



TOWN OF WILLINGTON

LAND USE DEPARTMENT

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GUIDE TO LIVESTOCK / POULTRY

- ❖ All outdoor areas for pasturing of livestock shall be enclosed with a fence capable of confining the livestock to the property, such fence shall **be no less than five (5') feet from the property line.**
- ❖ Non-commercial keeping of horses, ponies, burros, donkeys and bovines is accepted in residential zones with additional conditions such as distances from Wetlands stated in Section 7.07.04.03 in the Zoning Regulations
- ❖ All manure pits, buildings or structures housing livestock shall be **no less than fifty (50') feet from** any property line.
- ❖ To be considered a farm, you need no less than five (5) acres in which the principal use is dairying or the raising of agricultural products, forest products, livestock, or poultry.

** Please see section 7.08 for additional conditions for buildings, structures and uses accessory to a farm**

Farm: No restrictions except that any outdoor fenced or enclosed area must be at least 5 feet from the property line.

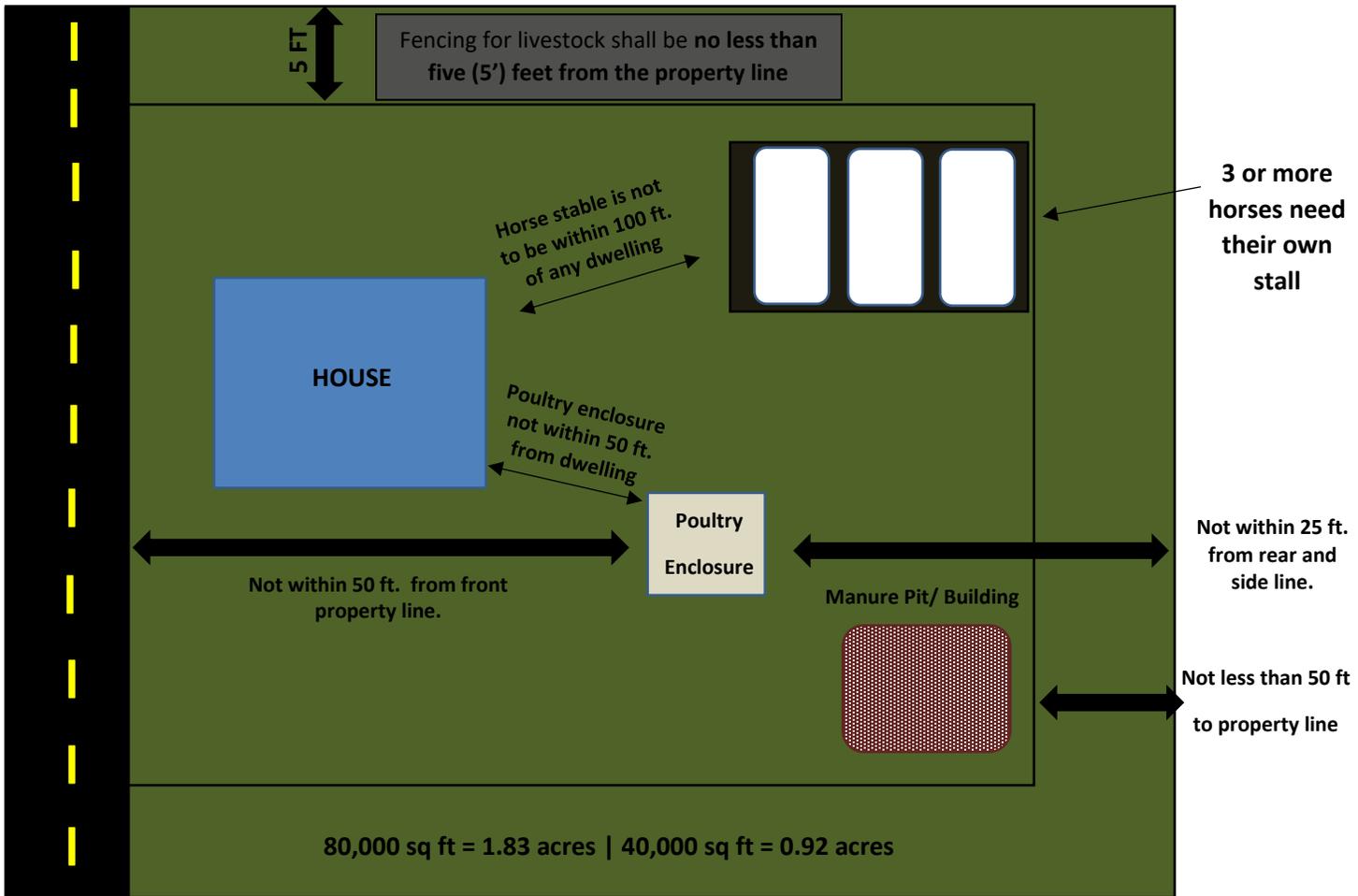
Non-farm or parcels less than 5 acres:

Animal	Animal Unit Defined As (How many animals per minimum lot size)	Minimum Lot Size
Cows, Steers, Calves, Bovines	1 head per unit	80,000 square feet (1.83 acres)
Horses, Burros, Donkeys, Ponies	1 head per unit	80,000 square feet (1.83 acres)
Sheep, Goats	2 Heads per unit	80,000 square feet (1.83 acres)
Rabbits	5 heads per unit	40,000 square feet (0.92 acres)
Backyard Poultry	8 heads per unit	40,000 square feet (0.92 acres)

Backyard Poultry: *40,000 Square feet minimum lot size*

- ❖ Included: Chickens, ducks, turkeys, and other birds of similar mature sizes.
- ❖ Not Included: Guinea hens, peacocks, emus, ostriches.
- ❖ Must be contained on the property at all times.
- ❖ Structures/ enclosures less than 200 square feet must be kept 50 feet from the front property line, and 20 feet from the side and rear property lines. *(Such structures require submittal of written statement to zoning officer certifying compliance.)*
- ❖ Structures exceeding 200 square feet require a review in accordance with the zoning regulations(see section 7- Accessory Uses, Buildings and Structures)
- ❖ Waste for backyard poultry should be in accordance with public health code.
- ❖ Any structure for keeping of backyard poultry must be at least 50 feet from any adjacent dwelling.
- ❖ Sites with slopes greater than 15% should be avoided or improved to avoid runoff, soil erosion, etc.
- ❖ Water collection should be avoided in poultry keeping areas and runoff should not pollute surface or subsurface water or neighboring properties.

Roosters are not permitted on properties with less than 5 acres.



Note: If your property is not at least 80,000 square feet (1.83 acres), the keeping of one animal unit listed above is a violation of the Willington Zoning Regulations.

Rabbits and Backyard poultry only require 40,000 Square feet minimum lot size.