2 goats or 4 cats or 8 ducks or 8 turkeys or 8 geese or 12 chickens or 12 rabbits or 12 pigeons or any equivalent combination.
- (c) Class B Large Animals:
  - (i) Zones LR, S, LS, R-2, R-4, R-8, M-1 or B - On lots of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or more: 1 horse or cow or 2 sheep or goats per twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.
  - (ii) Zones AA, A, and AE - Not more than 2 horses or cows or 4 sheep, goats, pigs, or similar size animals shall be kept on lots of one-half (1/2) acre. For lots larger than one-half (1/2) acre, 1 additional horse or cow or 2 additional sheep, goats, pigs, or similar size animals may be kept for each five thousand (5,000) square feet over one-half (1/2) acre. Animals younger than six (6) months in age shall not be counted in determining the total number of animals on the lots.

(5) Location of Accessory Structures. No animal shelter, hay barn, silo, equipment shed, storage building and similar accessory buildings to the agricultural use of land may be located closer than ten (10) feet to any side or rear boundary line.