

305.1 Animal Regulations

A. *Purpose and Scope.* The purpose is to provide rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock and other animals, so that said animals do not become a nuisance, hazard, and/or health problem to the adjoining neighbors and the general public.

B. *Permitted Use.* The use is determined by the following criteria:

1. Keeping of livestock, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is prohibited on parcels less than one-half acre (1/2).
2. Parcels greater than one-half (1/2) acre may keep livestock in compliance with the Animal Point Count, as listed in Table 305.1.A of this Ordinance.
3. Keeping of Fowl, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is permitted as an accessory use on all parcels within the Town of Camp Verde.
4. Keeping of domestic animals, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, as well as Town Code, Chapter 6.

TABLE 305.1.A. ANIMAL POINT COUNT

SPECIES	POINTS
Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus	3 Points
Llamas, Deer, Miniature Horses/Donkeys, Ponies, Cattle < 600 lbs., Ostriches	6 Points
Cattle 600+ lbs., Horses, Mules, Donkeys	12 Points
Bison, Swine	24 Points

C. *Animal Point Count.* Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain animals totaling up to 24 points as set forth in Table 305.1.A. Lots of one (1) acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six (6) points for each additional, contiguous quarter acre. See example in Table

305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or control may also be included in the animal point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF ANIMALS ALLOWED

PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	POINT COUNT	EXAMPLES OF ANIMALS ALLOWED
½ to 1.0	24	2 Horses or 8 Goats
1.25	30	2 Horses or 10 Goats
1.5	36	3 Horses or 12 Goats
1.75	42	3 Horses or 14 Goats
2.0	48	4 Horses or 16 Goats

Note – Point threshold can only be met by meeting the minimum parcel size. For example, a 1.67-acre parcel is allocated 36 points, which is the same as a 1.5-acre parcel.

D. The keeping of swine shall include the following additional limitations and restrictions:

1. Parcel size must be two (2) acres or more.
2. Each parcel is limited to a maximum of one (1) breeding pair and no more than five (5) swine.

E. *Nuisance Provisions.* All nuisance and sanitation mitigation measures in this Ordinance and the Town Code shall apply to livestock, fowl, and domestic animals on a parcel.

1. Animal pens, stalls, corrals, shelters, cages, areas, composting bins/piles, places, and premises where they are held or kept, shall be maintained so that flies, insects, vermin, rodents, odors, ponded water, the accumulation of manure, garbage, refuse, rubbish, trash, or others noxious materials do not become a public health nuisance, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance.
2. Animal enclosures such as pens, stalls, shelters, cages or similar used for confining animals on a temporary or permanent basis shall meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit. Yard or pasture areas that allow animals to roam outside defined enclosures are excluded from the setback requirements.

3. Animal manure shall be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures at least twice weekly.

a. When stored on the property, manure shall be stored in covered containers, and/or mulched or disced into pasture lands.

1) Mound storage of manure or animal waste shall only be utilized with a two-hundred-foot (200') setback from any property line. Mound storage can be no more than five feet (5') tall and five feet (5') across in any direction. No more than one (1) mound per parcel.

2) If stored in containers, containers shall meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit.

3) Container(s) shall be kept clean, in good repair and continuously covered.

4) Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the use of animal manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch for horticultural purposes.

b. Provisions shall be made to ensure that no runoff from animal waste is directed onto neighboring properties, public streets, rights-of-way, drainage or irrigation channels, or surface water.

c. Water troughs or tanks shall be equipped with adequate facilities for draining the overflow, to prevent ponding of water, the breeding of flies, mosquitoes, or other insects or health hazards.

F. Exceptions to Animal Point Count.

1. *Animal Husbandry.* Swine under the age of four (4) months that are with their mothers are exempt from the animal point count. All other offspring (under six (6) months of age) of animals on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted animals on a parcel.

2. *Non-resident and Guest Animals.* The animal point count in Table 305.1.A. may be exceeded with the following criteria:

a. *Non-resident Animals.* As defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, may exceed the animal point count under the following criteria:

1) The animals are brought onto a parcel temporarily for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to, care, training recreational activities, or similar short-term activities.

2) Non-resident animals may be on a parcel between the hours of 6:00 AM and 10:00 PM.

3) Parcels may exceed the allotted animal count by two hundred percent (200%).

4) All nuisance provisions described in Section 305.1.E. of this Ordinance will apply to Non-resident animals.

b. *Guest Animals.* As defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, may exceed the animal point count under the following criteria.

