

**Below is the information on zoning regulations for owning livestock in Bartow County. If you have any questions, contact the county zoning department at 770-387-5007.**

Chapter 14 | Section 14-17 (d):

- *Livestock.* The following restrictions apply to the maximum number of livestock animals that may be kept on any property based on the area of the lot. Other applicable regulations, including the Bartow County Zoning Ordinance (Appendix A to the Code of Bartow County), shall still apply and should be consulted for restrictions on location of shelters and enclosures and other restrictions. Nothing in these provisions shall authorize keeping of livestock in zoning districts where livestock are not permitted.
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*Larger than ten acres.* On any property that is larger than ten acres, there are no restrictions in this chapter as to the number of livestock that may be kept. Other applicable provisions as to type, adequate shelter, humane care, and so forth must be obeyed. Furthermore, the Bartow County Zoning Ordinance contains restrictions for setback, and certain livestock uses require a conditional use permit (e.g., chicken houses).
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*Larger than two acres but equal to or less than ten acres.* On property that is larger than two acres but equal to or less than ten acres, limited numbers of livestock animals are permitted. No more than eight livestock animals total shall be permitted on property in this size range or no more than 20 chickens; if both chickens and other livestock animals are kept, no more than eight animals total shall be permitted. Further, either a single chicken coop, or a single minor livestock enclosure for up to eight animals, may be erected for housing livestock, but not both.
  - (3)

*Equal to or less than two acres.* On any property that is equal to or less than two acres, it shall be unlawful to possess or keep any livestock.

*Livestock* means all animals of the equine (Family: Equidae), bovine (Family: Bovidae), or swine (Family: Suidae) type (or similar animals), including, but not limited to, goats, sheep, mules, horses, hogs, pigs, and cattle; all poultry, including chickens, roosters, hens and similar birds; other birds raised or kept such as pigeons; other grazing animals; all ratites, including, but not limited to, ostriches, emus, and rheas; non-traditional livestock including, but not limited to, bison, deer, buffalo, alpaca and llamas; and other similar animals raised for profit or use, but not including dogs or cats. Livestock shall also include, but not be limited to, definitions under O.C.G.A. § 4-4-1.1 for "livestock" and O.C.G.A. § 4-4-80 for "poultry."

*Livestock enclosure* means any structure, building, shelter, or other facility used for keeping, raising, feeding, sheltering or otherwise maintaining livestock. Fenced grazing land and fenced pasture for horses, cattle and other grazing animals shall not be included in this definition. A "major livestock enclosure" is any structure designed to hold, or holding, more than eight livestock animals. A "minor livestock enclosure" is any structure designed to hold, or holding, less than eight livestock animals.

*Livestock breeding restrictions.* Persons breeding livestock shall comply with applicable state regulations and laws. Livestock shall not be bred on non-agriculturally zoned property, nor on any agricultural property under five acres in size.

*Livestock at large.* Any animal control officer or other person who discovers or is notified of livestock (as that term is defined in O.C.G.A. § 4-3-2) running at large shall notify the sheriff of Bartow County. The seizure, impoundment and disposition of such livestock shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

*Chicken coop* means any structure, building, shelter or other facility for raising, feeding, sheltering or maintaining chickens, or similar birds, containing 20 or less chickens. A chicken coop is not a "major livestock enclosure" as long as it contains only 20 or less chickens.

Reference:

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