

GUIDELINES

Keeping of Farm Animals

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information in simple easy to read terms so that persons interested in keeping animals are made aware of relevant Local Authority requirements and to clarify how to apply for approval to keep farm animals.

Am I allowed to keep farm animals?

Farm animals must be kept in accordance with the provisions of any local planning scheme applicable to your area/zone. Farm animals are not permitted to be kept in a residential and special residential zone.

In addition, all pigs, including miniature pigs, are **not permitted** to be kept within a residential and special residential zone or within the Jandakot UWPCA.

Planning approval

Under the City of Kwinana Local Planning Scheme No. 2, the keeping of farm animals maybe considered as intensive agriculture use. Only Rural A Zone are permitted for intensive agriculture use and this is subjected to planning approval with stocking rates determined under the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Stocking Rate Guidelines for Rural Small Holdings.

A stock management plan maybe required as part of the planning approval. The purpose of a stock management plan is to ensure that stock are being managed in such a way as to maintain their general wellbeing and provide for their nutritional needs without causing a nuisance or degradation of the land.

Please contact the City's Planning Department on 9439 0200 or email planning.team@kwinana.wa.gov.au prior to lodging a planning application.

Building approval

A building permit maybe required to construct any stable or animal shelter on the land. These structure must comply with the Building Act 2011 and associated Regulations.

Definitions

farm animal includes cow, sheep, goat, pig or other hoofed mammal, excluding a horse;

Jandakot UWPCA means the Jandakot Underground Water Pollution Control Area, a gazetted public drinking water source area under the *Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Act 1909*.

vermin include rats, mice, flies, fleas, mites, lice, cockroaches and any other animal, whether vertebrate or invertebrate, which is known to be a vector of disease or is likely to cause damage to human food, habitation or possessions.

Please contact the City's Building Department on 9439 0200 or email building@kwinana.wa.gov.au for further information.

General requirements for keeping of farm animals.

- You must keep your property free from excrement, filth, food waste and all other matter which may cause a nuisance, become offensive or injurious to health or to attract vermin and where possible, free from flies or other vermin, by spraying with a residual insecticide or other effective means.
- All farm animals must be prevented from approaching within 18 metres of any dwelling, public building, building used for commercial purposes or food business.
- Any stable, enclosure or shelter provided for the keeping of farm animals must be situated at least 18 metres away from any dwelling, public building, building used for commercial purposes or food business, and at least one metre from any land boundary, and maintained in a manner to provide adequate shelter, drainage, and ventilation.
- The land on which the farm animals are enclosed must be fenced or walled in a manner that can confine the animals, depending on species, age, size, and condition of the animals, can prevent the animals from escaping.