

**EXHIBIT A**  
Chapter 7.30 - Keeping Livestock

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**7.30.010 Purpose and Applicability.**

- A. The purpose of this chapter is to prevent or curtail nuisance impacts of maintaining livestock in urban areas on urban sized lots by limiting the kinds and numbers of animals to a level appropriate for an urban area such as Tangent. The most stringent limitations apply in the most urban zones with the smallest lot sizes.
- B. Ownership and maintenance of livestock is a Farm Use. Livestock as defined in this chapter, are allowed on every property in the City of Tangent located within the Urban Growth Boundary as prescribed in this chapter, so long as Farm Uses are allowed in the zone corresponding to the property. If Farm Uses are not listed as an allowed use in a property's zone, all livestock regulated in this chapter are prohibited on that property. The livestock number restrictions in Sections 7.30.030 and 040 apply only within the City's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) and do not apply to portions of the City outside of the UGB. All other sections of this Chapter (Sections 7.30.010, 020, 050 and 060) apply to all areas of the City, including those outside of Tangent's Urban Growth Boundary.

**7.30.020 Owner Responsibilities.** The owner(s) of property where livestock are kept and the users/operators of those properties (collectively "livestock keepers") are jointly and severally responsible for compliance with the requirements of this chapter and are liable for any violations of it.

- A. Requirements and best practice recommendations. All livestock keepers must meet the provisions of this chapter and comply fully with the nuisance prohibitions and requirements set forth in Title 7 and all applicable land use requirements in Title 4.
- B. Nuisance complaints. The keeping of livestock shall not create a nuisance or disturb neighboring residents due to noise, odor, contaminated runoff, trespassing animals, damage or threats to public health. Livestock keepers are required to respond immediately to eliminate or remediate nuisance complaints, including but not limited to: waste removal and general clean-up, capture of escaped animals, noise, and upkeep of the livestock facility, feeding or watering practices that could attract rats.
- C. Contagious diseases. A livestock keeper shall contact a licensed veterinarian to examine any animal believed to have a disease contagious to animals (e.g., bird flu, mange, eczema) or humans (e.g., ringworm, hepatitis, rabies). The animal in question shall be confined in a secure enclosure until it is declared free of the disease by a licensed veterinarian.

- D. Keep livestock on the property. Livestock keepers are responsible for keeping all of their animals on their property and shall not allow them to trespass onto the public right-of-way, other public property or private property.

### **7.30.030 Backyard Livestock.**

A. Chickens and other domestic fowl.

1. A maximum total of 6 domestic fowl may be kept on any lot where Farm Uses are allowed. This includes chickens, ducks, pigeons and/or other similarly sized domestic fowl but no roosters, guinea fowl or pea fowl. A maximum total of 12 domestic fowl may be kept on any lot that is 20,000 square feet in size or larger where Farm Uses are allowed, but no roosters. In addition to these numbers, up to 4 small domestic fowl under 12 weeks of age are allowed.
2. A maximum of 6 geese, turkeys, peacocks, emus and/or other larger domestic fowl that have a tendency to be loud and/or aggressive, may be kept on lots 20,000 square feet or greater where Farm Uses are allowed, or that have an approved conditional use.
3. It is unlawful to have or keep roosters anywhere in the City except for agricultural purposes on lots zoned for Exclusive Farm Use (EFU).

- B. Rabbits. A maximum of 4 rabbits may be kept on any lot where Farm Uses are allowed. Up to 12 rabbits may be kept on lots 20,000 square feet and greater where Farm Uses are allowed. These numbers do not include rabbits under 12 weeks of age that are the offspring of a resident female rabbit.

- C. Miniature goats and miniature sheep. Miniature goats and miniature sheep are varieties that do not exceed 100 pounds adult weight. Goats and sheep larger than 100 pounds adult weight are subject to the limitations in Section 7.30.040.

1. A maximum of 3 miniature goats and/or miniature sheep may be kept on any lot where Farm Uses are allowed. Up to 5 miniature goats and/or miniature sheep may be kept on lots 20,000 square feet and greater where Farm Uses are allowed. Nursing offspring that exceed the number allowed may be kept until weaned, but no longer than 12 weeks from birth.
2. Upon request from the City Manager, animal keepers must produce documentation that their animal is a recognized miniature breed and weights no more than 100 lbs.

- D. Miniature pigs. Miniature pigs are commonly referred to as Miniature Vietnamese, Chinese or Asian Potbelly pigs (*sus scrofa vittatus*) and grow to an adult weight no greater than 150 pounds and a maximum height of 22 inches at the shoulder.

