

Section 719.121 – Keeping or Raising of Animals

A. The keeping of animals shall be allowed in every district, subject to the following:

1. Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to prevent the keeping of domestic pets in any district. A commercial kennel, however, shall not constitute the keeping of domestic pets.
2. The keeping of farm animals shall only be allowed on a minimum size of five (5) acres in the AG district and R district. Raising animals for a school project, 4H project, or similar educational program shall be exempt from the five (5) acre requirement only for animals sold at the agricultural fair. Horses being raised for a 4H or similar equestrian project shall be limited to one (1) horse on parcels less than five (5) acres and one (1) additional horse per acre over five (5) acres.
3. The keeping of animals on any property shall be per Article VIII of the Macomb County Animal Control Best Practices Ordinance.
4. It shall be unlawful to own, possess, or harbor any dangerous, wild, or exotic animals without proper Federal, State, or Local permits.