



Farm & Urban Farm Animals in Stevenson

In 2016, the Stevenson City Council updated its regulatory program for animals in city limits. The regulations recognize both the general incompatibility of farm animals and urban farm animals in close-density housing areas and the many benefits residents can realize by raising the animals on their own property. This handout helps explain the City's approach in allowing residents to keep animals while reducing real and potential neighborhood concerns.

Permitting Process

None! Unless you are building a fence, a barn, a coop, or some other structure to house them, you do not need the City's approval to keep animals.

Farm Animal Calculator

Only properties in the SR- Suburban Residential zone are allowed to have alpacas, cows, goats, horses, pigs, roosters and other larger animals. However, even there, only lots 1 acre or larger can have these large animals. If a lot is 43,560 sf, it can have up to 5 farm animals, and 1 additional animal is allowed as lot size increases by increments of 8,000 sf.

<u>Lot Size*</u>	<u>Farm Animals Allowed</u>
0 to 43,559 sf	0
43,560 to 47,999 sf	5
48,000 to 55,999 sf	6
56,000 to 63,999 sf	7
64,000 to 71,999 sf	8
Etc.	

*Note: 1 acre equals 43,560 sf

^Note: Some large properties in the R1 District could seek conditional approval to allow the keeping of farm animals.

Common Sense Animal Care

In addition to the number limit, the City wants property owners to show they are mindful of both their neighbors' and their animals' needs by taking the following steps:

Good Fences Make Good (Animal) Neighbors- Your animals can't run at large in the City or on neighboring lots. Please ensure fences or other structures are secure enough to keep your animals on your property.

"Peee-Yooooo!"- The flies and the smells from animal wastes don't make very many people happy and the City asks you to make sure all wastes are cleaned up and disposed of before they raise a neighborhood stink.

Look out for those little guys- The animals are relying on you for healthcare, food and water and to provide some protection from extreme weather and predators. If you don't have their back, the City's animal cruelty regulations will.

No kidding! Goats for Fire/Weed Control- If you've got a blackberry patch you'd like to get rid of, you might find a friend with some hungry goats or sheep. You can let up to 6 animals do all that thorny work for you. Two weeks later, you can send those satisfied goats and sheep back to their owner and start using your lawn again.

Holler at us- If you have concerns or questions call us at (509) 427-5970, email planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us, or browse through the regulations yourself at SMC 6.10, SMC 6.12, and SMC 17.40.095.

Urban Farm Animal Calculator

Don't worry about it! As long as your property isn't downtown, you can have as many chickens, ducks, geese, and rabbits on your property as you want. You'll be able to keep collecting those eggs as long as your animals don't become a nuisance to the neighborhood.