

Keeping of Livestock

LIVESTOCK

The keeping of Livestock in the Townsville region is governed by Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011.

Livestock are administered under the same laws as all other domestic animals. These laws require animals to be kept upon their own land at all times and are not allowed to wander or stray from their enclosures. These animals are to be kept in accordance with the law and must not cause a nuisance.

If any animal is found not being kept in accordance with the law, penalties may be imposed by means of on the spot fines, notices or prosecution.

Any animal found to be unrestrained and wandering at large, or, upon the land of another person to who permission has not been granted to keep the animal upon; council may seize the animal and impound it under the Local Law. In these instances, associated seizure and impounding costs may be recuperated from the animal's owner or responsible person.

Visit Council's website to view the current [Fees and Charges Schedule](#).

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR KEEPING THESE TYPES OF ANIMALS?

You are to keep the animals in accordance with the minimum standards in Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011. Extra conditions include:

1. The stable is not located within a 10m radius of –
 - A residence on adjoining premises; or
 - A place used for the manufacture, preparation or storage of food for human consumption other than a domestic kitchen used solely for domestic purposes by the keeper of the animal/s,

2. The stable is set back a minimum of 2m from each boundary of the premises,
3. The stable is located a minimum of 20m from any watercourse, well or bore,
4. The stable floor must be covered with an absorbent soft floor material which is required to be changed at least once every 6 week period,
5. The interior of the stable and any associated open yard are cleaned of manure and other unhygienic matter daily,
6. The construction of the stable complies with the requirement of any applicable approval or code,
7. The stable is maintained in good condition and repair,
8. If the animal is kept in a free range paddock the premises must ensure that shelter of a clean, dry and shady nature is provided together with the minimum space per animal prescribed in the *Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals*.

The number of livestock animals able to be kept at a property depends on the type of animal as well as the size of the land it will be kept on.

MORE INFORMATION & CONTACTING COUNCIL

If you require any further information about this or any other Livestock issue, please call Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 878 001 or visit the Townsville City Council website www.townsville.qld.gov.au

