

**STANDARDS FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONES OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF ALAMEDA COUNTY**

**For Horses, Steers and/or Cows**

1. Minimum lot size of one-half acre, with 5,000 sq. ft. of available space per animal.
2. Corral or stable must be in the rear half of the lot and at least forty (40) feet from the lot line.
3. Manure must be removed daily from corral, stable, paddock or other holding areas. Manure must be removed from the premises immediately to an approved disposal site or stored until removal in fly-tight containers, cans or holding boxes. There must be at least weekly removal from the containers to an approved disposal site.
4. Watering troughs must be co-constructed and located that they do not overflow in the stall, corral or paddock area.
5. Hay must be stored in such a manner so as not to become a nesting place for rodents, i.e. in rodent-proof buildings or stored at least 10" off the floor on pallets and away from walls, other material or equipment.
6. Grain needs shall be stored in rodent-proof containers or buildings; i.e. metal cans or rodent-proof feed cribs.
7. The entire area set aside for the animals shall be cleared of all rubbish and debris.
8. Any exercising area used in addition to the main pasture area must be maintained as above.

**For Sheep and Goats**

1. Minimum lot size 10,000-sq. ft. with 2,500-sq. ft. of available open space per animal.
2. Corral or stable must be in the rear half of the lot and at least forty (40) feet from the lot line.
3. Manure must be removed daily from corral, stable, paddock or other holding areas. Manure must be stored from the premises immediately to an approved disposal site or stored until removal in fly-tight containers, cans or holding boxes. There must be at least weekly removal from the containers to an approved disposal site.
4. Watering troughs must be so constructed and located that they do not overflow in the stall, corral or paddock area.
5. Hay must be stored in such a manner so as not to become nesting place for rodents, i.e. in rodent-proof buildings or stored at least 10" off the floor on pallets and away from walls, other material or equipment.
6. Grain feeds shall be stored in rodent-proof containers or buildings; i.e. metal cans or rodent-proof feed cribs.
7. The entire area set aside for the animals shall be cleared of all rubbish and debris.
8. No male sheep or goats shall be kept in a residential area. Castrated animals (raised for food) may be kept for a period no to exceed seven months.

*For Rabbits (or more than Five Chinchillas or Guinea Pigs)*

1. Minimum lot size (existing lots) with available open space of 200-sq.ft. per adult animal.
2. Hutches must be in the rear half of the lot and at least forty (40) feet from any adjacent dwelling.
3. All hutches and the area under them must be cleaned daily so as not to create an odor or fly problem. Daily cleaning is mandatory unless worm beds are maintained under the rabbit hut hutches.
4. All feed must be stored in vermin proof containers.
5. Litters may be kept for a period not to exceed ten (10) weeks after birth.

*For Fowl (Chickens, Turnkeys, Guinea Fowl, Ducks and Geese) (Classed as "livestock")*

1. Minimum lot (existing lots) with available open space of 200-sq.ft. per bird.
2. Pen must be located on rear half of the parcel at least forty (40) feet from any adjacent dwelling
3. All feed must be stored in vermin proof containers.
4. The area under any roost must be cleaned daily with manure stored in fly-tight containers with disposal at an approved dump at least once a week.
5. No roosters or gobblers may be kept in the residential area.

*For Pigeons*

1. Minimum lot (existing lots) with available open space of 50-sq.ft per bird.
2. Loft must be located on rear half of parcel at least forty (40) feet from any adjacent dwelling.
3. Lofts must be cleaned daily with manure stored in fly tight containers with disposal at an approved dump at least once a week.
4. All feed must be stored in vermin proof containers.
5. Birds may be exercised a maximum of (1) hour per day immediately prior to feeding.
6. During breeding season, an increase of 20% is allowable for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

*For Bees*

1. Minimum lot – One (1) acre.
2. Hives must be located so that flight path may not cross a public thoroughfare for a minimum of 300-ft.