

Question: What are the requirements for keeping livestock on residential property?

Conditional use approval from the Planning Board is required to keep livestock. The property doesn't have to have farm assessment, but it must meet all of the conditions (see [§ 21-12.2 General Requirements: 12.2a, b, c, d, f](#) and [§ 21-12.3e Specific Requirements: Raising or Keeping of Livestock](#)). If it doesn't meet one or more of the conditions, then a use variance would be required from the Board of Adjustment. The ordinance applies to keeping any number of farm animals or a small number of chickens. If it's a large number of chickens, then it may be considered a poultry farm and would need 50 acres. Of course, "large" and "small" aren't exact numbers, best judgement will be used.

Question: What permits or fees are associated with obtaining conditional use approval for livestock?

Requirements for fees associated with a **conditional use application** or for a **use variance** if conditions are not met are found in [Table 901](#). Additional information on Applications and Appeals can be found in [§ 21-5.8](#). For further information and guidance as to which Land Use Board to approach, you can contact the Planning and Zoning Board Secretary ckiefer@bernards.org