

TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-24

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 176 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD CAPTIONED "LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING", SECTION 48 CAPTIONED "ANIMALS"

WHEREAS, on a periodic basis the Township of Waterford reviews its Land Use, Development and Zoning Ordinance for any revisions determined to be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, upon review of Chapter 176, Section 48 captioned "Animals" it has been determined that amendments should be made to said Chapter to provide clarification as to the Regulations and conditions for maintaining animals in the Township of Waterford.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 176 of the Code of the Township of Waterford captioned "Land Use, Development and Zoning", Section 48 captioned "Animals" is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Agricultural Animals. Agricultural Animals as defined in Section 9 of this Chapter, with the exception of horses, may be kept and maintained only if the following conditions are met.

(1) The lot on which the agricultural animals are to be located is at least five (5) acres in size.

(2) The lot on which the agricultural animals are to be located is qualified, pursuant to the Farmland Assessment Act of 1964 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-23.1 et seq.) as land actively devoted to agricultural use.

(3) A Farm Management Plan prepared in accordance with the Guidelines of the U.S.

Department of Agricultural, Natural Resources Conservation Service is filed with the Township.

(4) The use of the animals directly relates to the agricultural use for which the Farmland Assessment has been granted.

(5) Appropriate shelter as defined in Section 9 of this Chapter shall be provided for all Agricultural Animals.

(6) No shipping container, crate, truck body, van or other similar enclosures shall be utilized for sheltering or housing of the agricultural animals.

B. Horses. Horses are permitted on lots in all Zoning Districts of one (1) acre or more, exclusive of buffers, easements and other specific restrictions if the following conditions are met:

(1) There shall be no more than two (2) horses located on a minimum of one (1) acre of fenced land, with an additional ten thousand (10,000) square feet of fenced land area required for each additional horse.

(2) No parcel of less than five (5) acres shall be used for a commercial boarding stable.

C. General Requirements.

(1) All Animals and animal shelters and stables shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and maintained to eliminate objectionable odors and accumulation of flies. Bedding straw and manure shall be properly disposed on a regular basis.

(2) Fencing shall be provided and maintained to prevent the animals from leaving the premises in which they are maintained. All fences shall be constructed of material as defined in Section 9 of this Chapter and in such a manner as to prevent the escape of animals.

(3) Shelters and stables for animals shall not be located closer than fifty (50) feet to any property line. Shelters and stables for animals shall not be located in a front yard.

(4) Minimum stall, stable or shelter size for each horse shall be one hundred (100) square feet (ten (10) feet by ten (10) feet).

(5) Manure shall be removed daily from all interior shelters and stables. Once manure is removed it should be handled in one of the following manners:

(a) Used immediately by incorporation into the soil of a garden or by spreading on neighboring fields. If manure is to spread on neighboring fields, application is not to exceed ten (10) tons per acre of the latest recommendations from the State's Land Grant College.

(b) Incorporated into a composting procedure so that odors, flies and other vermin do not create a problem. A manure pile does not qualify as a composting procedure.

(c) Store in rain free, well drained,

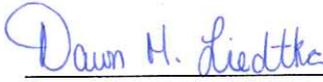
screened and fly and vermin free storage area located at least fifty (50) feet or more from the property line until the manure can be handled in any of the above alternatives.

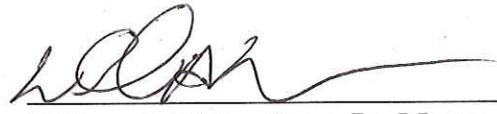
(6) All structures and stables shall meet existing building codes and all fencing shall meet existing codes.

Section 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances that are inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency only.

Section 3. If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall only take effect after final adoption and publication as required by law and approval by the New Jersey Pinelands Commission.


 Dawn Liedtka, RMC Deputy Clerk


 William A. Richardson, Jr., Mayor

Intro: August 8, 2018
 Public Hearing: September 12, 2018
 Adopted: Sept. 12, 2018

UPON INTRODUCTION ON 8-8-2018					
	GIANGIULIO	HANNA	SURA	YEATMAN	RICHARDSON
YES	X	X	X	X	X
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT					
UPON ADOPTION ON 9-12-2018					
	GIANGIULIO	HANNA	SURA	YEATMAN	RICHARDSON
YES	X	X	X	X	X
ABSTAIN					
NO					
ABSENT					

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CERTIFICATION

I, Dawn M. Liedtka, Deputy Clerk of the Township of Waterford, Camden County, New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of the ordinance which was finally adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Waterford at a meeting held on the 12th day of September, 2018.

Dated: 9/12/2018

Dawn M. Liedtka
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