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Hello. I live in Connellsville twp and have had livestock for several years. We have 1.000 acres and are zoned as A-1. Today, we received a letter from the Fayette County Code Enforcement claiming that a person must own 1.83 acres or 80,000 sq Ft of land to own even a single chicken. They're trying to force me into paying a hideous amount of money to become "compliant." I was given 30 days to clear out or pay the money to become "compliant." I hope I can get some guidance here. Please let me know what I can do next and whether this is legal. We raise fowl for food and eggs and sheep and goats for what we were hoping to turn into a business in 2023. If we have to get rid of all of our animals, that will destroy our dreams of owning animals and being small business owners. Please help!

I can be reached at [REDACTED]

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Hello. My in laws [REDACTED], though my father in law is deceased, do own the property and it is 1.000 acres. We raise our chickens and ducks to produce food for ourselves and the sheep and goats are to keep the weeds and grass mowed down. They have raised rabbits on this property for over 30 years. Our business is not formed yet, therefor no business is being done on the farm. Our business we are wanting to do is to clear vacant or overgrown tracts of land using sheep and goats to clean them up, vs the destructive and invasive machinery. This is something we've talked about for many months, long before zoning ever came around. I feel as though we're being unfairly persecuted because we don't have a bunch of land. I hope y'all can help. Thank you! Please don't hesitate to call or email if you need anything else!

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