

## ORDINANCE NO. O2025-018

### AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YUMA, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE YUMA CITY CODE, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF LARGE ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the Yuma City Code designates the requirements and regulations for the keeping and care of animals, including large animals; and,

WHEREAS, from time to time it may be desirable to review and modify the code in keeping with the context of a dynamic and growing community and consistency between different titles; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on April 14, 2025 in Case no: ZONE-43224-2025 in the manner prescribed by law for the purpose of amending the City of Yuma Zoning Code; and,

WHEREAS, the text amendment will provide consistency between City Code Titles for calculating the number of large animals that may be kept on large parcels; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the zoning code text amendment in Case No: ZONE-43224-2025 and the probable impact on the cost to construct housing for sale or rent that may occur as a result of this amendment, and finds that the recommendation complies with and conforms to the goals and objectives of the Yuma General Plan, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: Yuma City Code, Title 15, Chapter 154, Article 5, Subsection 4, Suburban Ranch District, Paragraph (C) is amended to insert the bolded text and delete the strike through text:

(C) Permitted principal uses.

(1) One single-family dwelling;

(2) Farms, truck gardens and the raising of poultry, rabbits and other small farm animals for domestic use. ~~The keeping of horses and other large animals for domestic use shall be limited to one large animal per each 10,000 square feet of side and rear yard area.~~ **One horse, cow, or similar animal, or two sheep, goats or similar animal shall be permitted for each 6,000 square feet of net lot area after deducting one-half acre for the home site. Fractions of less than 6,000 square feet shall be rounded off. Animals of six months or younger shall not be counted.** Any building or shade for the animals shall be at least **50** ~~100~~-feet from **the dwelling and the property line** ~~any other existing or potential dwelling on adjacent lots;~~

SECTION 2: Yuma City Code, Title 15, Chapter 154, Article 5, Subsection 4, Low Density Residential Districts, Paragraph (C) (7) is amended to insert the bolded text and delete the strike through text:

(7) In the R-1-40 District only, farms, truck gardens and the raising of poultry, rabbits and other small farm animals for domestic use. The keeping of horses and other large farm animals for domestic use shall be limited to ~~one large animal per each 10,000 square feet of side and rear yard area.~~ **one horse, cow, or similar animal, or two sheep, goats or similar animal shall be permitted for each 6,000 square feet of net lot area after deducting one-half acre for the home site. Fractions of less than 6,000 square feet shall be rounded off. Animals of six months or younger shall not be counted.** Any building or shade for the animals shall be at least **50** ~~100~~ feet from **the dwelling and the property line** ~~any other existing or potential dwelling on adjacent lots;~~

SECTION 3: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to violate, or cause the violation of, any provision of this ordinance. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions in this ordinance shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than ten days or both fine and imprisonment. Each separate day or part thereof during which any violation of said sections occurs or continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as herein provided.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Douglas J. Nicholls  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Lynda L. Bushong  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richard W. Files  
City Attorney