1. Up to 2 miniature pigs may be kept on any lot where Farm Uses are allowed.
2. Upon request from the City Manager, animal keepers must produce documentation that their animal is a recognized miniature breed and weights no more than 150 lbs.

3. With the exception of Subsection 7.30.030(D)(1), it is unlawful to have or keep any live pigs or swine for a period longer than 3 days.

**7.30.040 Larger Livestock.** Large Livestock (full-sized horses, cows, llamas) and smaller livestock (goats, sheep, ponies and miniature horses) are allowed only on lots where Farm Uses are allowed.

- A. A maximum of 2 smaller sized livestock are allowed on lots 20,000 square feet or greater where Farm Uses are allowed. One additional animal is allowed for each 10,000 square feet above 20,000 square feet.
- B. A maximum 5 full-sized large livestock animals are allowed on lots 2 acres or greater that allow farm uses.

### **7.30.050 Livestock Facility Standards**

A. Required area dedicated to livestock.

1. Chickens and other domestic fowl. Each fowl over 12 weeks of age must be provided a minimum of 10 square feet of usable shelter or pen area.
2. Rabbits. Each animal over the age of 12 weeks must be provided a minimum of 4 square feet of usable shelter or pen area. A doe and her litter must be provided at least 7.5 square feet of shelter or pen area.
3. Miniature goats, sheep and pigs. Each of these animals, other than their young under the age of 12 weeks, must be provided a minimum of 200 square feet of usable shelter or pen area.
4. Miniature horses and standard size goats and sheep. Each of these animals, other than their young under the age of 6 months, must be provided a minimum of 10,000 square feet of usable shelter or pen area.
5. Cows, horses and similar large livestock. Each of these animals, other than their young under the age of 6 months, must be provided a minimum of 25,000 square feet of usable shelter or pen area.

B. General standards. The following standards must be met to ensure the livestock facility is in good repair, capable of being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free of vermin, disease, and obnoxious smells.

1. The health or well-being of the animal must not in any way be endangered by the manner of keeping or confinement;
2. The livestock facility must be adequately lighted and ventilated;
3. A replaceable ground cover, appropriate to the type of animal being kept, must be used to reduce smells and flies; and
4. All food and any materials that attract vectors must be stored in vector-proof containers.

C. Secure enclosure.

1. Livestock facilities must be designed and maintained to confine the livestock. Under the livestock keeper's supervision livestock may be allowed outside of the livestock facility but must stay on the property it is being kept. Livestock may never be allowed to roam at large.
2. On lots with more than one residential unit, livestock must be confined to the livestock facility at all times.
3. Adequate safeguards must be made to prevent unauthorized access to the animals by general members of the public.

D. Health and Sanitation. The keeping or raising of livestock must not create an unsanitary condition resulting in a nuisance as may be determined by the City Council or County Health Department. No livestock keeper shall create or maintain a nuisance by allowing or permitting unusual or excessive:

1. Noise in violation of TMC 7.20.050(2)
2. Accumulation of manure
3. Presence of flies
4. Presence of rats or other rodents
5. Production of odors that can be smelled from any near-by property
6. Accumulation or release off-site of surface water without adequate sanitary drainage in or about any barn, stable, roofed structure, corral, or fenced area.

E. Setbacks.

1. Structures in a livestock facility must be located no less than 3 feet from side and rear property lines and at least 10 feet from the front property line. Setbacks shall be greater if so required by the underlying zone.
2. On lots with more than one residential unit, livestock areas must be located at least 15 feet from the walls of all residential units and any outdoor spaces used for activities such as, but not limited to, seating, playgrounds and recreational fields.

F. Other development standards. All development and construction associated with a livestock facility shall comply with all applicable building and development code requirements and shall be consistent with any applicable development permit of land use approval.

**7.30.060 Preexisting Animals held Harmless.** This 2022 Ordinance shall have prospective effect only. Any property owner or tenant that keeps types or numbers of animals not otherwise allowed by Sections 7.30.040 and 050 and has no record of causing a nuisance, may register those animals and that level of use with the City Manager within 60 days following adoption of this 2022 Ordinance. Any tenant or property owner that registers their animals within 60 days following adoption shall be entitled to maintain those types and numbers of animals in perpetuity. Once those nonconforming animals leave any such property for a period of 12

months or more, the property shall come into full compliance with, and be subject to the limitations of, Sections 7.30.040 and 050 as adopted.

**7.30.070 Violation and Penalty.** Violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a nuisance to be prosecuted as a civil infraction under TMC Chapter 2.15 (Civil Enforcement) and shall be punishable upon conviction by a fine of not more than \$500. Each day that any such violation exists shall constitute a separate violation of this chapter and susceptible of a separate citation and fine.