

## **The Birds, the Bees and the Beasts:** **Fact Sheet on Backyard Farm Animal Rules in Sahuarita**

This Fact Sheet provides information about the rules for raising farm animals in Sahuarita, Arizona. The slaughter, processing and sale of meat are not addressed in this Fact Sheet. Words in **BOLD CAPS** are defined or explained at the end of the document. In this Fact Sheet, “BIRDS” refers to chickens and small animals, including rabbits; “BEES” refers to bee-keeping for purposes of generating hone; “LIVESTOCK” (meat animals, horses, sheep, goats, swine, mules and asses), hogs, and ratites y; and “BEASTS (large, flightless birds, including ostriches and emus).

This Fact Sheet addressed rules found in:

**The Sahuarita Town Code (STC)** contains local ordinances (laws). *Title 6: Animal Control* addresses the housing and treatment of animals. *Title 18: Zoning* contains the Zoning Code which identifies zones within town limits where certain land uses are permitted in order to promote health, safety and welfare of community residents. The STC can be found at:

<http://www.codepublishing.com/AZ/sahuarita.html>

**The Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS)** contains some rules related to bee-keeping. It can be found at:  
<http://www.azleg.gov/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp>

While this Fact Sheet provides a great deal of information, there are likely situations that require additional guidance. You should check with the Sahuarita Building Department to be sure that the rules herein apply to you or that they have not changed.

### **What animals are prohibited in Sahuarita?**

**DANGEROUS** animals are prohibited (STC 6.25.010) as are any animals that frequently howl, bark, meow, squawk or make other sounds, if they are clearly audible beyond the property line of the property on which they are conducted and they disturb the public peace, quiet or comfort of the neighboring inhabitants (STC 6.30.010)

### **What animals can I raise on my residential property?**

**Table 1** shows the residential zones where the raising of various types of animals is permitted, subject to development standards and additional restrictions. Table 1 is meant to give you a general idea of what types of animals may be permitted in your zone. Tables 2-7 provide a summary of the development standards and other restrictions for each zone where raising animals is permitted. *To determine the zone of your property and ensure your uses are allowable, call the Planning and Building Department, (520) 822-8855.*

*If you live in a community that has CC&Rs (such as Rancho Sahuarita, Quail Creek, or Madera Highlands) you may be subject to additional restrictions. Please consult your Homeowners' Association for permitted uses in these communities.*

<b>Table 1: Zones where both residences and farm animals are permitted in Sahuarita, Arizona</b>					
Zones (Table Containing additional info)	Birds  POULTRY and other small animals (e.g. rabbits)	Bees	Beasts		
			Ratites	LIVESTOCK	
				Hogs	Cattle, Horses, Goats, Sheep
<i>Rural Zones</i>					
RH: Rural Homestead (Table 2)	X	X	X	X	X
GR-1: Rural Residential (Table 3)	X	X	X	X	X
SR: Suburban Ranch (Table 4)	X	X	X	X	X
SR-2: Suburban Ranch Estate (Table 5)	X <sup>1</sup>	X	X <sup>1</sup>		X <sup>1</sup>
SH: Suburban Homestead (Table 6)	X	X	X	X	X
<i>Residential Zones</i>					
R-1: Single Residence (Table 7)	X <sup>1</sup>	X	X <sup>1,2</sup>		X <sup>1,2</sup>
R-2: Single Residence (Table 8)	X <sup>1</sup>	X			X <sup>1,2</sup>
R-3: Single Residence (Table 9)	X <sup>1,3</sup>	X			
R-4: Mixed-Dwelling		X			
R-5: Multiple Residence		X			
TR: Transitional (Table 10)	X <sup>1,3</sup>	X			
MH-1: Town Manufactured/Mobile Home		X			
MH-2: Manufactured and Mobile Home		X			
<i>Business Zones</i>					
B-1: Local Business (Table 11)	X <sup>1,3</sup>	X			
B-2: General Business (Table 12)	X <sup>1,3</sup>	X			
<i>Industrial Zones</i>					
MU: Multiple Use		X			
<sup>1</sup> For personal use only; not for sale <sup>2</sup> <b>CONDITIONAL USE</b> - permit is required <sup>3</sup> No roosters					

### **What are the rules about the treatment of animals in Sahuarita?**

The Sahuarita Town Code protects ALL animals from cruelty and neglect (STC 6-20) by requiring the following:

