

12. Mobile homes shall comply with all other regulations for the zone in which they are located

107.0 ANIMAL AND FOWL REGULATIONS (107.0 - 107.8 UPDATED FEB.2012)

107.1 Purpose

The purpose of animal and fowl unit regulations is to protect the health and general welfare of residents of Portage. To this end, the number of livestock and the location of structures housing livestock shall be governed in the residential zones by the following definitions and regulations.

107.2 Definitions

1. Animal Unit - The keeping of not more than the below stated number of adult animals. (An adult animal shall be considered to be an animal one year or older or of breeding age, whichever is less. Juvenile animals which are not the offspring of adult animals kept on the premises shall be considered as adult animals in counting animal units.)

- a. one head of any of the following: horse, cow,
- b. or three head of any of the following: sheep, goats,
- c. Or two non-breeding pigs, or
- d. Five head of the following non-carnivorous animals: rabbits or other similar small animals.

2. Fowl Unit - The keeping of not more than the below stated number of adult fowl. An adult fowl shall be considered to be a fowl of breeding age.

- a. twenty-five each of the following classes of fowl: chickens, pheasants, and pigeons provided that there may be a combination of said fowl not to exceed twenty-five, or

b. five each of the following classes of fowl: ducks, geese and turkeys provided that there may be a combination of said fowl not to exceed five.

107.3 Regulations by Acreage

Up to ¾ acre of property, one animal unit plus one fowl unit shall be permitted. For each additional ½ acre of pasturable land, one additional animal unit plus one additional fowl unit shall be permitted. Where animals are being kept on existing lots at the time of passage of this Ordinance, the keeping of such animals shall be permitted to continue subject to the requirement of Section 112, Nonconforming Uses of Land.

Regardless of the number of animal units permitted, no more than two exotic animals shall be kept on any lot.

107.4 Corral Regulations

A corral is an enclosed area for the keeping of livestock where feed must be brought in on a regular basis. No more than four (4) animals one year or older shall be kept in any corral in the residential (R) zone.

107.5 Required Setbacks for Agricultural Uses and Structures in Residential Zones

	Front	Dwelling
Side		

	Lot Line	Unit
Lot Line		
Fenced Pasture	-	-
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Barns, stables, coops, 20	150	75
Buildings for the accommodation of animals and fowl(except household pets), manure piles,manure pits, lounging sheds		
Corrals		35
30	-	

107.6 Restraint of Livestock and Pets

In all zones, livestock and pets shall be so restrained that they shall not damage, destroy or intrude upon any property.

107.7 Prohibited Animals

Mink are prohibited in the residential zones.

107.8 Agricultural Production Exception

Livestock may exceed the allowable numbers established above, on a short term basis, when animals are needed to harvest excess standing herbage in smaller pastures, hold animals for shipping, and other normal agricultural practices.