

The City of Dayton's Code Compliance is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for the citizens of Dayton by providing public service in the enforcement of Public Nuisance, Animal Control, Street, Building, and Zoning Ordinances. We are committed to working with both citizens and businesses in a professional and effective manner. Enforcing city codes protects the values and aesthetics of property.

### What is Code Compliance?

Code Compliance is used for addressing violations of codes and/or public health and safety issues. Code Compliance actions are taken by priority, both proactively and reactively in response to requests for action received from citizens.

### How Do I Notify the City of a Possible Code Violation?

Complaints can be filed by using the Request for Action Form, and sending it by email, mail, fax, or filling it out in person. A completed form must be included with the following information: your name, phone number and address, the exact street address where the possible violation has occurred and specifics regarding the violation before city compliance officer will investigate.

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**Dayton Municipal Code (DMC)**  
Section DMC 11-03.020

**Know Your Zone**  
**Animals Allowed**  
**Inside City Limits**

**Code Compliance**

## Zones

While trying to keep the rural feel of our community we also have to be respectful of those who live in town for the urban qualities it provides.

In the city of Dayton we have 2 Residential Zones, Agricultural Residential (AR) and Urban Residential (UR). These Zones have different rules regarding what animals can be kept and how they should be housed.



## Agricultural Residential

AR Zones are areas that allow for the rural feel in a residential area. Included in AR Zones are all provisions of UR Zones. These areas have guidelines that must be followed when housing livestock.

Large animals such as cows, horses, alpacas, and llamas must have at least 40,000 square feet of usable pasture for the first animal and another 20,000 square feet for each additional animal.

Medium animals such as sheep, goats, or any animal weighing less than 200 pounds must have at least 10,000 square feet of usable pasture for the first animal and another 5,000 square feet for each additional animal.

Small-sized production animals such as chickens, rabbits, or similar sized animals must have at least 100 square feet of fenced area for the first animal and another 50 square feet for each additional animal.

Shelters must be built at least 25 feet from the property line or 50 feet from an existing residential building or a building on an adjacent lot. A small animal shelter housing less than six production animals must be built at least 15 feet from a side or rear property line and 20 feet from a front property line.

**Full-sized Swine are prohibited!**

## Urban Residential

UR Zones are areas that allow for the urban lifestyle that many residents have come to enjoy while being in a smaller community.

Household pets are the most common pet to be found in UR Zones. Included in household pets are dogs, cats, caged birds, rabbits, small rodents, miniature goats, potbelly pigs, and non-venomous reptiles. Large and medium animals are not allowed.

Three dogs are allowed per residential lot no matter what size dog. Full sized swine and goats are prohibited. A reptile over 10 pounds in size is not allowed in a UR Zone. A maximum of three household pets may be housed outside the residence in a shelter or fenced area.

Small production animals are allowed in UR Zones but are limited to the following restrictions: No more than six small production animals with a lot 7,200 square feet or larger. A variance may be requested for a lot smaller than this.

**Animal permitted uses are subject to  
\*DMC 11-03.020**

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