



HOMESTEAD FARMING (ANIMAL KEEPING) PERMIT APPLICATION

OWNER INFORMATION

Name(s) _____
 Contact _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION (If different from owner)

Name(s) _____
 Contact _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

SITE INFORMATION

Property Address _____
 Total Lot Area _____ Present Zoning _____
 Number of Existing Accessory Structures _____

PROPOSED USE SPECIFICATIONS

Proposed Animal Type	Proposed # of Animals	Lot Area/ Animal	Size of Enclosure	Enclosure Area/ Animal	Meets Standards (For Staff)

SIGNATURE

I/We, the undersigned am/are the **(owner(s))**, **(duly authorized applicant)**, **(Circle One)** of the aforementioned property. By execution of my/our signature, I/we do hereby officially apply for a homestead farming permit as indicated above.

Signature: _____ Date _____

FOR STAFF USE ONLY		DATE RECEIVED:
	APPROVED	Business & Economic Development Director
	DENIED	Date

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

- | Yes | No | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Complete application packet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Application fee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Scaled plot plan or site plan showing the location and dimensions of all existing and proposed structures and enclosures, distances from structures to property lines, and the number of proposed animals per enclosure. |

* The property owner shall be responsible to verify compliance with homeowner’s associations if applicable.

* Accessory buildings over 120 sf require a building permit.

* Accessory buildings shall be 10’ from principal structure.

HOMESTEAD FARMING STANDARDS

Farming, Homestead. Where homestead farming is permitted as an accessory use subject to additional standards all of the following standards shall be met:

1. **Animal Keeping.** Honeybees and domestic animals other than typical household pets are permitted as follows:
 - a. Any size animal on lots three acres or more in size, in accordance with the following standards:
 - (1) **Number.** No more than 1 horse or cow per 1 acre, 1 pig or goat per 0.5 acre, 1 sheep per 0.25 acre, and 1 fowl or poultry per 0.02 acre calculated in combination.
 - (2) **Enclosures.** Any building or enclosure for compact confinement which results in lack of vegetation, or any accumulation of animal refuse, shall be located at least 100 feet from any property boundary, provided however that this setback distance may be reduced as approved by the Business and Economic Director or designee if the property is adjacent to an agricultural, commercial or industrial district.
 - (3) **Vegetation.** Except for compact confinement areas as above, animal grazing shall be rotated so that continuous vegetation is maintained at all times.
 - b. Only small animals such as rabbits, chickens or other animals of similar size and characteristics (not to include honeybees) on lots less than three acres in size, as approved by the Business and Economic Development Director or designee upon review of a plot plan or site plan in accordance with the following standards:
 - (1) **Number.** No more than one small animal per 1,000 square feet of lot area and no more than 15 per lot.
 - (2) **Prohibited animals.** Roosters and other animals with frequent, loud vocalizations are not permitted.
 - (3) **Enclosures.** Animals shall be kept in an enclosed structure or area located in the rear yard of the principal dwelling, and shall not be permitted to roam at large outside the enclosure or onto another property. Enclosed structures and exercise areas shall be located a minimum of 30 feet from any neighboring dwelling, and a minimum of nine feet from side and rear lot lines. Enclosures open to the sky shall consist of a wall or fence of sufficient height to contain the animals; such enclosure shall be a minimum of four feet and maximum of 6 feet in height. The combined area of structures and enclosures shall provide a minimum of 10 square feet per fowl or rabbit, and no animal shall be confined in a cage less than twice their length and height.