

PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE SECTION 19.48.060

19.48.060 ~~Private stables.~~ Livestock management on parcels less than five acres in size.

~~The following regulations shall apply in all cases where a use permit has been issued for the maintenance of a private stable:~~

~~A.—The minimum lot area upon which horses may be kept is one acre, and two horses may be kept on such area. One additional horse may be kept for each twenty thousand square feet by which the parcel of land exceeds one acre.~~

~~B.—Stables shall not be located closer than twenty feet from the side lines, and not closer than fifty feet to the front lot line. Paddocks shall be located on the rear half of the lot and not closer than twenty feet to any property line, nor closer than forty feet from any dwelling on the same or adjacent property.~~

- A. This ordinance does not apply to any parcel five acres or greater in size, regardless of zoning district or General Plan land use designation. This ordinance applies to livestock, as that term is defined in Section 8.04.080 of this code. Existing nonconforming uses which are maintained so as to not create a public nuisance are automatically exempt from this ordinance unless and until the nonconforming use ceases for a period of two or more years or until the use is determined to be a public nuisance by the Amador County Health Officer, Agricultural Commissioner, or Board of Supervisors.
- B. Maintaining livestock on parcels less than five acres in size is subject to the following stocking density limits:
 - 1) For large animals such as full size horses, cattle, adult swine, or any livestock with an average adult size 500 pounds or more the allowed density is one acre per animal (1 per acre);
 - 2) For medium size animals such as sheep, goats, miniature horses, ratites (other than kiwis) or any livestock with an average adult size 50-499 pounds, the allowed density is one-quarter acre per animal (4 per acre);
 - 3) For small animals such as poultry, with the exception of roosters, or any livestock with an average adult size less than 50 pounds the allowed density is 0.02 acres per animal (50 per acre);
 - 4) No more than five roosters may be maintained on any parcel less than five acres. These are to be included with the total count of small animals.
 - 5) The total acreage required is the sum of the required acreage for each individual animal.
- C. This ordinance does not apply to livestock employed for vegetation management or fire hazard abatement purposes provided that the stocking density of those animals does not exceed the above listed standards for more than 90 days in a calendar year.
- D. This ordinance does not apply to educational, youth oriented animal husbandry projects affiliated with 4H, FFA, Grange, or other organizations or similar independent study projects.
- E. Operations requiring more intensive stocking density shall be subject to a discretionary use permit.