

Article 18 Section 18.41 Small Livestock

The keeping of small livestock in a residential area is permitted under the following conditions:

- (a) Roosters are prohibited.
- (b) Residential lot sizes and number of animals:
 - (1) Lots smaller than 0.5 acres, no more than four (4) small livestock animals
 - (2) Lots 0.5 acre to less than 1.0 acre, no more than six (6) small livestock animals
 - (3) Lots 1.0 acres to less than 2.5 acres, no more than twelve (12) small livestock animals
 - (4) Lots 2.5 acres to less than 5.0 acres, no more than twenty (20) small livestock animals
 - (5) This restriction does not apply to parcels of land of 5 acres or more.
- (c) Unless attended by a keeper, all small livestock animals shall be kept in an outdoor sheltering structure at all times, and all sheltering structures must be within an enclosed fenced yard. No small livestock shall be allowed to roam "at large" in the city. See Sec. 618.14. - Impounding and redemption.
- (d) Sheltering structure or fenced outdoor area must be located at least X feet from any property line. Additionally, any outdoor sheltering structure must be in the defined rear yard of the property.
- (e) The sale of animal products including but not limited to meat, eggs, and fur shall be prohibited.
- (f) Small livestock animals may be slaughtered and butchered onsite only inside the primary structure. All waste must be bagged and disposed of with household trash to prevent nuisance and health hazards.
- (g) Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this ordinance, small livestock shall not be kept in such a manner or of such disposition as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or property of others. See Sec. 618.13. - Nuisance conditions prohibited.
- (h) It is the responsibility of the person keeping small livestock to be aware of and abide by all applicable local, state, or federal requirements including but not limited to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Ohio Livestock Care Standards and private deed or covenant restrictions.
- (i) A zoning permit is required by the City of Bellbrook.

ZONING PERMIT

(a) Zoning Permit Required

(1) Information required

(a) Applicants seeking to engage in keeping any small livestock must apply for and receive a zoning permit.

(b) Application for Permits

(1) The following information must be included on the site plan or in accompanying documentation:

(a) A description of the type and number of animals to be kept

(b) Coop or shelter type

(c) Location of coop or shelter with all setbacks from property lines

Indicated. If using a portable coop or shelter, indicate the yard area in which the coop or shelter will be kept.

(d) Location and manner of containment of outdoor areas with all setbacks from property lines indicated. If using a portable containment system, indicate the yard area in which the system will be kept.

(e) Any other relevant information related to keeping the animals, if requested.

(c) Sheltering Structure

(1) All small livestock shall be provided with an outdoor, covered, predator-proof sheltering structure, which shall be kept in sound and usable conditions. Sheltering structures shall be thoroughly ventilated, designed to be easily accessed and cleaned, and of sufficient size to permit free movement of the animals.

(2) There shall be no more than one (1) sheltering structure.

(d) Yards and Location on Lot

(1) Any sheltering structure and outdoor areas used for keeping small livestock shall comply with the following yard and setback requirements:

(2) Be located on a property containing a single-family dwelling structure.

(3) Be located in the defined rear yard.

(4) Be located at least 15 feet from any property line.