

Anne Arundel Zoning Code

Article 18

§ 18-4-104. Pets; livestock or fowl.

(a) **Pets.** The keeping of pets for other than commercial purposes is allowed. The keeping of cats is limited to no more than nine per household. The keeping of dogs shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

Number of Dogs	Minimum Lot Size
1 to 4	No requirement
5 to 6	25,000 square feet
7 or more	40,000 square feet, plus 5,000 square feet for each additional dog above 7

(b) **Livestock or fowl.** The keeping of livestock or domestic fowl is allowed on a lot of at least 40,000 square feet in accordance with the following:

(1) The number of livestock kept on a lot may not exceed a ratio of one animal unit per 40,000 square feet. An animal unit is defined as follows:

2 horses or mules	= 1 animal unit
2 head of cattle	= 1 animal unit
4 ponies, burros, miniature horses, or donkeys	= 1 animal unit
10 sheep or goats	= 1 animal unit
8 swine	= 1 animal unit
8 llamas	= 1 animal unit
8 alpacas	= 1 animal unit
Other animals, 2,000 pounds	= 1 animal unit

(2) The number of domestic fowl kept on a lot may not exceed a ratio of one bird unit per 40,000 square feet. A bird unit is defined as follows:

32 chickens	= 1 bird unit
16 ducks	= 1 bird unit
8 turkeys	= 1 bird unit
8 geese	= 1 bird unit
1 ostrich	= 1 bird unit
2 emus	= 1 bird unit
Other fowl, 100 pounds	= 1 bird unit

(3) Combinations of animals are allowed if the allowed ratio of animal units to square footage is maintained.

(4) All livestock and fowl shall be kept within a fenced area.

(5) Accessory structures relating to livestock or fowl and manure storage shall be located at least 50 feet from side and rear lot lines.