

LAWRENCE URBAN AG POLICY

Do you know your rights and responsibilities?

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A community food production guide from the Douglas County Food Policy Council



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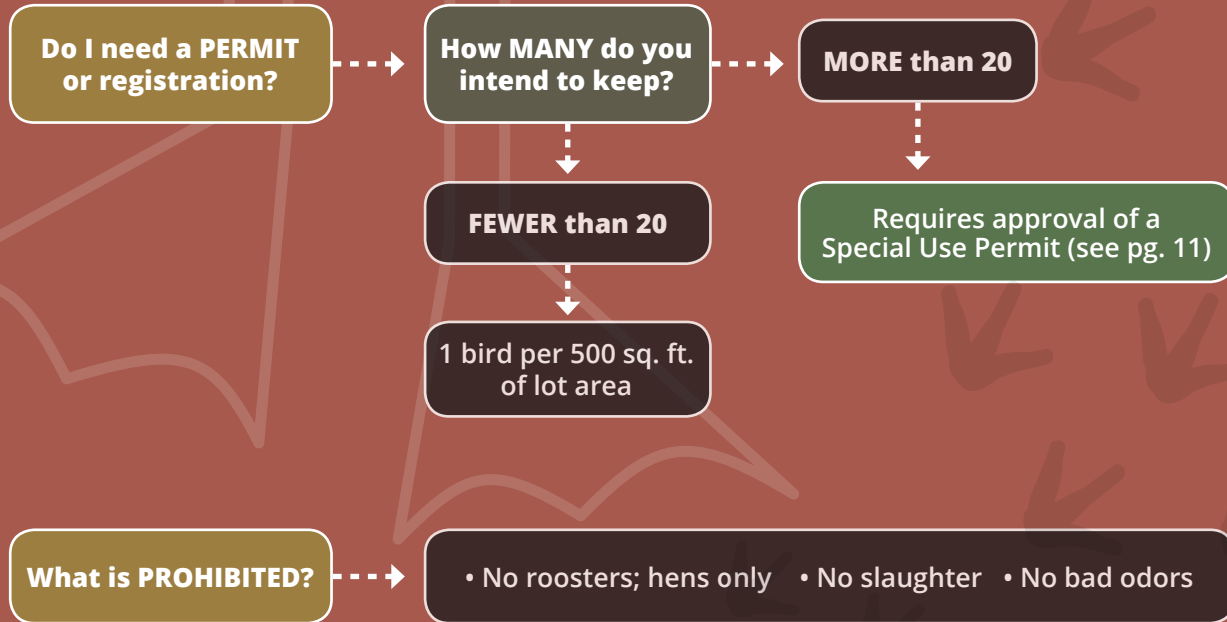
So you want to GROW CROPS?



So you want to SELL AGRICULTURE on-site?

