



CITY OF PATASKALA PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

621 West Broad Street, Suite 2A
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

DOMESTICATED FARM ANIMALS AND BEES ON LOTS LESS THAN FIVE ACRES

(Pataskala Codified Ordinances Chapter 506)

General Provisions

- No zoning permit is required.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees may be kept on a vacant lot so long as the owner of the animals or bees occupies an adjacent lot.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees must be kept in a manner that limits odors, the attraction of insects or rodents, does not cause a nuisance to neighbors and does not cause a health hazard.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees may not be kept in an injurious or unhealthful manner.
- Domesticated farm animals and bees may be kept for personal use only and may not be used for commercial purposes.

Bees

Location and Setbacks

- Beehives must be located in the side or rear yard
- Beehives must be setback a minimum of 10 feet from a neighboring dwelling.
- The front of beehives must face towards the interior of the lot.

Number

Property Size	Number of Beehives
Less than 10,000 square feet	0
10,000 square feet to 1.99 acres	1
2 acres to 2.99 acres	2
3 acres to 3.99 acres	3
4 acres to 4.99 acres	4
5 acres or greater	No limit

Fences and Shrubs

- A solid fence or dense hedge, also known as a flyway barrier, at least six (6) feet in height must be placed within five (5) feet of the entrance to the beehive and extend a minimum of two (2) feet on both sides.
- No flyway barrier is required if the beehive is located more than 25 feet from all property lines or on a porch or balcony at least 10 feet above grade and at least five (5) feet from all property lines.

Water Supply

- A readily available supply of fresh water must be available at all times.

Prohibitions

- Africanized bees are prohibited

Chickens, Ducks and Similar Small Poultry

Location and Setbacks

- Coops must be located in the side or rear yard.
- Coops must meet the side and rear yard setback requirements of the zoning district.
- Existing structures that are non-conforming to required setbacks may be used as coops.

Number

Property Size	Number of Birds*
Less than 10,000 square feet	0
10,000 square feet to 19,999 square feet	4
20,000 square feet to 29,999 square feet	6
30,000 square feet to 39,999 square feet	8
40,000 square feet to 49,999 square feet	10
50,000 square feet to 59,999 square feet	12
60,000 square feet to 69,999 square feet	14
70,000 square feet to 79,999 square feet	16
80,000 square feet to 89,999 square feet	18
90,000 square feet to 99,999 square feet	20
100,000 square feet to 109,999 square feet	22
110,000 square feet and greater	24

* Applicable to animals more than two (2) months in age

Coops

- All birds must be provided with a covered, predator proof coop or shelter that is ventilated, designed to be easily accessed and cleaned and of sufficient size to provide free movement of the birds.
- Minimum four (4) square feet per animal.
- Maximum 15 feet in height.

Enclosures

- Birds must have access to an outdoor enclosure.
- Enclosure must be adequately bounded to contain the bird and prevent access by predators.
- Enclosure must provide a minimum of 10 square feet of area for each bird.

Slaughter

- Birds must be slaughtered indoors
- Must be done in a manner that limits odor, the attraction of insects or rodents, does not cause a nuisance and does not cause a health hazard.
- Waste disposal must be done in conformance with the applicable water and sewer provider, the Licking County Health Department and the City's approved waste handler.

Prohibitions

- Roosters, geese, turkeys or other large vocal poultry are prohibited.
- Predatory birds are prohibited.
- Chickens, ducks and similar small poultry are not permitted in the RM or R-MH zoning districts.
- Chickens, ducks and similar small poultry cannot make noise so as to disturb the peace and quiet of people in the vicinity.

Goats, Swine, Sheep and Hooved Animals

Zoning

- Goats, swine sheep, equine, bovine, alpacas, llamas or similar domesticated animals may only be kept on properties greater than two (2) acres in the AG, RR and R-87 zoning districts.

Number

Equine, Llamas, Swine, Bovine

Property Size	Number of Animals
2.5 acres or less	2
3.5 acres or more	3
4.5 acres or more	4
5 acres or more	No Limit

Sheep, Goats and Alpacas

Property Size	Number of Animals
2.5 acres or less	4
3.5 acres or more	6
4.5 acres or more	8
5 acres or more	No Limit

Rabbits

Location and Setbacks

- Cages must be located in the side or rear yard.
- Cages must meet the side and rear yard setback requirements of the zoning district.

Number

Property Size	Number of Rabbits*
Less than 10,000 square feet	0
10,000 square feet to 0.99 acres	4
1 acre to 1.99 acres	8
2 acres to 2.99 acres	12
3 acres to 3.99 acres	16
4 acres to 4.99 acres	20
5 acres or more	No Limit

* Applicable to animals more than four (4) months in age

Cages

- All rabbits must be provided with a covered, predator proof coop or shelter that is ventilated, designed to be easily accessed and cleaned and of sufficient size to provide free movement of the birds.
- Minimum four (4) square feet per rabbit.
- Maximum 15 feet in height.

Slaughter

- Rabbits must be slaughtered indoors
- Must be done in a manner that limits odor, the attraction of insects or rodents, does not cause a nuisance and does not cause a health hazard.
- Waste disposal must be done in conformance with the applicable water and sewer provider, the Licking County Health Department and the City's approved waste handler.

Prohibitions

- Rabbits cannot make noise so as to disturb the peace and quiet of people in the vicinity.