

Preliminary draft of rules for urban agriculture – NOT FINAL
How Does the Proposed Urban Agriculture Zoning Code Impact Me?

Do you live in the City of Tucson?

Yes

No

Stop! These rules do not apply to you!

Find your zone - go to:

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/PRO/pro/devactionsrch.jsp> and type in your address.

Information about your property will pop up.

Do you live in an urban zone?

**All others
Yes**

**RX1, SH, SR or RH
No**

Stop! These rules do not apply to you! The current rules will continue to apply in these zones.

What is the size of your property?

To find the size of your property, go to the website above and type in your address.

When your information pops up, you will see “Pima County Data” just above your property information. Click that link. More information on your property will pop up. Scroll down to “Parcel GIS geometry details.” The size of your property is shown there.

How many animals can I have?

You will be permitted to have 2 “Urban Animal Units” for every 1000 square feet of property, capped at 50 units. Example: my property is 8094 square feet. $8.094 \times 2 = 16.188$ Urban Animal Units. Since you can't have .188 animals, I am permitted to have 16 Urban Animal Units.

Currently, farm animals are not permitted in urban residential areas. Under the proposed code, small farm animals will be permitted – no cows, horses, hogs, or full size sheep and goats will be permitted in urban residential areas.

Urban Animal Units are assigned to animals as follows:

Chickens = 1 unit Rabbits = 1 unit Ducks = 2 units Turkeys = 4 units Miniature Goats = 5 units

Where can I place my animal shelter?

Small shelters (up to 16 square feet (4X4) and 6 feet high) may be placed on the property line. Larger shelters must have a 10 or 20 ft setback (to be decided). If a property line abuts an alley or street, larger shelters can be placed on the property line.

How do these rules compare with what I am currently permitted to do?

Current rules allow up to 24 chickens as long as there is a 50-foot setback for the coop from all property lines. Other types of farm animals are prohibited in urban residential zones. Many people are currently out of compliance with these rules but have not been bothered because no one has complained. If someone does complain you will lose your animals under the current rules.

ALL CURRENT RULES REGARDING HUMAN TREATMENT OF ANIMALS, SANITATION, AND NOISE WILL CONTINUE TO BE ENFORCED.