- Providing daily, food that is free from contamination and is of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain the animal in good health.
- Potable water must be accessible to the animal at all times, either free-flowing or in a clean receptacle.
- Except for **LIVESTOCK**, all animals must have convenient access to natural or artificial shelter throughout the year. Artificial shelters shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animal from injury and from the elements, and of sufficient size to permit the animal to enter, stand, turn around and lie down in a natural manner. Any shelter which does not protect the animal from temperature extremes or precipitation, or which does not provide adequate ventilation or drainage, shall not comply with this section. Any shelter, all bedding and any spaces accessible to the animal shall be maintained in a manner which

minimizes the risk of the animal contracting disease, being injured or becoming infested with parasites.

- Animals must receive care and medical treatment for debilitating injuries, parasites and diseases, sufficient to maintain the animal in good health and minimize suffering.
- Animals must be given adequate exercise space within an enclosure that shall be constructed of material, and in a manner, to minimize the risk of injury to the animal, and shall encompass sufficient usable space to keep the animal in good condition. Tieouts are prohibited.
- Animals must have access to adequate ventilation and is protected from temperature extremes at all times. No peace officer or county animal control officer shall be liable for damages to property caused by the use of reasonable force to remove an animal from such a vehicle or other enclosed space under such circumstances.

### **What are the rules about bees?**

Bee keeping is permitted throughout the Town of Sahuarita, regardless of the zone you live in, subject to the following rules:

**Number permitted:** No more than one colony of bees for each 2,500 square feet of **LOT** area. (STC, 18.07.030)

**Notifying neighboring commercial farmers:** You must notify and get permission from any landowner or lessee who is engaged in commercial agriculture if your bees will forage on their property. The notice shall include the beekeeper's address and telephone number, the location of the hives within a quarter section and the exact dates that the bees will be in the area. After receiving the notice the person who engages in commercial agriculture must inform the beekeeper, before application, when a bee sensitive pesticide will be applied to the area in which the bees are foraging. (ARS 3-367.02).

**STRUCTURES and facilities:** If bees are kept within 30 ft of any exterior **LOT** boundary line, a barrier must be erected that will prevent bees from flying through it. The barrier must be at least 5 ft high and consist of plant, hedge or any constructed material. The barrier must extend at least 30 ft beyond the **APIARY** in both directions. (STC, 18.07.030)

**Provision of water:** Fresh, clean watering facilities for bees shall be provided on the premises. (STC, 18.07.030)

**Registration:** Each beekeeper shall register the beekeeping operation with the Arizona Commission of Agriculture and Horticulture. (STC, 18.07.030)

### **What are the rules about birds and beasts in residential areas?**

The following tables (one for each zone where residences are permitted) provide the rules for raising Birds (chickens and small animals), and Beasts, including **RATITIES**, hogs, and **LIVESTOCK**. To determine what zone you live in contact the Sahuarita *Planning and Building Department*, (520) 822-8855.

If there is no table for your zone, the raising of birds or beasts is not permitted.

**Table 2: Zone RH: Rural Homestead Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	No limits specified (STC 18.13.020.A.9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 10% of the individual site area (STC 18.13.050.A)</li> <li>- No more than 24 ft high (STC 18.13.050.B)</li> </ul>	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> for <b>STRUCTURES</b> excluding corrals (STC 18.13.050.C.2.b)</li> <li>- Corrals: 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> , or 10 ft from side and rear property lines with written consent of abutting property owner (STC 18.13.020.A.25.c)</li> <li>- 7 ft from main buildings (STC 18.13.050.C.3)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	No limits specified (STC 18.13.020.A.25)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined in 6 ft high stock-tight corrals (STC 18.13.020.A.25.a)</li> <li>- No more than 10% of the individual site area (STC 18.13.050.A)</li> <li>No more than 24 ft high (STC 18.13.050.B)</li> </ul>	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50 ft from the front <b>LOT LINE</b> and lines that abut publicly maintained roads (STC 18.13.020.A.25.b)</li> <li>- 10 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> (STC 18.13.020.A.25.b)</li> <li>- 7 ft from main buildings (STC 18.13.050.C.3)</li> </ul>
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hogs: not more than 5 hogs over 6 months of age (STC 18.13.020.A.8.a)</li> <li>- More than 5 hogs are permitted if associated with a hog raising project sponsored by the 4-H, Future Farmers of America or a similar organization, and a letter of authorization from the organization is provided to the planning department (STC 18.13.020.A.9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 10% of the individual site area (STC 18.13.050.A)</li> <li>- No more than 24 ft high (STC 18.13.050.B)</li> </ul>	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> for <b>STRUCTURES</b> excluding corrals (STC 18.13.050.C.2.b)</li> <li>-- Corrals: 50 ft from side and rear property lines, or 10 ft from side and rear property lines with written consent of abutting</li> <li>- 7 ft from main buildings (STC 18.13.050.C.3)</li> </ul>

