

Want to raise livestock animals in Flagstaff?

Here's what you need to know.

Keeping small livestock animals is a sustainable, healthy, and fun source of food.

What animals am I allowed to have?

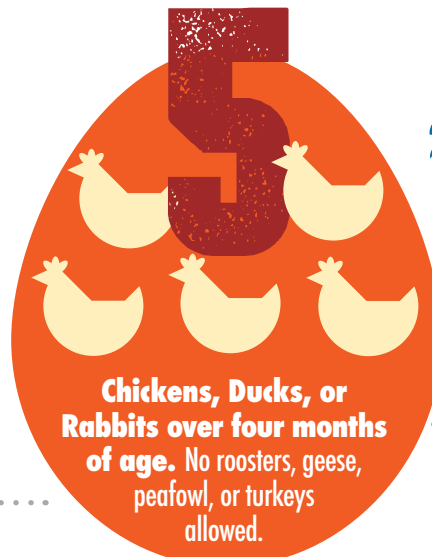
Small livestock animals like chickens, ducks, rabbits, miniature goats and bees are allowed on residential or educational properties throughout the city. However, you may have Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs) that limit your ability to keep livestock. You can obtain a copy of the CC&Rs from your active homeowners association or your landlord.

If the property is less than 20,000 square feet, you may have a total of:



Do I need a permit?

If you live in a zoning other than Estate Residential or Rural Residential, a permit is required to keep small livestock. However, there is no permit fee or site inspection required as part of the application. You can find the permit application at www.flagstaff.az.gov/livestock. Submitted applications will be reviewed within 2 weeks.



What about large livestock?

Large livestock, such as horses, cows, pigs, sheep, and llamas, are allowed on lots zoned Estate Residential or Rural Residential. For more information on large livestock keeping requirements, visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/livestock.

If the property is 20,000 square feet or greater, you can keep even more animals! Visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/livestock for more information.



How can I be a good neighbor?

Be proactive and inform your neighbors about your desire to keep livestock. Let neighbors know that you are aware of the regulations regarding the keeping of urban animals and that their concerns will be addressed in a timely manner. Keep your yard clean and free of accumulated animal waste. Keep animal feed in a rodent proof container.

Please contact the Sustainability Section at 928-213-2158 for information related to these standards. Visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/livestock for community resources.

Next Steps

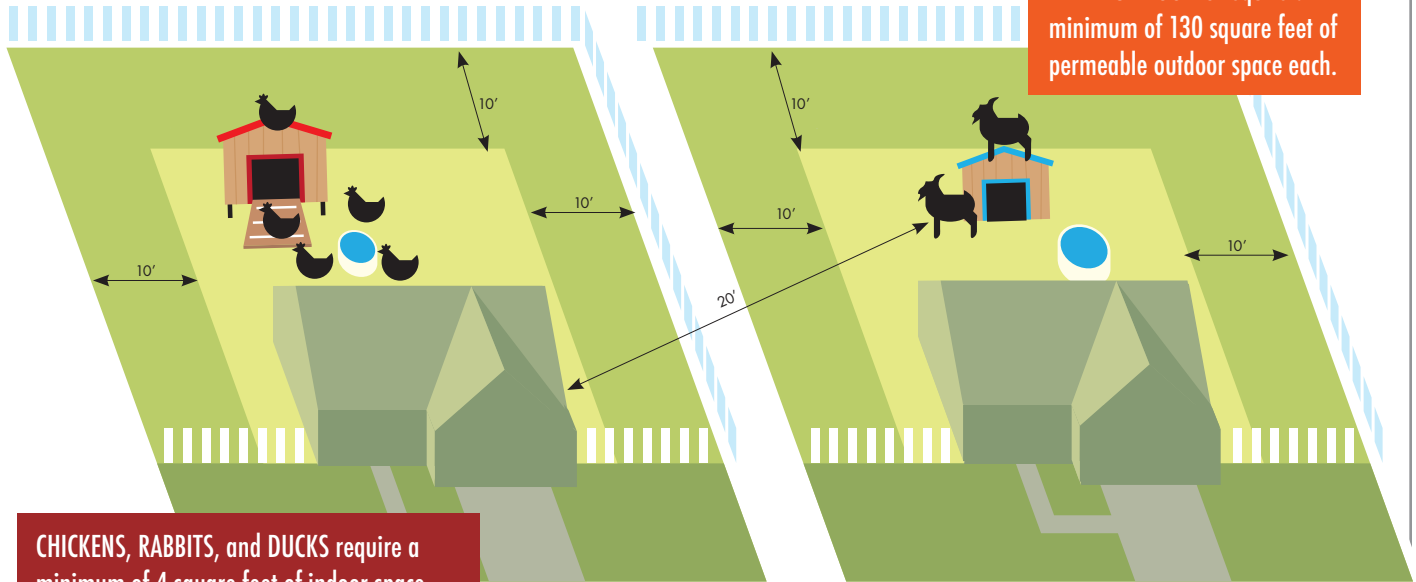
1. Visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/zoningcode to determine your property's zoning.
2. Review the full livestock animal keeping code and apply for a permit at www.flagstaff.az.gov/livestock.
3. Unsure about the size of your property? Look it up at the Coconino County Parcel Viewer. You can find it at www.flagstaff.az.gov/livestock.
4. Educate yourself on how to properly care for these animals.