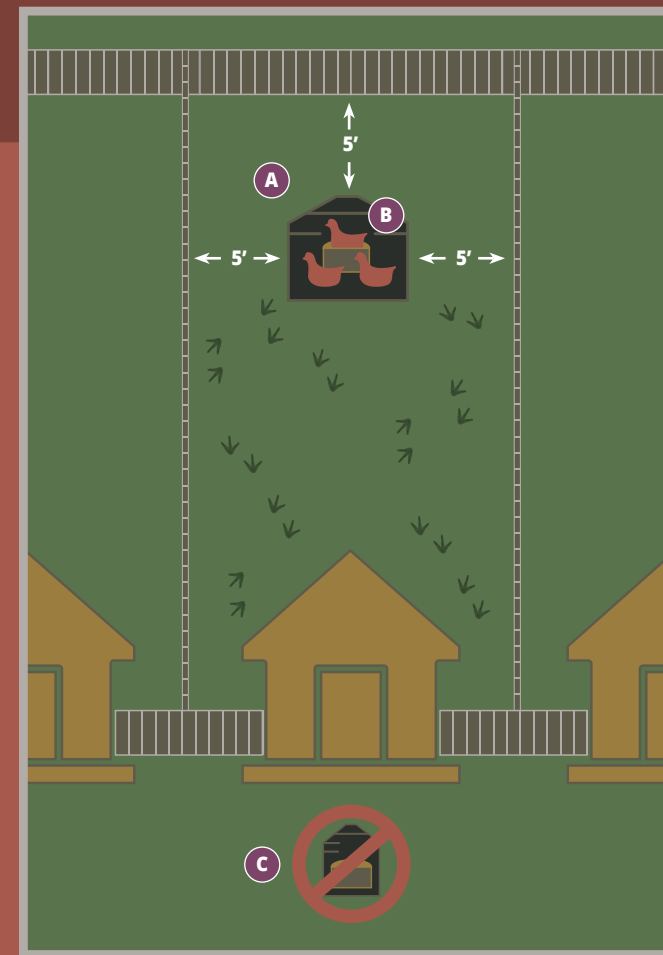


So you want to raise CHICKENS or DUCKS?



Where am I allowed to keep FOWL on my property?

- Chickens or ducks must be kept at established homes or businesses; they may not occupy a site alone
- A COOP is required:
 - Must be positioned at least 5 ft. from adjacent properties **A**
 - Must provide 1 laying box for every 3 hens; and one roost per hen **B** (does not apply to ducks)
 - May not be in front yard **C**
 - Must be a minimum of 3 sq. ft. per bird with an outdoor run, or 10 sq. ft. per bird if no enclosed outdoor run is provided
 - Must be sturdy (able to keep predators out) and well-maintained

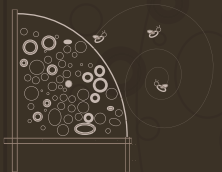


So you want to keep BEES?

I'm interested in WILD POLLINATORS

Consider a bee hotel:

- Provides temporary housing for wild pollinators
- Easy to build; easy to maintain
- Permitted without restriction in the City of Lawrence



I'm interested in HONEY production

Do I need a PERMIT or registration?

No, but if any hives are not kept on your own property, you must include your name and phone number on the hive(s)

How MANY hives can I have on my lot?

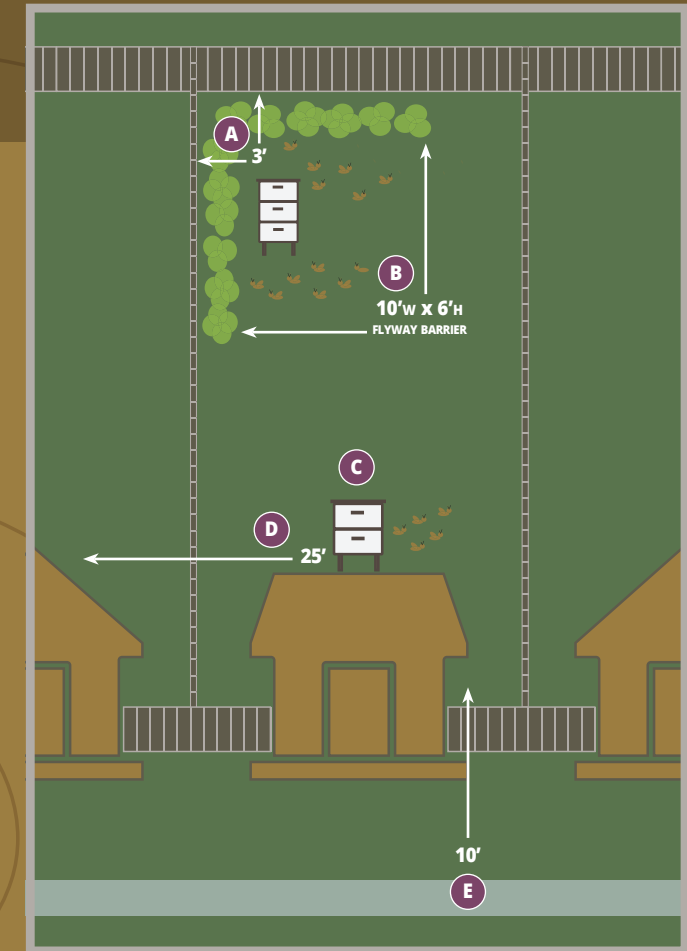
- 2 hives for every ¼ acre, not to exceed 8 hives
- Hives may not be larger than 20 cu. ft.

