



**PALM BEACH COUNTY
PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT
ZONING DIVISION
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

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- SUBJECT:** Livestock and Birds as an accessory use in Residential Districts
- PURPOSE:** To clarify where the ownership of Livestock and Birds are permitted as an accessory use on properties with a Residential Zoning designation.
- BACKGROUND:** In 1997, a Memorandum was drafted by Mr. Marty Hodgkins, Zoning Director, to address the keeping and raising of livestock, pot bellied pigs in particular, as household pets. A determination was made by the Zoning Director that the keeping and raising of livestock in residential districts in the Urban Service Area (USA) is not a permitted use.

Domesticated Livestock

On August 23, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) adopted the following amendments to the ULDC that added a definition for domesticated livestock to Article 1 and recognized the keeping of livestock as a permitted use accessory to single family in the Rural and Exurban Tiers in Article 5.B.1.A.20:

- **Domesticated Livestock** – for the purposes of Article 5, as periodically amended, shall include, but not be limited to, all animals of the equine (excluding horses), bovine (cattle), porcine (swine), caprine (goats), ovine (sheep), and camelid (llamas, alpacas) families as well as poultry (chickens and ducks).
- **20. Livestock**
 - a. Standards of Approval**

Domesticated livestock shall be allowed accessory to a single family residential use subject to the following standards:

 - 1) Tier**

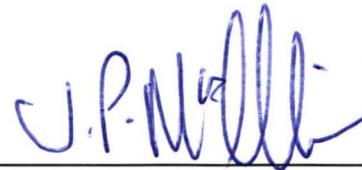
Shall only be located in the Rural and Exurban Tiers and when not within a PUD.

- PROCEDURES:** The keeping or raising of livestock shall be permitted as accessory use to a single family residential use in the Rural and Exurban Tiers, provided it is not located within a Planned Unit Development (PUD). All accessory structures utilized to support the keeping of livestock shall be subject to the minimum setback requirements pursuant to Article 5.B.1.A.1.d.2 – AR District. Building permits for these structures shall not be required, provided the owner signs an affidavit verifying that the facility will only be used to facilitate the keeping of livestock.

The keeping of birds, not included in the domesticated livestock definition, as an accessory use shall be permitted in the AR/RSA and AR/USA, Zoning Districts. These properties shall be subject to the requirements of Article 4.B.1.A.19. – Aviculture, Hobby Breeder. These standards include: minimum lot size; setbacks for shelters, cages and other accessory structures; screening; and location of noisy birds.

TIERS	DOMESTICATED LIVESTOCK AS AN ACCESSORY USE
Rural and Exurban (not within a PUD)	<i>Permitted</i>

ZONING DISTRICT	AVICULTURE, HOBBY BREEDER
AR/RSA	<i>Permitted</i>
AR/USA	<i>Permitted</i>



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