



HORSES AND FARM ANIMALS

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The keeping of farm animals and horses by residents for non-commercial purposes is permitted as an accessory use in the RR-1A and RR-1B rural residential zones. In all other residential zoning districts, a conditional use permit is required. An animal unit is defined as: one cow or steer; one horse, donkey or burro; three sheep; or 25 fowl.

MINIMUM ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR FARM ANIMALS (OTHER THAN HORSES)

One animal unit requires one acre of land for the home and one acre of land, in addition to the house. Each additional animal unit requires an additional acre of dry, buildable land. Wetlands and wetland buffers cannot be used. A minimum of 2.0 acres is required for the keeping of farm animals, other than horses.

MINIMUM ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HORSES - PASTURE REQUIREMENTS

The keeping of one horse requires one acre of land for the home and two acres of dry, upland pasture. Each additional horse requires an additional acre of pasture. Wetlands and wetland buffers cannot be considered pasture. A minimum of 3.0 acres is required in order to have the first horse.

FENCING

Grazing animals must be fenced out of septic system drainfields, wetlands, wetland buffers, lakeshore setbacks, and tributary setbacks.

A board rail fence within a front, street or side street yard for the specific purpose of enclosing horses may have a top rail height of 60 inches if it is no more than 50 percent opaque. Further Information on fences can be found in City Code Section [78-1405\(9\)](#) or on the planning related documents [webpage](#).

BUILDINGS

Structures and buildings housing farm animals must be 75 feet from any property line and 150 feet from dwellings on adjacent properties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Referenced information sheets as well as the [zoning map](#) can be viewed on the City's website (www.ci.orono.mn.us) or at City offices. For other information contact the Planning and Zoning Department at 952-249-4620 or by emailing planning@ci.orono.mn.us.

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Note: This is an information sheet only, every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the information contained herein; however, if any information is not consistent with provisions of the City Code, the Code provisions will prevail.