

**Clinton Township**  
**Ordinance No. 2023-04**  
**Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance 185-65 Agriculture**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to Agriculture.

185-65 Agriculture

- A. The Township supports the preservation and continuation of agriculture in the areas of Clinton Township where it has historically been present. Agriculture is a permitted use in all districts, but new animal agriculture operations will need to adhere to these performance standards.
- (1) No animal agriculture shall occur on a lot less than five acres, unless otherwise noted below.
  - (2) No permitted/permanent building housing livestock shall be within one hundred (100) feet of a dwelling.
  - (3) Manure from agricultural operations shall be managed in compliance with state and federal regulations and shall not be allowed to accumulate to the degree that it becomes a public health hazard or nuisance.
  - (4) All feed, water, and other items associated with the maintenance of agricultural operations shall be stored and managed in an appropriate manner to guard against infestation of rats, mice, or other rodents or vectors.
- B. The Township recognizes that from time to time, residents may desire to possess certain domesticated agricultural animals as pets, either for hobby or pleasure. (Egg laying chickens, ducks and geese on a pond, etc.) Possession is generally permitted provided strict adherence to all applicable state and federal laws. Possession shall also comply with all township codes governing noise, sanitation, odor and the like. Additionally, the following provisions shall apply.
- (1) Provisions must be made to ensure that such animals remain contained on the owner's property.
  - (2) Any owner of domesticated animals shall house the same at all times under sanitary conditions so that the keeping of such animals shall not become either a public or private nuisance.
  - (3) This ordinance is not applicable to the possession of animals classified as exotic.

(4) Any owner in violation of these provisions shall receive written notice. If non-compliance is still an issue two (2) weeks after the second written notice, removal of such animals may be required.

ATTEST:

CLINTON TOWNSHIP

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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