

Proposed language to replace the current 10-acre requirement for animals on one's property.

Section 5.21 ANIMALS. Except as otherwise permitted under the Michigan Right to Farm Act, livestock shall be kept or maintained in agricultural zoning district only on parcels of land of five (5) acres or more in area. Maintaining animals in other zoning districts shall be prohibited, except these two (2) conditions are allowed: 1) That for each dwelling unit the occupant may keep for his personal use domestic pets provided they are not kept or used for commercial breeding purposes and do not constitute a kennel. Any animal defined in the Michigan Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices (GAAMP) shall not be considered a domestic pet. 2) Keeping of Chickens (female – hens) in residentially zoned areas.

See table below for allowed Animal Units:

Acres	Animal Units
5 - 6.99	2
7 - 8.99	3
9 – 9.99	5
10.00 or more	See Article VI Agricultural District

Cow, Horse, Pony, Llama (or similar size large animal) = 1 Animal Unit. Sheep, Goats, Pigs (or similar size medium animal) = .5 Animal Unit. Chickens, Rabbits, Ducks, Geese (or similar size small animals) = .1 Animal Unit.

To control erosion and pollution, a 10-foot buffer zone shall be established from the edge of all waterways, which shall be kept in an all-season ground cover.