

Animal husbandry project exception:

The keeping of a calf, horse, goat, sheep, hog, chickens, rabbits, birds or other animals as a 4-H or Future Farmers of America project is not subject to the requirements of this Section, provided that:

1. A minimum of one acre of site area shall be required for each large animal and swine;
2. The project animals shall be confined in a pen or fenced area that is located no closer than 25 feet to any residence other than that on the project site;
3. Hogs shall not be located closer than 100 feet from any dwelling other than those on the project site;
4. The number of animals complies with the limitations on the reverse side; and
5. Animal keeping shall comply with the maintenance and operational standards on the reverse side.

Additional information can be found in the Zoning Ordinance section 27.34.040.

Thank you for being a considerate neighbor.

Who Do I Contact?

Town of Windsor Planning Department

General Questions (707) 838-1021

Zoning Violations (707) 838-5332

Counter Hours:

2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Appointments Available Upon Request

**ANIMAL
KEEPING**



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Animal Keeping

The Town of Windsor allows a variety of animals to be kept on private property. The Town's ordinances are intended to minimize any adverse effects on adjoining property or the surrounding neighborhood resulting from the improper keeping and management of animals.

Potential adverse effects include—but are not limited to—propagation of flies and other disease vectors, dust, noise, soil erosion, sedimentation, and offensive odors.

Nonconforming uses: Any legally established noncommercial animal keeping use that became nonconforming upon adoption of the current Zoning Ordinance may continue in compliance with Chapter 27.50.



All animal keeping shall comply with the following standards:

- Guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, and similar small animals not raised for commercial purposes:

Max. number per site: 5

Min. lot area: None

Min. setback: 10 feet

- Horses, cows, goats, sheep, llamas and other hoofed animals:

Max. number per site: 1 animal for the first 2 acres, and 1 additional animal for each additional acre, to a maximum of 4.

Min. lot area: 2 acres

Min. setback: 40 feet

- Household pets (including birds, cats, dogs, and other non-poisonous small animals):

Max. number per site: 4 of each species, not to exceed an aggregate total of 8 animals.

Min. lot area: None

Min. setback: None

- Poultry & fowl (roosters, ducks, geese, etc. are not allowed):

Max number per site: 5

Min. lot area: None

Min. setback: 25 feet

- Swine: Not allowed.



Maintenance standards

1. **Odor and vector control.** All animal enclosures, pens, coops, cages and feed areas shall be maintained free from garbage and the accumulation of manure to discourage the proliferation of flies & other disease vectors and offensive odors. Sites shall be maintained in a neat and sanitary manner.
2. **Erosion and sedimentation control.** In no case shall animal keeping be managed or maintained so as to produce sedimentation on any public road, adjoining property, or in any drainage channel. If sedimentation occurs, the keeping of animals on the site shall be deemed a nuisance and may be subject to abatement in compliance with Chapter 27.56 (Enforcement).
3. **Waterway protection.** The keeping of horses or cattle within 50 feet of any waterway shall first require Director approval of a good housekeeping plan to protect the waterway from the polluting effects of runoff.