

# Quick Reference Guide

## LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

Development Code Chapter 2, Section 4.15

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Topic/ Issue	Code Reference	Summary/ Notes																						
"Livestock" defined	Chapter 1, Section 4.2 (12) & (158)  Chapter 2, 4.11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cattle, hogs, bees, sheep, goats, llamas, chickens, turkeys, bison, horses (including miniatures) and other animals generally kept for commercial food or fiber production purposes and commonly accepted as farm animals in the State of Minnesota.</li> <li>Scandia prohibits the keeping of wild or exotic animals</li> </ul>																						
Minimum acreage required	4.15 (1)(A) 4.15 (1)(C)  4.15 (1)(D)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5 acres required to keep any livestock, except fowl</li> <li>2 acres of land per animal unit</li> <li>Greater density than 1 animal unit per 2 acres may be allowed by interim use permit</li> <li>Acreage and density waived for fowl, provided setbacks are met and there is a minimum of 1 acre of land per 0.1 animal unit (for example, 10 chickens or 5 turkeys, geese or ducks per acre)</li> </ul>																						
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Agricultural/ Farm Animal Buildings	Chapter 2, Section 3.2 (F)	<p>Accessory structures used to shelter domestic farm animals (including poultry yards and runs) shall meet the following setbacks:</p> <p>(a) Any property line-- 100 feet                      (b) Well or residential structure on the same parcel-- 50 feet                      (c) Any seasonal or year-round wetland, lake or stream-- 200 feet</p> <p>Animal structures, feedlots or manure storage shall not be placed on slopes which exceed 13%.</p>																						
"Feedlot" defined  <i>Feedlots are subject to additional performance standards, setbacks and permitting requirements.</i>	Chapter 1, Section 4.2 (100)	<i>A lot or building or combination of lots and buildings intended for the confined feeding, breeding, raising, or holding of animals and specifically designed as a confinement area in which manure may accumulate, or where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetative cover cannot be maintained within the enclosure. Open lots used for the feeding and rearing of poultry (poultry ranges) shall be considered to be animal feedlots. Pastures shall not be considered animal feedlots.</i>																						
Permits required	Various	Conditional Use Permit required for feedlot with 10 or more animal units (see District regulations)																						