What about the BEES?

- Provide water March - October
- No Africanized honey bees
- If defensive behavior develops, you must requeen the colony

Where am I allowed to keep HIVES on my property?

- Hives must be placed at least 3 ft. from property lines **(A)**
- If hives are within 10 ft. of the property line, a flyway barrier (at least 6 ft. tall, extending 10 ft. in both directions from the hive, vegetative and/or solid) must be provided **(B)**
- Hives may be kept on rooftops, in side yards, and in backyards **(C)**
- Hives must be placed at least 25 ft. from the main building on neighboring lots **(D)**
- Hives must be placed at least 10 ft. from sidewalks **(E)**



So you want to raise GOATS or SHEEP?

What SPECIES?

- Only small or dwarf species permitted
- Must not be taller than 24" at the withers when grown

Do I need a PERMIT?

No, but animals older than 120 days require vaccinations for rabies and leptospirosis

How MANY can I keep?

- Minimum of 2; lot must be 10,000 sq. ft.
- Up to 4 on lots bigger than 20,000 sq. ft.
- Nursing offspring/under 12 weeks do not count

Keeping more animals requires approval of a Special Use Permit (see pg. 11)

What about MALES?

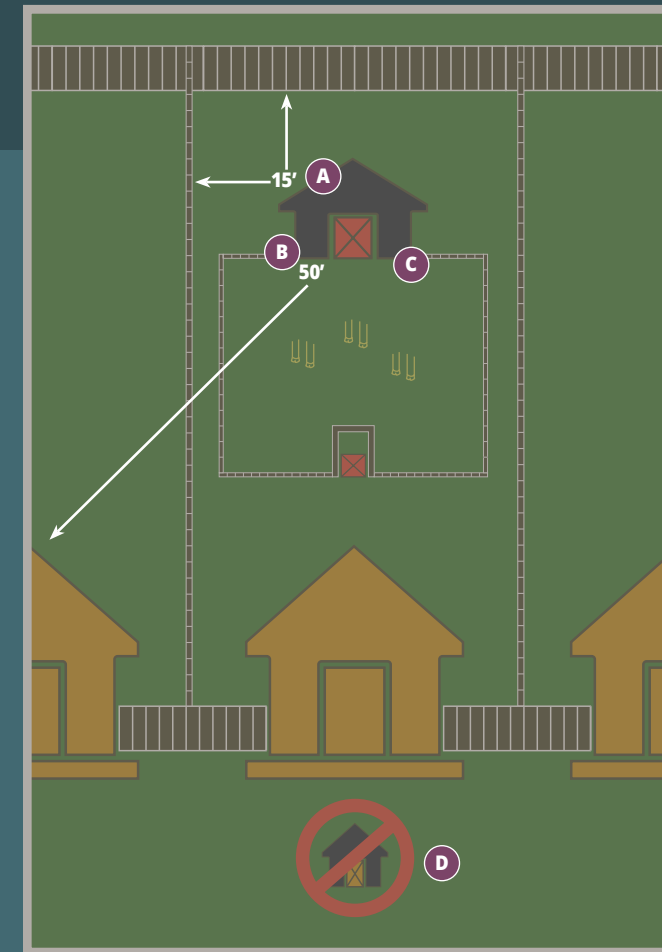
Males older than 4 weeks must be neutered

Can I process them for MEAT?