**Table 3: Zone GR-1: Rural Residential Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACK for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 40 animals per <b>ACRE</b> (STC 18.14.020.A.10)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10% of individual site area (STC 18.14.050.A)</li> <li>- No more than 24 ft high (STC 18.14.050.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 ft from front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.13.050.C.1)</li> <li>- 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> except corrals (STC 18.14.050.C.2.b)</li> <li>- Corrals: 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b>, or 10 ft with written consent of the owner of the abutting property (STC 18.14.050.C.2.c)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum <b>LOT size-1 ACRE</b> (STC 18.13.020.A.24.b)</li> <li>- No more than 1 ostrich over 14 months of age per 10,000 sq ft of site area (STC 18.14.020.A.24.a)</li> <li>- No more than 1 emu or other ratite over 14 months of age per 5,000 sq ft of site area (STC 18.14.020.A.24.a)</li> <li>- 2 ratites 6-14 months of age may be substituted for each ratite over 14 months of age (STC 18.14.020.A.24.a)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not more than 30% (STC 18.14.020.A.24.c)</li> <li>- Must be confined in a 6 ft high stock-tight corral (STRC 18.14.020.25.d)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corrals must be surrounded by a minimum 6 ft high stock-tight fence or other restraint sufficient to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.14.020.24.d)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 ft from the front <b>LOT LINE</b> and 10 ft from the side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b>(STC 18.14.020.24.e)</li> </ul>
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 1 animal per 10,000 sq ft (STC 18.14.020.A.7)</li> <li>- Hogs: No more than 1 hog over 6 months of age per <b>ACRE</b> (STC 18.14.020.A.8.a)</li> <li>- No more than 5 hogs over 6 months of age ((STC 18.13.020.A.8.b)</li> <li>- More than 5 hogs are permitted if associated with a hog raising project sponsored by the 4-H, Future Farmers of America or a similar organization, and a letter of authorization from the organization is provided (STC 18.14.020.A.9)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 10% of individual site area (STC 18.14.050.A)</li> <li>- No more than 24 ft high (STC 18.14.050.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 ft from front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.13.050.C.1)</li> <li>- 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b>, except corrals (STC 18.14.050.C.2.b)</li> <li>- Corrals: 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b>, or 10 ft with written consent of the owner of the abutting property (STC 18.14.050.C.2.c)</li> </ul>

**Table 4: Zone SR: Suburban Ranch Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	No limit on number of animals or <b>LOT</b> size (STC 18.17.020.A.5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 10% of total area of the rear and side <b>YARDS</b> (STC 18.17.050.A)</li> <li>- Maximum height = 24 ft. (STC 18.17.050.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.17.050.C.1)</li> <li>- 100 ft to front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.17.050.C.2)</li> <li>- 100 ft to side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> (STC 18.17.050.C.4)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 1 ostrich over 14 months of age per 10,000 sq ft of site area</li> <li>- No more than 1 emu over 14 months of age for each 5,000 sq ft of site area</li> <li>- 2 ratites 6-14 months of age may be substituted for each ratite over 14 months of age.</li> <li>- If mixing species, a prorated combination of the area is required for each animal (STC 18.17.020.A.8.a)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maximum coverage 35% (STC 18.17.20.A.7.b)</li> <li>- Confined in a 6 ft high stock tight corral (STC 18.17.20.A.8.c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ostrich corrals must be surrounded by a minimum 6 foot high stock tight fence or other restraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. (STC 18.17.020.A.8.c)</li> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corrals and shelter <b>STRUCTURES</b> within corrals must be 50 ft from the front property line and 10 ft from side and rear property lines. (STC 18.17.20.A.8.8.d)</li> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.17.050.C.1)</li> </ul>
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not more than one animal of more than 6 months of age per 10,000 sq ft of <b>LOT</b> area. (STC 18.17.020.A.6)</li> <li>- Not more than 1 hog over 6 months of age per <b>ACRE</b>, unless associated with a hog raising project sponsored by the 4-H, Future Farmers of America or a similar organization, and a letter of authorization from the organization is provided to the planning department (STC 18.17.020.A.7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 10% of total area of the rear and side <b>YARDS</b> (STC 18.17.050.A)</li> <li>- Maximum height= 24 ft (STC 18.17.050.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.17.050.C.1)</li> <li>- No less than 100 ft to front <b>LOT</b> line (STC 18.17.050.C.2)</li> <li>- No less than 100 ft to side and rear <b>LOT</b> lines (STC 18.17.050.C.4)</li> </ul>

