

- B. The home occupation shall involve no employees other than members of the immediate family residing on the premises.
- C. All home occupation activities shall be conducted indoors, except gardening.
- D. No structural alterations or additions which will alter the residential character of the structure shall be permitted to accommodate a home occupation.
- E. Only customary domestic or household equipment, or equipment judged by the Administrator not to be injurious or a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood shall be permitted.
- F. There shall be no external evidence of such occupations except a small announcement sign not exceeding two (2) square feet and conforming to provisions for signage contained in Article 8.
- G. No unrelated commodity shall be sold on the premises in connection with a home occupation.
- H. No home occupation shall be permitted which is injurious to the general character of the residential district and which creates a congested or otherwise hazardous traffic or parking condition.

5.18 Essential Services. Essential services shall be permitted as authorized and regulated by law and other ordinances of the Township. The construction of buildings associated with essential services shall be subject to the provisions of Article 11, Site Plan Review. Otherwise, the construction, maintenance, and alteration of essential services shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.

→ **5.19 Keeping of Animals.**

- A. Household Pets. Household pets may be kept on private property in accordance with the following standards:
 - 1. The keeping of up to four (4) household pets of more than six (6) months of age shall be permitted on any residentially-zoned or used lot or unit. However, small household pets kept within the residence, and small animals (such as small birds, frogs, toads, fish, gerbils, hamsters, mice, and the like) shall not be limited in number. All household pets shall be maintained and accommodated in a manner so as to not pose a nuisance to adjoining property or a hazard to water quality and the public health, safety and welfare.

2. Private Kennels. The keeping of greater than four (4) household pets of more than six (6) months of age, belonging to the owner, shall constitute a private kennel, and shall be subject to the following standards:
 - a. Allowable Zoning Districts. Private kennels are allowed on property zoned C, AG, AR and RR, subject to special land use review pursuant to Article 4.
 - b. Lot Size. The lot or parcel shall be adequate in size to provide a distance of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet to any dwelling on adjoining property and twenty (20) feet to a side or rear lot line, from the care or pen housing the animals.
 - c. Number of Animals Allowed. Private kennels shall in no case exceed eight (8) household pets of more than six (6) months of age.
 - d. County Licensing. Private kennels shall maintain a valid kennel license, when required by Washtenaw County.
 - e. Incidental Uses. The sale of animals or pet/veterinary products, training or grooming of animals, and providing veterinary care shall be incidental to the private kennel use, and shall not be available to the general public.
3. Commercial Kennels. Commercial kennels include any establishment animals are confined and kept for sale, boarding, breeding or training, or remuneration. The purpose of regulating kennels is to maintain adequate health standards, and to protect the general public. A commercial kennel shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Licensing and Other Requirements. Commercial kennels shall have a valid kennel license from Washtenaw County, and shall comply with all applicable local, county and state requirements for such facilities.
 - b. Minimum Lot Area. A minimum lot area shall be provided on not less than five (5) acres, with a minimum lot width of not less than five hundred (500) feet.
 - c. Enclosure. All animals shall be kept in an enclosed structure, or within a securely fenced area complying with Section 5.8. The Special Use Permit may limit the time

during which the animals are permitted out of the kennel building(s).

- d. **Setbacks.** Structures in which animals are kept, as well as animal runs and exercise areas, shall not be less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from any adjacent property lines.
 - e. **Animal Waste.** Animal waste shall be collected and disposed of on a regular basis so as not constitute a nuisance to adjacent properties.
 - f. **Odor Control.** Properties on which commercial kennels are kept shall be maintained in a sanitary condition. Such properties shall not emit unreasonable objectionable odors onto adjacent or nearby properties.
 - g. **Grooming.** Pet grooming (including bathing, fur and nail trimming, brushing, flea and tick treatment, and similar treatment) shall be permitted for animals being boarded; for animals not being boarded, pet grooming shall be permitted if specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
 - h. **Sale of Products.** The sale of pet and veterinary products shall be incidental to the kennel unless specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
 - i. **Veterinary Care.** Veterinary care shall be incidental to the kennel unless specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
 - j. **Sale of Animals.** The sale of animals shall be permitted only if specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
 - k. **Training.** Training of pets and owners shall be permitted only if specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
 - l. **Breeding.** In districts other than AG, the kennel shall not be operated for breeding purposes, unless specifically authorized in the Special Use Permit.
 - m. **Number of Animals Allowed.** The Special Use Permit shall establish a limit on the number of animals that may be boarded at one time.
- B. **Farm Animals.** Farm animals may be kept on property zoned C, AG, AR and RR, pursuant to the following standards:

