

ORDINANCE OF THE SPARTANSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

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KEEPING ANIMALS IN THE BOROUGH

General Regulations:

1. Any person being the owner or entitled to the possession of any animal of the species of horse, mule, ass, cattle, llama, alpaca, sheep, goat, domesticated fowl and exotic animals (except domesticated fowl maintained in a residence), including but not limited to duck, chicken, goose, turkey or peafowl or swine of any kind, shall be permitted to keep the same within the limits of the Borough except as the same is now or may be hereafter forbidden by ordinance by securely confining the same in a stable or other building; or an enclosure surrounded by a secure, well-built fence of sufficient height and strength to confine such animal therein; or the same may be securely staked out in a vacant lot in such manner that it cannot get upon any street, alley, or other public place within the Borough; provided, that the same is so confined or staked out as to effectively prevent it getting within 50 feet of any neighboring dwelling or other building in which persons work or are accustomed to be, or near enough to the property of another to do any damage thereto or commit any nuisance thereupon; and provided further, that any such animal shall be considered as running at large when it breaks away from its fastenings or is herded or permitted to feed upon any of the streets, alleys or other public places of the Borough. Such confinement or staking must provide adequate food, water and shelter so that animal will not suffer abuse or neglect. The Borough is enacting this ordinance to ensure public health and safety and prevent nuisances, specifically safety, odor and noise.
2. USDA will be used as a guideline.

Requirements Defined

1. The keeping of livestock shall not exceed stocking rates of one animal unit per acre.
2. Confinement
 - 2.1. Animal confinement structures must have setbacks from adjacent neighboring dwellings of at least 50 feet.
 - 2.2. Hives or colonies of bees shall be kept in a manner in which they are inaccessible to the general public and so that bee movements to and from the hive do not interfere with the ordinary movements of persons on adjacent properties or the public right-of-way. Hives shall be located at least 50 feet from the nearest property line. The terms "hive," "colony," "colonies of bees" and "bees" as used in this section shall have the meanings set forth.
3. All stables and other buildings and all enclosures and premises upon which any such animals are kept and confined shall be kept in a clean, healthful, and sanitary condition by the person owning,