**Table 5: Zone SR-2: Suburban Ranch Estate Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACK for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	<p><i>Seems to be the same as for livestock???</i></p> <p><b>18.18.020.B.1.b</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> if abutting rural zones RH, GR-1, SR, SR-2, SH or residential zones TH, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, MH-1 or MH-2. (STC 18.18.020.B.4.a)</li> <li>- 40 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> if abutting business zones MR, RVC, B-1 or B-2, or industrial zones MY, CPI, I-1 or I-2) (STC 18.18.020.B.4.b)</li> <li>- At least 50 feet from any residence on an</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 1 ostrich over 14 months of age per 10,000 sq ft of site area (STC 18.18.020.B.2.a)</li> <li>- No more than 1 emu or similar ratite over 14 months of age for each 5,000 sq ft of site area (STC 18.18.020.B.2.a)</li> <li>- 2 ratites 6-14 months of age may be substituted for each ratite over 14 months of age (STC 18.18.020.B.2.a)</li> <li>- If mixing species, a prorated combination of the area is required for each animal (STC 18.18.020.B.2.a)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confined within a minimum 6 ft high, stock-tight corral.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ostrich corrals must be surrounded by a minimum 6 ft high, stock-tight fence or other restraint to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.18.020.B.2.b)</li> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.030.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50 ft from front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.18.020.B.2.c.1)</li> <li>- 10 feet from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> (STC 18.18.020.B.2.c.2)</li> </ul>
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum 10,000 sq ft <b>LOT</b> size for each animal more than 6 months of age (STC 18.18.020.B.1.b.1)</li> <li>- Minimum 400 sq ft of fenced area per animal (STC 18.18.020.B.1.b.2)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Confined to a corral or pen surrounded by a stock-tight fence (STC 18.18.020.vB.1.b.3)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corral or pen must be surrounded by a stock-tight fence (STC 18.18.020.B.1.b.3)</li> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.030.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> if abutting rural zones RH, GR-1, SR, SR-2, SH or residential zones TH, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, MH-1 or MH-2. (STC 18.18.020.B.4.a)</li> <li>- 40 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> if abutting business zones MR, RVC, B-1 or B-2, or industrial zones MY, CPI, I-1 or I-2) (STC 18.18.020.B.4.b)</li> <li>- At least 50 feet from any residence on an abutting property (STC 18.18.020.B.4.c)</li> </ul>

