

305.1 Livestock Regulations

A. *Purpose and Scope.* The purpose is to provide rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock so that the livestock 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 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 Livestock 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 Domesticated Animals, as defined in Section 6-1-0 of the Town Code, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, as well as Town Code, Chapter 6.

TABLE 305.1.A. LIVESTOCK 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 (see additional standards in Section 305.D. related to Bison and Swine)

C. *Livestock Point Count.* Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain livestock 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 (0.25) acre. See example in Table 305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or control may also be included in the livestock point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED

PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	POINT COUNT	EXAMPLES OF LIVESTOCK 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 bison and swine shall include the following additional limitations and restrictions:

1. Parcel size must be two (2) acres or more.
2. No more than five (5) swine are allowed per parcel.
3. Breeding of bison and swine are prohibited except for swine may be bred with the approval of a Youth-Livestock Permit per Section 305.1.F.

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

1. Livestock 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, filth, refuse, rubbish, trash, or others noxious materials do not become a Nuisance, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance.
2. Livestock enclosures such as pens, stalls, shelters, cages or similar use(s) for confining livestock on a temporary or permanent basis shall meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit. Yard or pasture areas that allow livestock to roam outside defined enclosures are excluded from the setback requirements.
3. Livestock manure shall be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures as frequently as necessary to avoid the creation of a nuisance and 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 livestock waste shall only be utilized with a two-hundred-foot (200') setback from any property line. Total mound storage can be no more than five (5) cubic-yards.
 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 livestock manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch for horticultural purposes.
 - b. Provisions shall be made to ensure that no runoff from livestock waste is directed onto neighboring properties, public streets, rights-of-way, drainage or irrigation channels, ditches 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 Livestock Point Count.*

1. *Animal Husbandry.* Except for bison and swine, offspring (under six (6) months of age) of livestock on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted livestock on a parcel.
2. *Administrative Reviews to Exceed Livestock Point Count.* The following permits allow an increase in the livestock 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 livestock for educational projects for youth enrolled and participating in an approved educational youth organization.

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

- a. 4H/Clover Buds,
- b. FFA/PALS (Future Farmers of America/Partners in Active Learning Support), and
- c. Organized Youth, or other formally recognized youth educational programs.

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

- a. The Youth Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel that allows livestock, but the project would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel per Table 305.1.A, and/or;
- b. 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;
- c. 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.
- d. A Youth-Swine Breeder provided there is a maximum of one (1) litter of pigs at a time.

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:

- a. 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 livestock allowed on the parcel according to Table 305.1.A.
- b. 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 livestock allowed.

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

5. 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.

6. 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.

G. *Administrative Adjustment Permit.* Any parcel where livestock is allowed may apply to increase the livestock count by fifty (50) percent of the number of livestock allowed according to Table 305.1.A. and subject to the following criteria.

1. *Criteria.*

- a. Parcel size must be a minimum of one (1.0) acre.
- b. No violations of Section 305.1 within the previous twelve (12) month period prior to date of application received.
- c. No current violations of Section 305.1 at the time of application submission.
- d. Livestock pens shall have a setback of at least 30' from adjacent parcels.
- e. Should formal written objections be submitted by more than 20% of the neighbors within 300', then a Use Permit is required to be processed under Section 601.C.

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

- a. 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 to be considered complete. The Town Council shall set a reasonable fee that will be submitted at the time of the permit.
- b. 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.
- c. The subject property will be inspected prior to issuance of Administrative Adjustment Permit and/or renewal of the permit
- d. 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. A renewal application is received prior to expiration of the original permit.
- b. A renewal fee of 50% of the original application fee is paid at time of submittal.
- c. There are no violations of Section 305.1. within the previous twelve (12) month period of the original application.

d. 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.

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

1. One (1) founded complaint that results in a Notice of Violation or Notice of Complaint/Hearing brought before the Administrative Hearing Officer, Town Attorney or Town Prosecutor.
2. 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.

I. *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.

J. *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 livestock 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, 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.

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

CORRAL. A pen or enclosure for confining animals.

DOMESTICATED. Domesticated means bred or trained to need and accept the care from human beings, usually creating a dependency, losing its ability to live in the wild.

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

LIVESTOCK, COMMERCIAL RANCHING OPERATION. A livestock operation that exceeds the animal point count and is otherwise not eligible for a point count increase under any other provisions of Section 305.1.

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.

YOUTH-SWINE BREEDER. A youth or adult that is breeding swine for the purpose of supplying swine projects for organized youth exhibitors.

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