

# Agriculture In Residential Zones



## Agriculture in Residential Low Density (RL) Neighborhoods

Agriculture includes activities that raise, produce, or keep plants or animals. The Dallas Development Code (DDC) and the Dallas City Code (DCC) set guidelines for agriculture use in inside the city limits of Dallas. This information is not intended to replace the regulations found in the DDC, the DCC, or any applicable state laws. This brochure applies to RL Zoning Districts only.

### Gardens and Produce

Residential gardens and community gardens less than one acre in size are permitted.

### Allowed Farm Animals

<b>Chickens:</b>	Limit of five (5) chickens - hens only - for personal, family, or household use. Must be in a fenced area and the chicken coop setback at least ten (10) feet from neighboring property lines. No roosters allowed. (DDC. 2.2.120.C)
<b>Small Animals</b>	Rabbits and similar, small animals. (DDC. 2.2.120.C)
<b>Livestock:</b>	Cattle, lamas, sheep, goats, and similar livestock (no swine) within a fenced area with a minimum lot size of one (1) acre for the first animal and one-half acre for every additional head of livestock. (DDC. 2.2.120 C)
<b>Bee Hives:</b>	Stand or hive of bees must be at least 20 feet from the boundary line of the property.(DCC.5.522)

### Activities Not Permitted in Residential Zoning Districts

<b>Commercial use:</b>	Livestock or other animals for <u>commercial</u> purposes are not permitted. (DDC. 2.2.120.C)
<b>Wild Animals:</b>	No person shall keep in captivity a carnivorous wild animal or wild bird without approval of the city council. This includes but is not limited to wolves, coyotes, bobcats, bears, foxes, cougars, duck, goose, merganser, coot, snipe, pigeon, dove, pheasant, quail, partridge, grouse, peafowl, or wild turkey. (DDC.5.386)
<b>Kennels:</b>	Veterinary clinics, animal boarding, kennels, and similar uses are not allowed. (DDC 2.2.120.L)
<b>Cemeteries:</b>	Animal cemeteries, crematoria, and similar uses are not permitted. (DDC 2.2.120.L)
<b>Swine:</b>	Swine are not allowed. (DCC. 5.522)

### More Information

Agricultural uses may be subject to state and federal requirements. Property owners are responsible for complying with applicable regulations, including nuisance laws. Please discuss your questions with our Planning Department staff at 503.831.3571 to ensure your agricultural activities comply with current development code standards for your specific property.