**Table 6: Zone SH: Suburban Homestead Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACK for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	No limit on number of animals or <b>LOT</b> size (STC 18.19.010.A.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 1/3 of the total area of the rear and side <b>YARD</b> (STC 18.19.040.A)</li> <li>- Maximum height = 24 ft. (STC 18.19.040.B)</li> </ul>	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. (STC 18.07.30.B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.9.040.C.1)</li> <li>- No less than 60 ft to front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.17.040.C.2)</li> <li>- No less than 50 ft to side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b> (STC 18.19.040.3.c)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minimum <b>LOT</b> size – 1 <b>ACRE</b> (STC 18.19.010.A.1.b)</li> <li>- No more than 1 ostrich over 14 months of age per 10,000 sq ft of site area (STC 18.19.010.A.1.a)</li> <li>- No more than 1 emu over 14 months of age for each 5,000 sq ft of site area</li> <li>- 2 ratites 6-14 months of age may be substituted for each ratite over 14 months of age (STC 18.19.010.A.1.a)</li> <li>- If mixing species, a prorated combination of the area is required for each animal (STC 18.19.010.A.1.a)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maximum coverage 30% (STC 18.19.10.A.1.c)</li> <li>- Confined in a 6 ft high stock tight corral (STC 18.19.10.A.1.d)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ostrich corrals must be surrounded by a minimum 6 ft high stock tight fence or other restraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.19.010.A.1.d)</li> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corrals and shelter <b>STRUCTURES</b> within corrals must be 30 ft from the front <b>LOT LINE</b> and 10 ft from side and rear <b>LOT LINES</b>. (STC 18.19.010.A.1.e)</li> <li>- Corals may not be closer than 30 ft to any residence or living quarters on an abutting property (STC 18.19.010.A.1.e)</li> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.9.040.C.1)</li> </ul>
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not more than one animal of more than 6 months of age per 10,000 sq ft of <b>LOT</b> area. (STC 18.19.010.A.1)</li> <li>- Not more than 1 hog over 6 months of age per <b>ACRE</b>, unless associated with a hog raising project sponsored by the 4-H, Future Farmers of America or a similar organization, and a letter of authorization from the organization is provided to the planning department (STC 18.19.010.A.1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No more than 1/3 of the total area of the rear and side <b>YARD</b> (STC 18.19.040.A)</li> <li>- Maximum height = 24 ft. (STC 18.19.040.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. Fencing may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> <li>- Fenced area must allow 400 sq ft per animal (STC 18.19.040.C.3.c)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.9.040.C.1)</li> <li>- No less than 60 ft to front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.17.040.C.2)</li> <li>- 10 ft from rear <b>LOT LINE</b> when it abuts GR-1, RH, IR, SR, SR-2, SH, R-1, R-2, or MU (STC 18.17.040.C.2)</li> <li>- 40 feet from rear lot line where it abuts other zones.</li> <li>- 10 ft from side <b>LOT</b> line if adjacent property owners provide a written record of approval</li> <li>- Not closer than 50 ft to any residence or living quarters on an abutting property (STC 18.17.040.C.2)</li> </ul>



**Table 7: Zone R-1: Single Residence: Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	No limit on number of animals or LOT size (STC 18.21.010.A.3.a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not more than 1/3 of the total area of the rear and side <b>YARD</b> (STC 18.21.040.A)</li> <li>- Not more than 24ft high (STC 18.21.040.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. If the parcel has not been subdivided, the fence may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main buildings (STC 18.21.040.C 1)</li> <li>- 60 ft to front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.21.040.C.2)</li> <li>- 50 ft to side and rear <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.21.040.C.3.c)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b> <i>Conditional use only – permit required</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One <b>ACRE</b> minimum (STC 18.21.020.2.a)</li> <li>- No more than 1 ostrich over 14 months of age per 10,000 sq ft of site area</li> <li>- No more than 1 emu over 14 months of age for each 5,000 sq ft of site area</li> <li>- 2 ratites 6-14 months of age may be substituted for each ratite over 14 months of age.</li> <li>- If mixing species, a prorated combination of the area is required for each animal (STC 18.21.020.A.2.b)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cannot occupy more than 30% of the property (STC 18.21.020.2.c)</li> <li>- 6 ft high stock-tight corrals. No material can be used that is not ordinarily used for a stock-tight fence (STC 18.21.020.A.2.d)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ostrich corrals must be surrounded by a minimum 6 foot high stock tight fence or other restraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.21.020.A.2.d)</li> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. If the parcel has not been subdivided, the fence may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 30 feet from the front <b>LOT LINE</b></li> <li>- 10 feet from side and rear property lines</li> <li>- No corral or shelter within a corral can be closer than 30 feet to any residence or living quarters on an abutting property. (STC 18.21.020.A.2.e)</li> </ul>
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>LOT</b> must be at least 36,000 sq. ft.</li> <li>- No more than one animal more than 6 months of age per 10,000 square feet (STC 18.21.010.A.3.b)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not more than 1/3 of the total area of the rear and side <b>YARD</b> (STC 18.21.040.A)</li> <li>- Not more than 24ft high (STC 18.21.040.B)</li> <li>- At least 7 ft from main buildings (STC 18.21.040.C.1)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined in a stock-tight fence.</li> <li>- No material can be used that is not ordinarily used for a stock-tight fence.</li> <li>- Fenced area must provide at least 400 sq ft per animal (STC 18.21.040.C.3.c)</li> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. If the parcel has not been subdivided, the fence may be constructed of barbed wire. (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main buildings (STC 18.21.040.C 1)</li> <li>- 60 feet from the front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.21.040.C.2)</li> <li>- 10 ft from the rear and side <b>LOT LINES</b> where property abuts zones RH, GR-1, SR, SR-2, SH, R-1, R-2, or MU, and 40 ft from the rear where it abuts other zones. (STC 18.21.040.C 3 c)</li> <li>- 40 ft from side property lines or 10 ft from a side <b>YARD</b> where the adjacent property owners have provided written permission. (STC 18.21.040.C .3 .c)</li> <li>- No closer than 50 ft to any residence or living quarters in an abutting property (STC 18.21.040.C.3.c)</li> </ul>

