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This is an excerpt from the Lapeer Township zoning ordinance: Amended January 14, 2008

Section 1.30 FARM ANIMALS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. The keeping of horses, cows, swine, llamas, alpaca, and other split hooved and non split hooved animals which are similar including emu and ostrich, for recreational purposes may be permitted in the AE Agricultural Estates and the R-1A, R-1B and R-1C Single-Family zoning districts for the private and personal use of the owner or lessee of such land, for his family and friends, and shall not constitute a commercial operation nor a public stable, and shall observe the following standards.

1. The minimum lot area shall be five (5) acres (two (2) animals may be kept on the first five acres).
2. One (1) acre shall be provided for each additional animal over the first two (2) kept on the site.
3. Stables, paddock areas for instruction, exercise or confinement of horses or other animals, and manure storage areas shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from any residential structure on abutting parcels and at least fifty (50) feet from any property line.
4. Livestock used for 4-H or FFA projects may be permitted (on properties not meeting the size requirements noted above) by the Township subject to a letter being provided which indicates the number of animals currently being raised for such purpose and indicating the timeframe such animals will be on the property. The letter shall also provide confirmation that the applicant or immediate family member is an active member of 4-H or FFA. Authorization to keep livestock pursuant to this subsection shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of receipt of the required letter.
5. The storage and disposal of manure shall follow all applicable GAAMPS.

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