

STOCKING DENSITIES FOR CLASS II AND III ANIMALS

<u>Class of Animal</u>	<u>Animals</u>	<u>Number of Animals Permitted</u>	<u>Area Required for First Animal</u>	<u>Additional Animals</u>
<u>Class II RR and R-1 Districts</u>	Beef Cattle	1	1.5 acres for first animal	1 acre per additional animal up to a maximum of 10 animals. ¹
	Dairy Cow	1	1.5 acres for first animal	
	Pigs	1	1.5 acres for first animal	
	Sheep, Goats, Alpaca	1	1.5 acres for first animal	
	Llama	1	1.5 acres for first animal	
	Horses/Equine Type Animals	1	1.5 acres for first animal	
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<u>Class III RR and R-1 Districts</u>	Geese, Ducks, Turkeys	10 3	1.5 acres for first 10 animals <i>Under one acre</i>	4,356 sq. ft. (1/10 acre) for each additional animal to a maximum of 50 animals. ¹
	Chickens (Broiler Hens, Layers)	10 3	1.5 acres for first 10 animals <i>Under one acre</i>	
	Rabbits	10 3	1.5 acres for first 10 animals <i>Under one acre</i>	
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<u>Class III R-2 and R-3 District</u>	<u>Animals</u>	<u>Number of Animals Permitted</u>	<u>Area Required for First Animal</u>	<u>Additional Animals</u>
	<i>Chickens (Broiler Hens, Layers)*</i>	3	<i>Not Applicable</i>	<i>Not Applicable</i>
	<i>Rabbits</i>	3	<i>Not Applicable</i>	

1. Special land use approval is required to exceed the maximum of 10 Class II animals and 50 Class III animals.

**Geese, ducks, turkeys and roosters are not permitted in R-2 and R-3 Zoning Districts.*

Keeping of Chickens and Rabbits in the R-2 and R-3 Zoning District

2. *The animals shall be provided with a covered, predator proof pen that is thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to admit free movement of the animals, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners and be at least two (2) square feet per animal in size. All enclosures shall be so constructed or repaired as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from being harbored underneath, within, or within the walls of the structure.*
3. *No animal pen will be located no closer than forty (40) feet to any residential structure occupied by someone other than the owner of the animals.*
4. *The animals shall be shut into their pen at night from sunset to sunrise.*

5. *A person shall not keep animals in any location on the property other than in the backyard. For purposes of this section, "backyard" means the portion of a lot enclosed by the property's rear lot line and the side lot lines to the points where the side lot lines intersect with an imaginary line established by the rear of the single-family or two-family structure and extending to the side lot lines.*
6. *The area containing the animals shall be adequately fenced to protect and contain the animals and to prevent access to the animals by dogs and other predators.*
7. *Stored feed must be kept in rodent and predator proof container.*
8. *It is unlawful for the owner, custodian, or keeper of any Class III animal to be a nuisance to any neighbors, including but not limited to: noxious odors from the animals or their enclosure; and noise loud and persistent and habitual nature. The Zoning Administrator will determine or not a nuisance exists on a case by case basis.*

As a part of the special land use review process, the Planning Commission may choose to impose any reasonable conditions, including conditions on the following items:

- (1) Adequate fencing.
 - (2) Set backs for structures housing animals from property lines.
 - (3) The refuse and wastes resulting from the maintenance of animals.
 - (4) The storage of feed and other substances on the premises for the maintenance of animals.
- (f) Conformance to Law. In reference to the above provisions, the following may apply: All federal, state and local laws and regulations to include, but not limited to the Michigan Right to Farm Act, all adopted Generally Accepted Agricultural Management Practices and all Michigan Department of Agriculture rules and regulations. All violations of the Michigan Right to Farm Act are investigated by and can be reported to the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Keeping of Chickens and Rabbits