**Table 8: Zone R-2: Single Residence : Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	No limit on number of animals or LOT size (STC 18.23.010.A.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not more than 1/3 of the total area of the rear and side <b>YARD</b> (STC 18.23.040.A)</li> <li>- Not more than 24ft high (STC 18.23.040.B)</li> </ul>	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large. (STC 18.07.30.B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main buildings</li> <li>- 60 ft to front <b>LOT</b> line</li> <li>- 50 ft to side and rear <b>LOT</b> lines (STC 18.23.040.C)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	None permitted			
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	No more than one animal for each 10,000 square feet of <b>LOT</b> area; <b>LOT</b> must be at least one commercial <b>ACRE</b> (STC 18.23.010.A.1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not more than 1/3 of the total area of the rear and side <b>YARD</b> (STC 18.23.040.A)</li> <li>- Not more than 24ft high (STC 18.23.040.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must be confined in a stock-tight fence.</li> <li>- No material can be used that is not ordinarily used for a stock-tight fence.</li> <li>- Fenced area must provide at least 400 sq ft per animal (STC 18.22.040.C.3.c)</li> <li>- Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.07.30.B)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main buildings (STC 18.23.040.C.1)</li> <li>- 60 ft to front <b>LOT</b> line (STC 18.23.040.C.2)</li> <li>- 10 ft from the rear where property abuts zones RH, GR-1, SR, SH, R-1, R-2, or MU.</li> <li>- 40 ft from the rear where it abuts other zones.</li> <li>- 40 ft from side <b>LOT LINE</b></li> <li>- 10 ft from a side <b>YARD</b> where the adjacent property owners have provided written permission.</li> <li>- No closer than 50 ft to any residence or living quarters in an abutting property (STC 18.23.040.C.3.c)</li> </ul>

**Table 9: Zone R-3: Single Residence: Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	- Not more than 24 per 8,000 sq ft of LOT area, no roosters and not for sale (STC 18.25.010.A.4)	- Maximum 5% of LOT area (STC 18.25.040.A) - Maximum ht=12 ft (STC 18.25.020.B)	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.07.30.B)	- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.25.040.C.1) - 50 ft to front LOT LINE (STC 18.25.040.C.2) - 20 ft to side LOT LINE (STC 18.25.040.C.3) - 20 ft to rear LOT LINE (STC 18.25.040.C.4)
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	None permitted			
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	None permitted			

**Table 10: Zone TR: Transitional Zone: Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	- Not more than 24 per 8,000 sq ft of <b>LOT</b> area, no roosters and not for sale (STC 18.31.010.A)	- 40% of the minimum rear <b>YARD</b> area plus 50% of any additional space in the rear of the principal building (STC 18.31.050.A) - Maximum ht = 25 ft (STC 18.31.050.B)	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.07.30.B)	- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.31.050.C.1) - 60 ft to front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.31.050.C.2) - 4 ft to side <b>LOT LINES</b> (STC 18.31.050.C.3) - 15 ft to rear <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.31.050.C.4.b)
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	None permitted			
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	None permitted			

**Table 11: Zone B-1: Local Business Zone: Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	Not more than 24 per 8,000 sq ft of <b>LOT</b> area, no roosters and not for sale (STC 18.43.030.A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 40% of the required rear <b>YARD</b> and any additional space within the buildable area (STC 18.43.070.A)</li> <li>- Within the required rear <b>YARD</b>, Maximum ht: 24 ft (STC 18.43.070.B.1)</li> <li>- Within the <b>BUILDABLE AREA</b>, Maximum ht=34 ft (STC 18.43.070.B.2)</li> </ul>	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.070.30.B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.43.070.C.1)</li> <li>- 60 ft to front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.31.050.C.2)</li> <li>- 4 ft to side <b>LOT LINES</b> (STC 18.31.050.C.3)</li> <li>15 ft to rear <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.31.050C.4.b)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	None permitted			
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	None permitted			

