Chickens, Pigs, Goats, Bees and Other Poultry and Livestock in Lake Arbor

Livestock and poultry are prohibited in Lake Arbor.

This is not a prohibition set by Lake Arbor HOA; it is established by Protective Covenants, Section 11 which states:

> *"No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any lot, except that dogs, cats, or other household pets may be kept provided that they are not kept, bred or maintained for any commercial purpose."*

The Covenants are a legally-binding contract between homeowners and cannot be changed by LAHOA or any individual. They can only be changed by a majority vote of the residents within each filing.

Even though the City of Arvada may allow poultry or livestock, they still cannot be kept in Lake Arbor. The contract between homeowners – the Covenants – is not superseded by city ordinances; the more stringent Covenants requirements apply. The City of Arvada and any attorney will validate this statement.

Although many people are not offended by, or at risk from, the presence of poultry and livestock (including bees), many others are, and they expect that the Covenant prohibition on these animals be enforced equitably in the neighborhood.

The LAHOA Board periodically reviews its policy on enforcing this prohibition and has repeatedly reaffirmed its position to remind homeowners about this prohibition and, if necessary, cite them for any violation. LAHOA has no power to invalidate or change this or any Covenants provision.

Remember, any homeowner can enforce the Covenants upon any other homeowner, even without HOA assistance. The best course of action for homeowners is to abide by the Covenants and not keep these animals on their property.

The protective covenants can be found at https://lakearborhoa.org, select Documents.