

## HORSE-KEEPING RULES · ORANGE PARK ACRES — THE CITY OF ORANGE SIDE

## Can I actually keep horses here?

Four on an acre, and six is the ceiling however much land you own.

Roughly three-quarters of OPA's parcels — about 1,154 of them — are inside the City of Orange. Here you need 20,000 square feet *and* the right zoning even to begin, and there is a hard cap that does not move.

**TWO CONDITIONS, BOTH REQUIRED**

§ 17.13.040(F)(4)

**20,000 sq ft + R1-20**

Lots under 20,000 sq ft get no equines at all, under (F)(3).

**INITIAL 20,000 SQ FT ALLOWS**

§ 17.13.040(F)(4)

**2 animals**

Then one more per additional 10,000 sq ft of contiguous land.

**HARD CAP**

§ 17.13.040(F)(4)

**6 animals**

A five-acre R1-40 parcel still gets six.

**FROM OTHER HABITABLE STRUCTURES**

§ 17.13.040(F)(4)(c)

**50 ft**

Other than the owner's own dwelling.

**FROM ANY PROPERTY LINE**

§ 17.13.040(F)(4)(c)

**20 ft**

And not in the required front yard.

## What catches people out

**№ 01****The gap across the street is enormous**

A one-acre county parcel supports eight horses by right and up to twelve with a permit. A one-acre city parcel supports four. That is a materially different property, and the difference is invisible from the kerb.

**№ 02****“In any combination” means pooled**

Like Yorba Linda, the limit runs across adult equine, bovine, sheep, goats and swine together. It is not a horse limit.

**№ 03****Stables are not permitted in any residential district**

In the City of Orange, stables are allowed only by conditional use permit in the A1, RO, M1 and M2 districts. If the plan involves a stable operation rather than private keeping, that changes which parcels can work.

**Source and currency.** City of Orange Municipal Code § 17.13.040(F). Jurisdiction split verified against four independent sources.

This document reports what the published code says. It is not a zoning determination and it is not legal advice. Ordinances change, and the answer for a *specific parcel* can turn on its zone, its slope, its recorded easements or a permit issued decades ago. Before you rely on any of it, confirm with City of Orange Community Development.