**Table 12: Zone B-2: General Business Zone: Requirements for raising birds and small animals, RATITES, and LIVESTOCK**

	LOT size/number of animals	Corral/Shelters Requirements and LOT Coverage	Fencing Requirements	Minimum SETBACKS for STRUCTURES
<b>Birds and small animals</b>	Not more than 24 per 8,000 sq ft of <b>LOT</b> area, no roosters and not for sale (STC 18.44.030.A)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 40% of the required rear <b>YARD</b> and any additional space within the buildable area (STC 18.45.070.A)</li> <li>- Within the required rear <b>YARD</b>, Maximum ht: 24 ft (STC 18.45.070.B.1)</li> <li>- Within the <b>BUILDABLE AREA</b>, Maximum ht=39 ft (STC 18.45.070.B.2)</li> </ul>	Must be confined by a fence or other constraint of sufficient strength and durability to prevent roaming at large (STC 18.070.30.B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 7 ft to main building (STC 18.45.070.C.1)</li> <li>- 15 ft to front <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.31.050.C.2)</li> <li>- No minimum distance to side <b>LOT LINES</b> (SRC 18.45.070.C.3)</li> <li>- 4 ft to rear <b>LOT LINE</b> (STC 18.45.070.C.4)</li> </ul>
<b>Beasts</b> <b>Ratites</b>	None permitted			
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	None permitted			

## Definitions

**ACRE:** a land area of 43,560 square feet (STC, 18.03.020.A).

**APIARY:** a place where bees are kept and permitted to propagate or produce honey (STC, 18.03.020.A)

**BUILDABLE AREA:** the net portion of the **LOT** remaining after deducting all required yards from the gross area of a **LOT** or **BUILDING SITE** (STC 18.03.020.B)

**BUILDING SITE:** the ground area of a building or buildings together with all open spaces adjacent that are required by the STC (STC 18.03.020.B)

**CONDITIONAL USE:** a use which, due to its greater potential for nuisance or hazard than other uses of the zone, has its establishment in a zone conditional upon the procedures and standards of this chapter (STC, 18.03.020.C)

**DANGEROUS ANIMAL:** means an animal which has been declared to be vicious or destructive pursuant to this title, or an animal owned or harbored primarily or in part for the purpose of fighting or having been trained for fighting, but does not include an animal used in law enforcement, an animal in custody of a zoo or wild animal park, an animal placed in an animal shelter, an animal under care of a veterinarian or a wild animal (STC, 6.05.020.D).

**LIVESTOCK:** meat animals, horses, sheep, goats, swine, mules and asses (STC, 6.05.020.L)

**LOT:** an area or parcel of land under one ownership abutting upon at least one street on August 6, 1952, or an area or parcel of land as shown with a separate and distinct number on a subdivision tract map or split-lot map recorded with the county recorder (STC, 18.03.020L).

**LOT LINE:** a property line bounding a **LOT**. The front lot line for a **LOT** that abuts only one street is the line separating the lot from the street. If the **LOT** is on a corner, the owner may elect any street lot line as the front lot line provided the zoning administrator believes it will not be injurious to the existing or desirable future development of adjacent properties. The rear lot line is the lot line that is most distant from front lot line. The rear lot line of an irregular, triangular or gore lot shall be a line entirely within the **LOT** at least 10 ft long and parallel to and most distant from the front lot line. The side lot line is any lot line that isn't a front or rear lot line (STC 6.05.020.L)

**SETBACK:** Setback lines are established generally, but not always, parallel to the center line of a street between which no part of a building or **STRUCTURES** or any part thereof may be erected or projected except as otherwise provided in this code (STC 6.05.020.S)

**STRUCTURES:** Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having a location on the ground (STC 6.05.020.S)

**YARD:** an open and unoccupied space on a building site, and, except as otherwise provided in this code, open and unobstructed from the ground to the sky. The rear yard is a yard extending across the full width of the building site between the rear **LOT LINE** and the nearest rear line of the main building or the nearest line of any enclosed or covered porch.



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