Is my yard big enough?

Not every property is big enough to house small livestock animals properly and meet the required standards. Chickens, rabbits, and ducks require a minimum of 4 square feet of indoor space and 10 square feet of permeable outdoor space each. Miniature goats require a minimum of 130 square feet of permeable outdoor space. Bee hives must be located at least 10 feet from all property lines with a 6 foot flyaway barrier that extends 5 feet beyond the hive in each direction. The hive must be pointed toward the center of the property with a water source provided on site.

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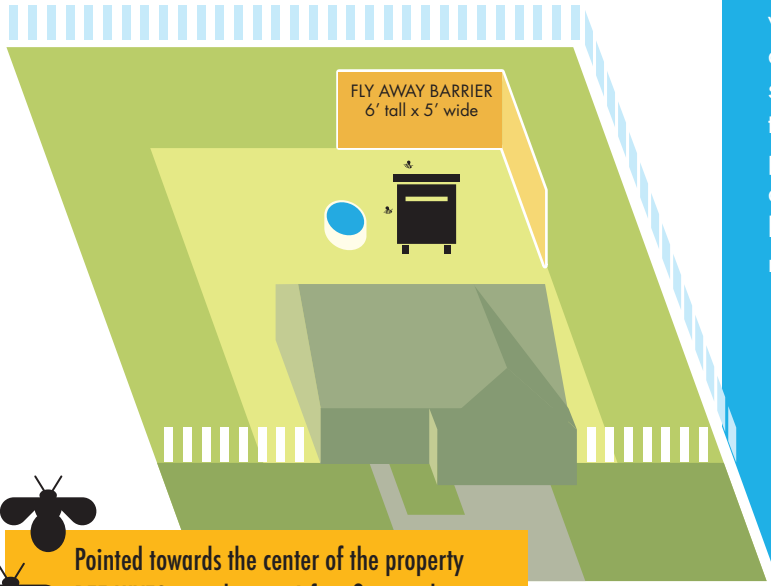
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Structures used to provide shelter for small livestock must be located in the side or rear yard, and at least 10 feet from all property lines.

What about animal shelters?

A shelter is required to protect your outdoor animals from the weather. Shelters must be covered, predator-resistant, properly ventilated, and designed to be easily cleaned and maintained. Structures used to provide shelter for small livestock must be located in the rear yard, and at least 10 feet from all property lines, except those abutting an alleyway. Shelters also need to be located at least 20 feet from any neighboring homes.

Do I need a permit for a shelter?

A building permit is not required for a shelter 200 square feet or less in area. Other permits (zoning, electrical, plumbing) may be required depending on the scope of the work. Please contact a residential plan reviewer at 928-213-2628 for any Building Code related questions.



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