Slaughtering on-site is NOT permitted, but you may seek out a licensed processor to butcher, smoke, or otherwise process meat

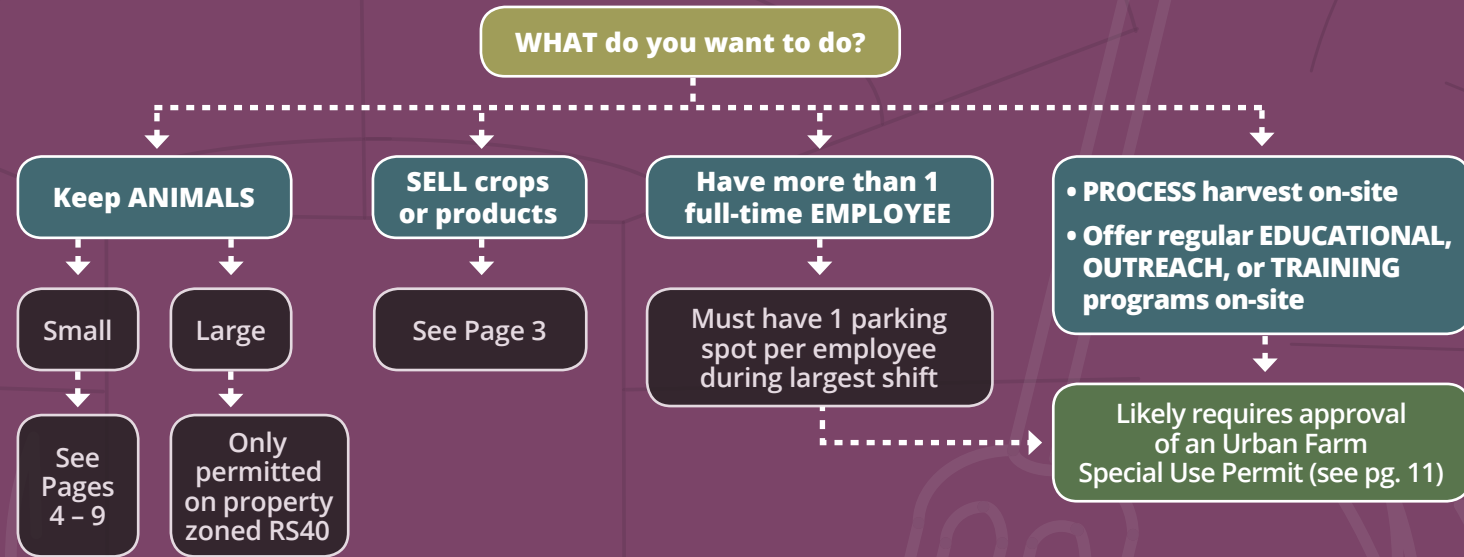
Where am I allowed to keep GOATS/SHEEP on my property?

- Miniature goats and sheep must be kept at established homes or businesses; they may not occupy a site alone
- A structure is required:
 - Must be at least 15 ft. from property lines **(A)**
 - Must be located at least 50 ft. from neighboring homes **(B)**
 - Must provide at least 10 sq. ft. of indoor living space for each animal and include a fenced, open area that provides at least 150 sq. ft. per animal **(C)**
 - Must be located in a back or side yard – not in front yard **(D)**
- If space is not well-maintained, animals may be removed

