Section 4.162. General Regulations - Livestock and Farm Animals.

(.01) Under no circumstances shall any livestock animals, farm animals, poultry or fowl be kept for commercial purposes in a Residential or Planned Development Zone, except where such animal keeping is a legal non-conforming use. The animals listed below shall not be kept on lots having an area of less than one (1) acre. The total number of such animals (other than their young under the age of six (6) months) allowed on a lot shall be limited to the square footage of the lot divided by the total minimum areas required for each animal as listed below.

A. One (1) horse or cow: Twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.

B. One (1) goat, llama or sheep: Ten thousand (10,000) square feet.

C. One (1) swine: Two thousand (2,000) square feet. (Maximum two swine per individual lot or contiguous lots under individual ownership).

D. One (1) ostrich: Four thousand (4,000) square feet.

E. One (1) emu: Two thousand (2,000) square feet.

(.02) Animal runs or barns, chicken or fowl pens shall be located no closer than one hundred (100) feet from any residence other than the residence of the owner. Swine pens shall be located a minimum of two hundred (200) feet from any residence other than that of the resident owner.

(.03) Animals, chickens and/or fowl shall be properly caged or housed, and proper sanitation shall be maintained at all times. All animal or poultry food shall be stored in metal or other rodent-proof receptacles.

(.04) Upon a receipt of a formal complaint by adjacent property owners alleging improper or unsanitary maintenance of animal runs, pens or barn, the Development Review Board shall hold a public hearing and adopt findings as to the validity of said complaint. Based on the adopted findings, the Board may impose conditions or restrictions as determined necessary to insure proper maintenance and sanitation, including prohibition of raising livestock and farm animals on the subject site.

(.05) “Pot-bellied” pigs may be considered to be either livestock or household pets, depending upon the accommodations provided for them. If such pigs are kept primarily within a dwelling unit, they shall be considered to be household pets, subject to the same rules as the keeping of dogs. If they are kept primarily outside of a dwelling unit, they shall be considered to be livestock, and subject to the provisions listed above.