1) The animals are brought onto the parcel with guests of the primary resident, for a pre-determined amount of time, not to exceed thirty (30) days annually.

2) May not exceed ten (10) consecutive days.

3) Guest animals shall be registered via an online registry on the Town of Camp Verde website.

4) Parcels may exceed the allotted animal count by one hundred percent (100%).

4. *Administrative Reviews to Exceed Animal Point Count.* The following permits allow an increase in the animal point count subject to the following criteria and restrictions.

a. *Temporary Youth-Livestock Permit.* Hereafter referred to as “Youth-Livestock Permit.”

1) Application is made annually for the purpose of keeping market and/or breeding animals for educational projects for youth enrolled and participating in an approved educational youth organization.

2) The Town of Camp Verde recognizes the following organizations as agricultural youth educational clubs for the purpose of a Youth-Livestock Permit. Specifically:

- 4H/Clover Buds

- FFA/PALS (Future Farmers of America/ Partners in Active Learning Support) and;

- Organized Youth, or other formally recognized youth educational programs.

3) Youth-Livestock Permits may be allowed under the following scenarios:

- The Youth Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel that allows livestock, but the project would exceed the number of animals allowed on the parcel per Table 305.1.A, and/or;

- The Youth-Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel less than one-half (1/2) acre where the keeping of livestock is otherwise prohibited, and/or;

- One additional market swine project will be allowed with each additional one-half acre, not to exceed five (5) per parcel. Swine will be limited to one (1) swine project per youth exhibitor.

4) A complete application for the Youth-Livestock Permit is received by the Community Development Department.

5) A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth-Livestock project is being conducted, indicating membership in a specific Youth Livestock Organization, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock.

6) A permit must be issued to the applicant and must be available to the Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, or a designee of the Community Development Director upon request.

7) A youth member is anyone who is an active member in one of the agricultural youth educational clubs listed above, and under the age of twenty (20).

b. *Temporary Youth-Equestrian Permit.*
Hereafter referred to as “Youth-Equestrian Permit.”

1) Application is made annually for a Youth-Equestrian Permit for the purpose of keeping horses and livestock to participate in equestrian activities including but not limited to, rodeo, mounted shooting, reined cow horse, cutting, dressage, or any other equestrian activity within an organization that has a youth membership/competition component.

2) The Town of Camp Verde requires proof of membership in an equestrian organization for the purpose of a Youth-Equestrian Permit.

3) A youth member is anyone who is an active member in an equestrian organization, and under the age of twenty (20).

4) A Youth-Equestrian Permit may be approved under the following scenarios:

- The youth reside, or the livestock is cared for on a parcel of land that is more than one-half (1/2) acre, but the livestock needed to successfully participate would exceed the number of animals allowed on the parcel according to Table 305.1.A.

- The maximum number of livestock allowed with a Youth-Equestrian Permit is limited to no more than fifty percent (50%) of the maximum number of animals allowed.

- A complete application is received by the Community Development Department.

- A permit must be issued and made available to a Community Development Director’s designee where the Youth Equestrian Permit is issued, with the Community Development approval sticker, including the year.

5) A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth Equestrian permit is being conducted, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock. The sign shall be provided by the Town of Camp Verde.

c. *Administrative Adjustment Permit.* Any parcel where livestock is allowed may apply to increase the animal count by forty (40) percent of the number of animals allowed according to Table 305.1.A. and subject to the following criteria.

1) *Criteria.*

- Parcel size must be a minimum of two (2.0) acres.
- No violations of Section 305.1 within the previous twelve (12) month period prior to date of application received.
- No current violations of Section 305.1 at the time of application submission.
- Animal pens shall have a setback of at least 30' from adjacent parcels.
- Should formal written objections be submitted by more than 20% of the neighbors withing 300', then a Use Permit is required to be processed under Section 601.C.

2) *Process: Administrative Review with Public Comment Period.*

- A complete application must be submitted to the Community Development Department. The Community Development Director shall provide an application form and a checklist of items that must be submitted in order to be considered complete. The Town Council shall set a reasonable fee that will be submitted at the time of the permit.
- The subject property must be posted, and notice mailed to neighbors within three hundred feet (300') of the property, a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to issuance of permit. Comments must be received by the Community Development Department prior to the date of issuance of the permit.
- The subject property will be inspected prior to issuance of Administrative Adjustment Permit and/or renewal of the permit
- An inspection will be performed any time a complaint is received.

3) *Validity.* Permits are valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance and automatically expire unless renewed as specified below.