1. **Applicability.** The regulations of this sub-section shall apply to all properties upon which farm animals are kept, with the exception of bona fide farm operations protected in accordance with the Right to Farm Act (P.A. 93 of 1981).
2. **Minimum Lot Size Required.** The minimum lot size required for the keeping of farm animals shall be two and one-half (2½) acres.
3. **Density of Animals Allowed.** The aggregate number of farm animals that may be kept on a property other than a farm protected under the Right to Farm Act shall not exceed one (1) animal unit per acre, in accordance with Animal Unit Equivalency table provided below.

Animal Unit Equivalency

Animal Type	No. of Animal Units per Animal
Slaughter and Feeder Cattle	1.0
Dairy Cattle	1.4
Swine	0.4
Sheep and Lambs	0.1
Horses	2.0
Turkeys	0.02
Chickens	0.01

The animal unit equivalency for all other animal classes, types or sizes not included in this table, but defined in the Michigan Right to Farm Act or described in Michigan Commission of Agriculture Policy, shall be calculated on the basis of one thousand (1,000) pounds live weight equaling one (1) animal unit.

4. **Fencing.** All areas in which farm animals are kept shall be securely fenced. Such fencing shall conform to the requirements of Section 5.8.
5. **Setbacks.** No building or confined feeding area in which farm animals are kept or fed shall be located in the front yard of a lot, nor shall they be located closer than sixty (60) feet to any property line or road right-of-way line.

6. Animal Waste. Manure or other animal waste shall not accumulate or be stored within one hundred (100) feet of any property line or road right-of-way line.
 7. Odor Control. Properties on which farm animals are kept shall be maintained in a sanitary condition. Such properties shall not emit unreasonable objectionable odors onto adjacent or nearby properties.
 8. Animals shall be maintained and accommodated in a manner so as to not pose a nuisance.
- C. Wild or Exotic Animals. It shall be unlawful for wild or exotic animals to be kept, bred, exchanged, bought or sold in Augusta Charter Township, except by the following facilities and organizations: zoological parks and aquariums accredited by the American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums; wildlife sanctuaries; nature preserves; circuses; and bona fide scientific, medical, or educational research facilities.

5.20 Trash.

- A. Dumpsters or other trash receptacles shall be screened in accordance with Section 5.8(H).
- B. A temporary trash and construction debris storage area shall be required to be located on the site of all construction and renovation projects for the duration of the project. All trash and debris shall be removed from the property and disposed of properly.

5.21 Traffic Impact Studies.

- A. Intent. The Township requires traffic impact studies in certain cases to identify the anticipated traffic impacts and to assist in decision making. The intent of this section is to provide specific direction for the preparation of traffic impact studies where such studies are required by this Zoning Ordinance. The requirements of this section are also intended to help Township staff and officials determine the appropriateness of certain uses at proposed locations in terms of traffic impacts and the adequacy of proposed access design.
- B. Applicability. A traffic impact study may be required by the Planning Commission for any use which, in the Township Engineer's preliminary analysis, is expected to potentially generate over one hundred (100) directional trips in any peak hour or over seven hundred fifty (750) directional trips in an average day, or for projects at locations that currently experience traffic operational problems.

EXAMPLE:

Keeping of animals can be found under Section 5.19 Keeping of Animals (This applies to property zoned: C, AG, AR and RR).

Speaking of only Farm Animals such as horses and cows/pigs etc., if the property is a working farm there is no limit on the number of animals and it falls under the protection of the Right-to-Farm Act. Otherwise, a property owner needs 2.5 acres for the keeping of one (1) horse. Basically the ordinance says that there can be on (1) animal unit per acre. Horses equal two (2) animal units per acre. Basically, one (1) acre yields ½ horse after the first 2.5 acres.

Therefore, on a 2.5 acre parcel, one (1) horse can be kept. For every two (2) acres after the first 2.5 acres another horse can be added. Therefore, on 4.5 acres two (2) horses can be kept.
Calculation for 10 acres

First 2.5 acres yields	1 horse
<u>Reminder of 7.5 acres yields.....</u>	<u>3 horses</u>
Total for 10 acres:	4 horses

7.5 = 3.75 horses (no rounding up)