

Introduction

Raising livestock is common practice in the rural area. The purpose of keeping livestock is to produce food such as meat, eggs, and honey, or to produce other commodities such as fur, leather, and down. Livestock can be kept on small properties in back yards or on large confinement lots with thousands of animals. The purpose of this bulletin is to describe allowed livestock in situations which are not considered Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations within the zoning ordinance. Livestock on a property is considered a CAFO when animal units exceed 49 animal units as defined in the ordinance. Household pets such as dogs and cats are not considered livestock.

Zoning Overview

Land use within Minnehaha County is governed by zoning ordinances, and raising livestock has different restrictions depending on the zoning district. In addition to different zoning districts, Minnehaha County has three different zoning ordinances: one for the joint jurisdiction area around Sioux Falls, one for the joint jurisdiction area around Dell Rapids, and one for the remaining unincorporated land of the rural area of the county. Please contact the Planning & Zoning Office to determine zoning jurisdiction and district of individual properties.



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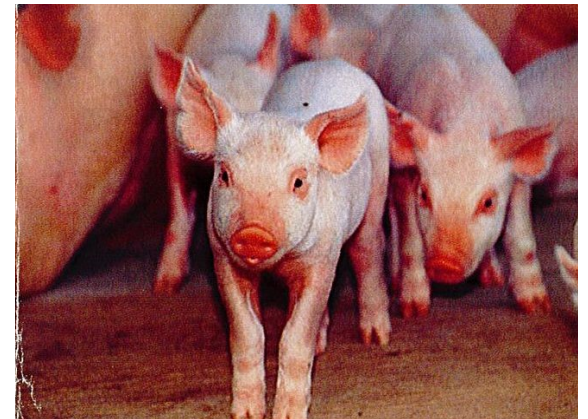
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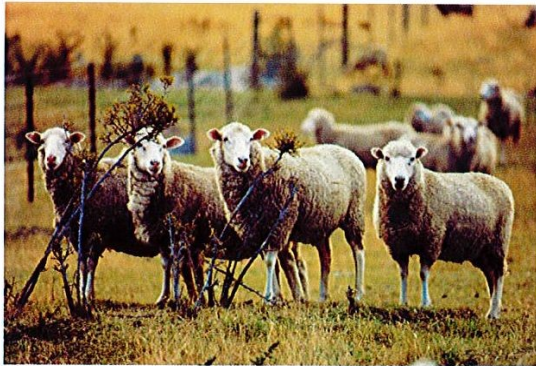
LIVESTOCK WITHIN THE COUNTY

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A1-Agriculture

The A1-Agricultural zoning district is the most common type of zoning in the unincorporated area of the county. A property owner may keep livestock on land zoned A1-Agricultural with some restrictions and exceptions. In the Joint jurisdiction area with Sioux Falls, CAFO requirements begin when enough animals are penned together to prevent vegetation from growing within the confinement. In the rest of the county, including Dell Rapids joint jurisdiction area, CAFO restrictions begin at 50 animal units. Stables, where horses are kept on site for payment, require a conditional use permit regardless of the number of animal units.



Some areas of the county have subdivisions where more than five residential lots are platted next to each other yet the zoning remains A1-Agricultural. Livestock may be kept within these subdivisions; however, animals must not be loud enough to disturb the peace as defined within the animal control ordinance.

Residential

There are several residential zoning districts within Minnehaha County and within each of the three zoning ordinances. Restrictions on livestock differ from zoning district and in the jurisdictional zoning.



Joint Jurisdiction with Sioux Falls

Livestock is only allowed within the RR-Rural Residential zoning district of the joint jurisdictional area around Sioux Falls given the following:

- A conditional use permit is required to allow horses owned only by the property owner.
- A property may have up to 6 fowl, excluding roosters, with an approved conditional use permit.

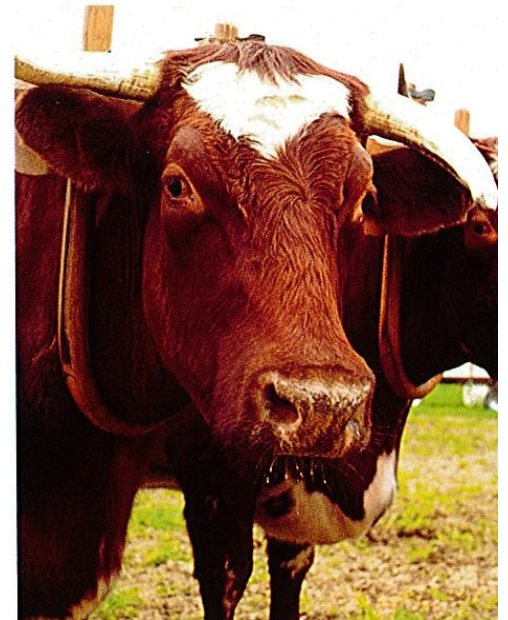
Joint Jurisdiction with Dell Rapids

Horses are allowed only within the RR-1 and RR-5 Rural Residential zoning districts when a conditional use permit is approved for a non-commercial stable.

Rural Residential Outside Joint Jurisdictions

Livestock is only allowed within the RR-Rural Residential zoning district outside of the joint jurisdictional area around Sioux Falls and Dell Rapids in the following situations:

- A property may have up to 6 fowl, excluding roosters and meeting yard requirements.
- Horses are allowed within the RR Rural Residential zoning district when a conditional use permit is approved for non-commercial stable.



Commercial/Industrial

Livestock is not allowed to be kept within a commercial or industrial zoned property. Livestock may be present with certain land uses such as veterinary clinics and animal shelters.