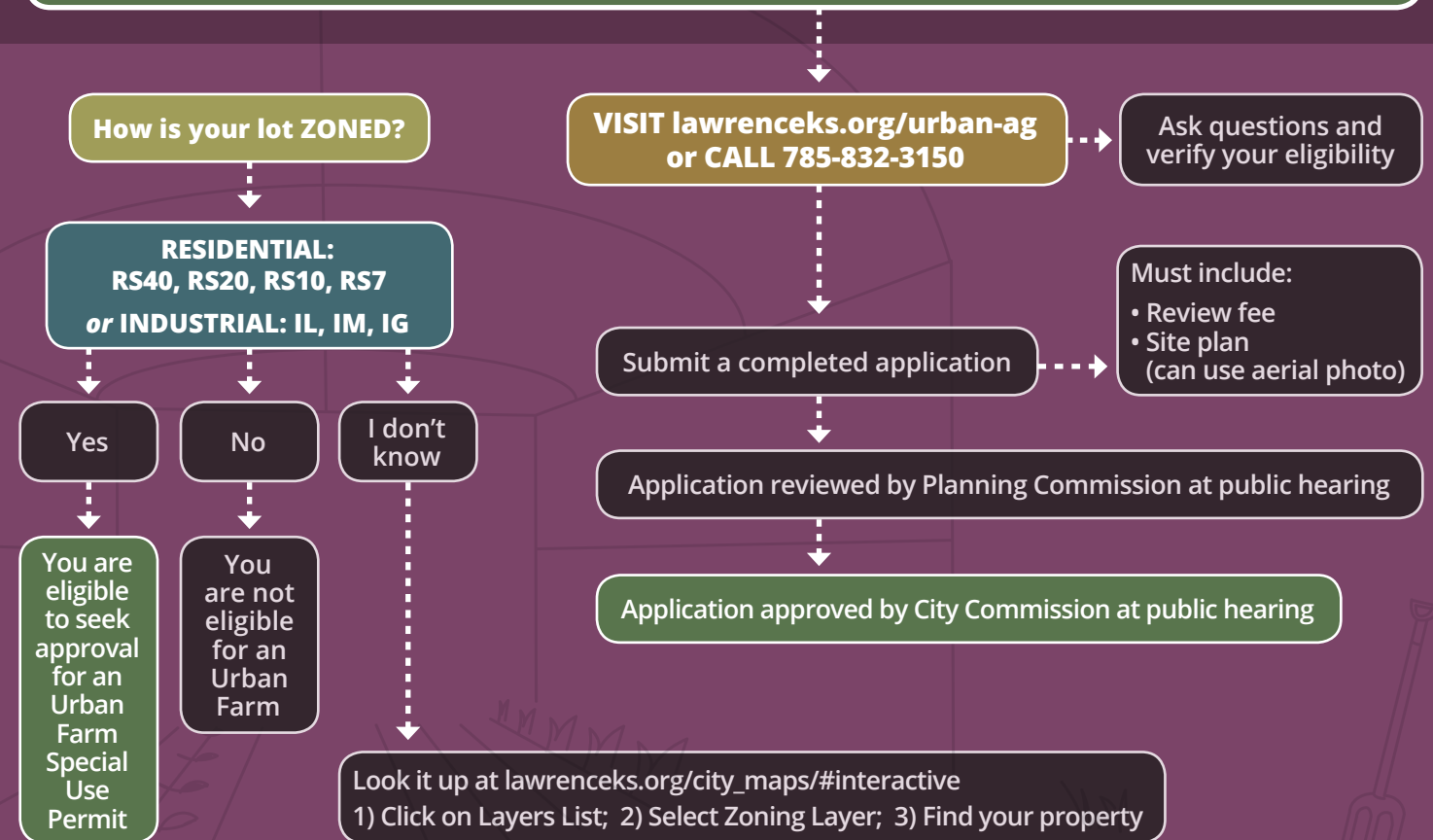


So you want to have an URBAN FARM?

The approval of an Urban Farm Special Use Permit is only required when on-site activities EXCEED the urban ag activities allowed by-right in Lawrence (such as larger sales, more employees, or more animals).



HOW DO I APPLY for an Urban Farm Special Use Permit?



The City of Lawrence has approved a series of policies to support urban agriculture, expanding the ability of residents to responsibly produce local, healthy food at home and creating opportunities to pursue commercial production.

THE CITY OF LAWRENCE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE DEFINES:

- What practices residents can do “by-right”
- What regulations limit those practices based upon zoning, lot size, etc.
- An “Urban Farm” Special Use Permit for activities that EXCEED the allowed practices
- The way urban ag regulations will be enforced

*Regardless of your urban agriculture activities, it is always important to respect your neighbors.
Maintain open communication that builds positive relationships.*



To learn more or ask questions,
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