



# City of PLYMOUTH

## Planning Department Educational Animal Husbandry

### EDUCATIONAL ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Animal husbandry is the field of agriculture that deals with breeding and taking care of farm animals. Animal husbandry is the breeding, raising, and managing of livestock. It involves many types of animals, including cattle, horses, birds, fish and bees. In the City of Plymouth, students (through twelfth grade) participating in FFA, 4-H, and school projects and under the direct supervision of a qualified adult advisor may keep animals on a temporary basis with approval of a Temporary Use Permit in all residential zoning districts.

### TYPES OF ANIMALS

Cattle | Goat | Sheep | Poultry (i.e. chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese) | Fish | Bee

### REGULATIONS

The temporary keeping of animals is allowed pursuant to the following requirements:

- Prior to the keeping of any animal, the parent or guardian of the student and student shall apply for and receive approval of a Temporary Use Permit.
- All animal enclosures or corrals must be a minimum of 25 feet from all adjacent residential structures.
- Animals must always be confined and properly secured.
- The enclosure and shelters must be well-maintained, clean, and be constructed of suitable materials.
- Animals may not be kept in the front yard.
- Animals must be provided with adequate food, water, and ventilation.
- Feed must be stored properly to prevent spoilage and to prevent access to other animals and rodents.
- Educational animal project permits shall be issued for the period noted on the application form, during which time unscheduled monthly inspections may be conducted.
- Once the permit has expired, a new Temporary Use Permit shall be secured for future projects.
- In the event of a complaint, or if unsatisfactory conditions are identified through inspection, the 4-H, FFA or other accredited program representative shall cooperate with city staff to enforce the conditions of the educational animal project permit;
- Any violation of the permit requirements may result in the revocation of the educational animal project permit. The permittee shall be given written notification prior to consideration for revocation.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following information shall be provided at time of application submittal:

- Complete Educational Animal Husbandry Temporary Use Permit application.
- Application Fee of \$50.00
- Site Plan: may use a Google image, clearly label all structures, property lines and where animals are kept. The distance between the housing/enclosure for the animals and the adjacent residential structures must be clearly labeled and must include the following information
  - a) Name, address, telephone number, and email address of applicant (and property owner, if different).
  - b) Assessor's Parcel Number and property address.
  - c) Drawn to scale (number of feet per inch).
  - d) Date prepared and date of revisions (if applicable).
  - e) Boundaries and dimensions of the subject property.
  - f) Location and dimensions of all existing structures and proposed structures, including all enclosures or corrals proposed for the animals. Label material type (e.g. wood, steel, etc.).

g) Proposed setbacks for enclosures or corrals from existing on-site structures and structures on adjacent properties.

- Project Description: Detailing the animal husbandry project proposed, animal type, care of animal, animal quantity, project duration, etc.
- Completed Neighbor Notification Form. If unable to get signatures, please submit a letter attesting to the date sent to the neighbors and their addresses.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Upon receipt of an application and the required fee, the Planning Department will review your request for a Temporary Use Permit for completeness. If the application is incomplete, Staff will notify you of all items necessary for completeness within seven (7) days. If you are unable to get the adjacent properties to sign the neighbor notification form, the City will mail a letter to the property owners notifying them of the project and allowing them ten (10) days to comment on the request prior to approval. If the Temporary Use Permit is approved, Staff will email you a copy of the approval. The approval is valid for the period noted on the approval.