

*NOTE: The intent of Animal Ordinance, Chapter 4 – Animals, approved by Yankeetown Planning and Zoning on September 1, 2020 is to compliment the Levy County Code of Ordinances Levy County, Florida Chapter 14 – Animals

Sec. 4.1 - General

~~Any reader of these ordinances pertaining to Yankeetown should also realize.~~ All applicable State of Florida statutes/ordinances and the Levy County Code of Ordinances pertaining to animals shall also, apply. are also applicable.

Sec. 4.2 - Cats and Dogs

1. All dogs and cats must be under the control of the owner at all times, either by confinement, leash or verbal commands. Any dog or cat allowed to roam free from their property is subject to being picked up by a law enforcement officer and placed in a designated county shelter.
2. All dogs and cats 6 months old or older need proof of current vaccinations for rabies or have blood titers proving immunity to rabies. Proof can be requested by law enforcement or town official.
3. No person or dwelling can have more than four dogs or four cats over six months of age on a single family lot located in the Residential Highest Density use District (RHD 1&2) or on any lot 1 acre or less.

Sec. 4.3 - Animals other than dogs and cats

1. By definition: livestock is considered farm animals, such as cattle, goats, sheep, horses, ponies, mules, pigs, chickens, ducks, geese or other similar farm animals and wild animals.
2. Any owner of hooved mammals / Artiodactyla or Perissodactyla must have property consistent with a minimum of five acres or more in all Residential Districts and are prohibited in Commercial and Industrial districts. No more than one hooved animal (horse & cow/bovine) shall be allowed per acre.
3. All livestock, including chickens (no roosters), ducks, geese and rabbits, must be confined and not allowed to roam free from the property. Any enclosures for smaller animals shall meet the minimum set-back requirements of 10' at the rear yard, 10' at the side yard and shall not be installed in the front yard and shall be a minimum of 20' setback from any neighboring dwelling unit on an adjacent property. All enclosures shall be screened from view. Any combination of six rabbits and similarly sized animals but, not more than four chickens (no roosters), four ducks, four geese may be kept on any lot in a single family Residential Highest Density use District (RHD 1&2).
4. Beekeeping, Beekeeping is limited to all residential properties. Requirement to Register: people keeping bees (any number of colonies) in Florida are required by Chapter 586, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 5B-54, Florida Administrative Code, to register with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry (FDACS-DPI). Hives should be at least 25 feet from any property line. In instances where colonies are situated within proximity (25 feet) to a public or private property line on land which the apiary is situated, a flyway barrier is to

be established consisting of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or combination thereof and extending 10 or more feet beyond the colony in each direction. The ideal barrier is at least 6 feet high.

5. It is unlawful for any person to torture, torment or deprive any animal in accordance with Florida Statute(s) Chapter 828 Animals: Cruelty; Sales; Animal Enterprise Protection. Therefore, it is expected that all animal enclosures, including but not limited to, pens, coops, aviaries, cages, runs and feed areas, shall be maintained free from feces, litter, garbage, accumulation of manure always to discourage flies, disease and offensive odors.
6. Aviary, any aviary or grouping of aviaries holding more than four birds shall meet the minimum set-back requirement of 10' at the rear yard, 10' at the side and shall be a minimum of 20' setback from any neighboring dwelling unit on an adjacent property. All enclosures shall be screened from view and shall not be installed in the front yard. An aviary or loft shall not exceed 2,000 square feet in footprint on lots of 1 acre or more and shall not exceed 500 square feet on lots less than 1 acre.
7. The keeping of peacocks, peahens, mink, nutria, foxes, raccoons or venomous snakes are prohibited.

Sec. 4.4 - Nuisance

1. Noise, it shall be unlawful for any person to keep any animal confined or unconfined in the town which by continued barking, whining, howling, meowing, crying, screeching or making other excessive noise causing annoyance, disturbance or discomfort to any individual providing such noise lasts for a period of more than five (5) minutes continuously or intermittent noise and continues for more than one (1) hour and is plainly audible outside the property limits of where said, animal is kept.
2. Should a Levy County Sheriff Deputy or Animal Control Officer believe the nuisance animal meets or exceeds the requirements identified above and has made reasonable attempts to contact the owner regarding the complaint including three (3) previously documented complaints the Owner shall risk seizure of said animal by the officer.

Sec. 4.5 - Authority to place animal traps

1. The town may place animal traps on any public or private property within the town with the consent of the private property owner and the town clerk's consent to placing of such traps. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, move, damage, or destroy any animal trap placed by the town on public or private property.