

## Keeping Livestock In the Residential Districts

### of Teller County

Various types of livestock may be kept on residentially-zoned properties (R1, R1M, RR, R2) in Teller County. Double check the zoning of your lot or parcel, review the classifications of animals (AN-10), and the requirements for keeping those animals (AN-20, AN-30) below. Although Teller County does not enforce private subdivision covenants, you should also check with your property owners' association, if any, for restrictions on keeping livestock. In the A1-Agricultural Zone District there is no limit on the number of livestock kept, but containment requirements do apply. No domestic livestock of any kind is allowed in the MHP zone district.

### The Basics for Horses in the R1 and R1M District

To keep horses, the minimum sized parcel is 1 acre. You may keep 1 horse per one full " acre. Corrals, stalls, or barns must be at least 50 feet from property lines, residences, and water wells. See requirements below for waste removal and proper drainage on your lot.

#### **AN-10 ANIMALS - CLASSIFICATION.**

**Domestic, noncommercial use of poultry or fowl** shall include but not be limited to, chickens, turkeys, pigeons, small birds and ducks. The following fowl are excluded from this definition due to noise generating characteristics: roosters, peafowl and any other fowl whose calls are audible over similar distances.

**Non-commercial, domestic hoofed livestock** shall include, but not be limited to, horses, cattle, mules, sheep, goats, and swine.

**Pet animals** shall include dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, snakes, iguanas, turtles, or any other species of animal customarily sold for the purpose of being kept as a household animal.

**Small livestock** shall include but not be limited to rabbits, chinchillas or similar animals.

#### **AN-20 ANIMALS - DOMESTIC HOOFED LIVESTOCK STANDARDS.**

**AN-20-1 Minimum property size in R1, R1M and R2 zones.** Domestic hoofed livestock are prohibited on residential properties of less than one acre. This prohibition does not apply to public roadways.

**AN-20-2 Maximum density in RR, R1, R1M and R2 zones.** The maximum allowable density is one animal per 1/2 acre, with a minimum of 1 acre required. Young animals under 6 months of age may be kept until weaned without counting toward the allowable limit.

**AN-20-3 Shelter in RR zone.** When there are 2 animals on a parcel of land, a barn or shelter shall be required to be constructed.

**AN-20-4 Containment area in RR, R1, R1M and R2 zones.** Although the entire lot may be fenced, a containment area (corral) must be provided where the animals will normally be penned and supplementary fed. All corrals, stalls, and barns shall be at least 50 feet from any residence, domestic well and property lines.

**AN-20-5 Containment area size in RR zone.** The containment area (corral) should be adequate in size for the number of animals involved and shall not exceed 10% of the gross lot acreage or 2 acre whichever is least.

**AN-20-6 Animal Waste in RR, R1, R1M and R2 zones.** Regular removal or spreading of manure is required so that it does not become unsightly or a public nuisance. The possession of animals will not be allowed to create health hazards to the surrounding properties.

**AN-20-7 Drainage in RR, R1, R1M and R2 zones.** Adequate drainage facilities or improvements shall be provided by the property owner and constructed so as to protect any adjacent properties from runoff containing contaminants such as sediment or organic wastes.

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**AN-30 ANIMALS - DOMESTIC SMALL LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND FOWL STANDARDS.**

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**AN-30-1 Number allowed in RR zone.** None are allowed if the lot size is smaller than 2.0 acres.

On lots from 2.0 to 5.99 acres in size, a maximum number of 15 poultry, fowl and rabbits is permitted. A containment area for the poultry or fowl shall be required and not be closer than 50 feet to any property line. Small livestock must be properly housed (i.e. rabbit hutches) and not be located closer to any property line than the zone district setback allows.

On lots that are greater than 5.99 acres in size, there shall not be a limit on the number of poultry, fowl or small livestock allowed except when the keeping of such is not for domestic, consumptive, hobby, or pet uses by the residents of the parcel.

**AN-30-2 Number allowed in R1, R1M and R2 zones.** On lots less than 1 acre in size, a maximum number of 4 poultry, fowl and rabbits is permitted.

On lots from 1.1 to 2.00 acres in size, a maximum number of 10 poultry, fowl and rabbits is permitted.

On lots from 2.10 to 5.99 acres in size, a maximum number of 15 poultry, fowl and rabbits is permitted.

On lots that are greater than 5.99 acres in size, there shall not be a limit on the number of poultry, fowl or small livestock allowed except when the keeping of such is not for domestic, consumptive, hobby, or pet uses by the residents of the parcel.

**AN-30-3 Containment area in R1, R1M and R2 zones.** A containment area for the poultry, fowl and small livestock shall be required.

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**AN-35 ANIMALS - KENNELS**

**AN-35-1 KENNEL.** A breeding kennel, a boarding kennel, or a cattery, or any combination thereof and includes animal pounds and shelters, containing animals over 4 months of age.

**AN-35-2 KENNEL, COMMERCIAL.** Any place or premises used in whole or in part for the purpose of breeding and/or boarding of dogs or cats, principally for compensation or profit.

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**AN-35-3 KENNEL, PRIVATE.** Any place or premises used in whole or in part for the purpose of breeding and/or boarding of dogs or cats, for private enjoyment, in excess of 6 animals of a specific species, over 4 months of age.

Kennels, commercial and private, are permitted in the A1-Agricultural District. Conditional Use Permits are required for private kennels in the R1, R1M, and R2 zone districts and not allowed in RR or MHP districts. Commercial kennels are not allowed in the R1, R1M, R2 or RR districts.

Call the Teller County Planning Department at 719-687-3048 with any questions.