

7.30.010 Purpose of Applicability

The City is looking into adopting the new livestock ordinance to prevent nuisance impacts and having a more straightforward solution if a nuisance occurs.

The definition of nuisance is “any condition or use of property that annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, comfort or repose of the public, unlawfully interferes with, obstructs or tends to obstruct or render dangerous for passage a public park, sidewalk, street or alley. Any violation of a substantive requirement of any Tangent Municipal Code, ordinance, or any permit or approval issued by the City of Tangent constitutes a nuisance.” (TMC 7.20.020)

The chapter only applies to properties inside the urban growth boundary (UGB) and excludes Exclusive Farm Use (EFU). All zones that allow Farm Use may continue farm use and be in good standing unless there is a nuisance.

7.30.020 Owner Responsibilities

The livestock owners within city limits are responsible for meeting the requirements in this new chapter and the existing Land Use requirements in Title 4 of the Tangent Land Development Code (LDC). Any of the following violations may enact a nuisance complaint and city involvement:

1. A complaint because of excessive:
 - a. Noise (TMC 7.20.050 & Currently 7.30.050(1))
 - b. Odor (Currently 7.30.050(5))
 - c. Contaminated runoff (Currently TMC 07.30.050(6))
 - d. Trespassing animals – New for livestock except for poultry (TMC 7.30.040)
 - e. Damage or threats to Public Health (Currently TMC 7.30.050(3) &(4))
 - f. Animals get on the right of way or other private property. (TMC 7.30.040)

An owner is responsible for responding to complaints such as waste removal, capturing escaped animals, noise, and upkeep of the livestock facility.

7.30.030 Backyard Livestock

This section addresses the kind of livestock in residential zones and will replace the current poultry control ordinance 7.30.040 in Tangent Municipal Code. Community Commercial, Highway Commercial, General Commercial, and General Industrial are the zones where no farm use is allowed. Those zones are red, purple, blue, and pink on the City of Tangent Zoning Map

Existing Poultry Ordinance	New Poultry Ordinance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Chickens • 12 Pigeons • 2 Any Others • Chicks under four months don't count • No rooster in City Limits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-12 domestic fowl 20,000 or less. • 6 larger domestic fowl 20,000 or less. • 4 small domestic fowl under 12 weeks of age. • Over 20,000 more fowl are allowed. • No roosters except EFU land allowed & for agricultural use, and no therapy roosters.

Rabbits

4-12 rabbits on lots up to 20,000 square feet and does not count baby rabbits under 12 weeks. Currently unregulated.

Mini Goats & Sheep

Mini goats and sheep do not exceed 100lbs; over 100 are subject to 7.30.040 "Large Livestock."

- 3-5 miniature goats on the property up to 20,000 sq ft.
- 12 weeks or younger goats do not count.
- If an issue occurs, the owner needs documentation of the animals.

Miniature Pigs

- Adults no more than 150lbs.
- Maximum height 22 inches at the shoulder.
- 2 on any lot where farm use is allowed.
- If an issue occurs, the owner needs documentation of the animals.

7.30.040 Larger Livestock

Livestock larger than the ones in the prior chapter fall under this category. This includes:

- Full sized horses
- Cows
- Llamas
- Goats
- Sheep
- Ponies

- Miniature Horses

For lots under 20,000, only two of these are allowed. One additional for every 10,00 square feet, with a maximum of five on lots 2 acres or more.

7.30.050 Livestock Facility Standards

The current code only covers poultry with at least 3 square feet per chicken inside the structure and 10 square feet per chicken outside the structure in the fenced property. This remains unchanged and adds additional requirements for rabbits, miniature livestock, and large livestock.

The general standards are similar to the current 7.30.090 but go into more detail in the new code to ensure the owners easily access, clean, and maintain the area.

An additional section is what creates a health and sanitation issue; this includes:

- Violation of the current Nuisance Laws
- Accumulation of manure
- Presence of flies
- Presence of rats & rodents
- Odors smelled by nearby neighbors
- Off-site surface water without sanitary drainage

7.30.060 Preexisting Animals held Harmless

The “Grandfather” clause that any pre-existing owners may notify the City, and we will have recorded. Anyone new moving into the area has the ability to register and be entitled to the same number before the law (perpetuity) as long as in good standing.

7.30.070 Violation of Penalty

Per the Civil Enforcement chapter, a \$ 500-a-day citation may be issued for anyone refusing to comply with the City.