4) *Renewal.* Administrative Adjustment Permits may be renewed by the Community Development Director under the following circumstances.

- A renewal application is received prior to expiration of the original permit.
- A renewal fee of 50% of the original application fee is paid at time of submittal.
- There are no violations of Section 305.1. within the previous twelve (12) month period of the original application.
- An inspection is performed by the Community Development Department's designee prior to renewal of the permit and there are no current violations of Section 305.1. of this ordinance.

d. *Maximum Animal Point Increase.* The maximum combined animal point count for any combination of Non-resident animals, Guest Animals, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits may not exceed 200% of the base animal point count allowed under Table 305.1.A.

Animal counts resulting from the issuance of a Youth Livestock Permit may exceed two hundred (200%) percent of the allowed count per parcel. However, if the animal count that results from the issuance of a Youth-Livestock Permit exceeds two hundred (200%) percent of the base animal point count for the parcel, or, if the parcel is less than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre, exceeds two hundred (200%) percent of the base animal point count for a one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre parcel, then the parcel is not eligible for additional point counts provided for Non-resident animals, Guest Animals, Youth-Equestrian Permits, or Administrative Review Permits.

e. *Revocation.* Youth-Livestock Permits, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits may be revoked at any time under the following circumstances:

- One (1) founded complaint that results in a Notice of Violation or Notice of Complaint/Hearing brought before the Administrative Hearing Officer.

- Noncompliance with any of the provisions of Section 305.1. of this ordinance. This must be documented by a designee of the Community Development Director and mailed via direct mail or certified mail to the applicant at least ten (10) calendar days prior to revocation.

f. *Appeal.* Denial or revocation of Youth-Livestock Permits, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits is appealable to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, as outlined in Section 602.B. of this Ordinance.

G. *Livestock Ranching Use Permit.* Unless otherwise permitted above, any Commercial Livestock Ranching Operation, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, that intends to exceed the allowed animal points must apply for a Conditional Use Permit, as outlined in Section 601.C.

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Section 103 Key Definitions relevant to Section 305.1

ABUTTING PARCELS. Parcels which are directly touching and have common parcel boundaries. (Parcels across a public right of way shall not be considered abutting).

AGRIBUSINESS. A business and/or commercial use operated primarily for the support of agricultural needs. It may consist of products, materials, and equipment servicing and sales; storage and/or processing of agricultural products and/or animals.

AGRICULTURE. The production, keeping or maintenance, for sale, lease or personal use, of plants or animal useful to man, including the breeding and grazing of any or all of such animals; or lands devoted to a soil conservation or forestry management program. This includes farm stands for the temporary or seasonal sales of agricultural products grown on site or grown on other properties owned or leased by the farm operator.

ANIMAL. Any non-human mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish.

ANIMAL, DOMESTIC. Small domestic pets typically found in households, such as dogs, cats, hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs, parakeets, parrots, and fish.

ANIMAL, FOWL. Chickens, ducks, geese, turkey, guineas, and peacocks.

ANIMAL, LIVESTOCK. Animals such as bison, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, sheep, goats, cattle, alpacas, llamas, deer, and large poultry such as emus and ostriches.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. The act of breeding and caring for livestock.

ANIMALS, NON-RESIDENT. Livestock animals brought onto a parcel temporarily for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to, care, training recreational activities, or similar short-term activities. Non-resident animals do not stay overnight on the property.

ANIMALS, GUEST. Livestock animals brought onto a parcel temporarily for a variety of purposes, including but not limited to, care, training recreational activities, or similar short-term activities. Guest animals stay overnight on the property.

CONTIGUOUS. Bordering or adjoining, meeting, or joining at the border or surface.

CORRAL. A pen or enclosure for confining animals.

LIVESTOCK BREEDING. The process of breeding animals to produce livestock products.

LOT. A parcel of land established by plat, subdivision, or otherwise permitted by law, having its principal frontage on a dedicated street or street easement. A half-street dedicated from such parcel shall be qualification for street frontage.

NUISANCE. Has the meaning set forth in Town Code Article 10-2. It is a nuisance and is no less a nuisance because the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted is unequal, for anything to be injurious to health, indecent, offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property that interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

PERMITTED USE. A use that is allowed in a Zoning District by reason of being listed among the "Permitted Uses" in the District and is subject to restrictions applicable to the District.

SETBACK. The minimum distance between a structure and property lines of a parcel of land or other established reference point.

ZONING ORDINANCE. The Planning and Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona.