

ARTICLE 21

KEEPING OF ANIMALS

The purpose of this Article is to provide for humane conditions and treatment of animals and to prevent them from being a nuisance.

2101 DOGS AND CATS

Dogs and cats may be kept in any Township zone.

A. It is herein provided that the number of dogs and cats per household lot or parcel be limited. The maximum number of dogs and cats shall be three (3) of each.

B. The exception to the limit, imposed in A, will be in the case of a litter of puppies or kittens which will not be counted for a period of sixteen (16) weeks from their birth.

C. Further provided that a property owner in any zone, with the exception of AA or AM, may apply for a Special Use Permit for a kennel license.

D. All dogs and cats shall be confined to the owner's lot.

E. All dogs and cats shall not become a nuisance, by way of persistent noise or otherwise.

2102 FOWL AND RABBITS

Fowl and rabbits may be kept in any Township zone other than AA and AM.

Fowl and rabbits may be kept or raised as accessory uses provided:

A. That they shall be housed in a structure not to exceed two hundred (200) square feet of floor area for the purpose.

B. That the housing structure and confinement area shall be located in its entirety at least one hundred (100) feet from any neighbor dwelling, and that the structure runway shall not be located closer than twenty (20) feet to the dwelling and not closer than ten (10) feet to either side of the lot.

C. That the area shall be kept in a clean, healthful and inoffensive manner.

D. That the animals shall be permanently confined.

2103 LARGE ANIMALS

A. The Planning Commission may issue a Special Use Permit to keep pigs, sheep, goats, cattle, horses, and other large animals such as deer, elk, llamas, or similar animals. Large predators such as bears, lions, or other animals of the large cat family, and wolves are prohibited. The Planning Committee may impose additional terms and conditions in addition to the minimum provisions of this Section.

B. Large animals may be kept in the F zone as a permitted use and as a special use in the A, FR, and OC zones.

C. No barn, corral, stable, or other major confinement area, shall be closer than eighty (80) feet to any lot line. Any area of major confinement is defined as any area used for such animals which is not exclusively for grazing or pasturage. The Planning Commission may allow grazing or pasturage areas to have a minimum of zero (0) feet from any lot line.

D. There shall be a lot with a minimum size of five (5) acres and contain at least two hundred seventy five (275) feet of road frontage before the first large animal is allowed. For each acre in excess of five (5) acres, one (1) additional animal shall be allowed.

E. The Planning Commission may, at its discretion, increase the number of animals allowed per acre. In the case of additional animals due to foaling or calving, no more than five (5) months from parturition shall be allowed for reducing the number to the normal limitation.

F. No animals kept shall be allowed to become or create any nuisance to any neighboring properties.