

REGULATION OF ANIMALS, LIVESTOCK AND FOWL

The Township of Laketon Township ordains:

Section 1. No person shall keep or house any animals, livestock, or domestic fowl within the Township, except dogs, cats, birds or animals commonly classified as pets, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. No person shall keep any livestock (including cows, bulls, horses, mules, donkeys), swine, fowl (chickens, turkeys, ducks, etc.), or small game upon any premises or property used as a dwelling place unless the following conditions are met:

- a. The premises has at least two and one-half acres in total area and in the event livestock or swine is kept upon the premises, an additional one-half acre for each head of livestock or swine in excess of one.
- b. The above animals, livestock and fowl shall be confined within a building, structure or fenced enclosure located at least fifty feet from any well used for water for human consumption, house or dwelling unit, whether located upon the premises or adjacent thereto; provided, also, .that any such building or structure shall not be located closer than twenty-five feet from the property lines of the premises upon which the same are kept. Fencing shall be not less than four feet nor more than six feet in height, shall have a securely latched gate, and shall be appropriate to securely confine and prevent the escape of the kept animals, livestock or fowl.
- c. No animals, livestock or fowl shall be permitted to run at large upon the public highway or right-of-way thereof or within fifty feet of any well or structure used for human habitation.
- d. Proper shelter and protection from the weather shall be provided at all times and at a minimum shall consist of a three-sided shelter of suitable size. Said enclosure, structure or building shall be so maintained to prevent offensive odors therefrom or from attracting rodents, flies, vermin or insects upon the premises.
- e. All animal and fowl waste or offal shall be cleaned and removed from the premises at least once each seventy-two (72) hours, provided, however, the same may be buried upon the premises to a depth of at least two feet and more than fifty feet from any well or building used for human habitation.
- f. All animals, livestock and fowl shall be supplied with sufficient, good, wholesome

food and water as often as their feeding habits require, and shall be provided adequate area for exercise and activity. Round horse pens designed for training or exercising shall not be used as a living area for horses. No animal, livestock or fowl shall be left without attention for more than twenty-four (24) hours.

- g. Dogs or cats shall not be chained, tied, fastened or otherwise tethered to dog houses, trees, fences or other stationary objects as a means of confinement to property, except temporarily and when attended.

Section 3. Should any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the Courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its first publication.

I, Christian Achterhoff, the duly elected, qualified and acting clerk for Laketon Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Laketon Township Board on April 16, 2009.

Christina Achterhoff, Clerk

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