Animal Rules

The Township of Holland Code Book addresses rules associated with having various outdoor orientated animals – CHICKENS included. It is Chapter 100-43.

For full details go to the Holland Township website at www.hollandtownshipnj.gov and locate the code book or follow this link for direct information: https://ecode360.com/print/HO1127?guid=10267763,10267796

The following is a summary:

The following agricultural uses are permitted in the R-5 District ONLY for lots OVER 3 acres but less than 10 acres where setback requirements can be meet *.

- The keeping of not more than one horse, one head of beef or dairy cattle or one sheep. One additional head of one such animal is allowed for each additional acre over three, except commercial veal operations that are expressly prohibited in Holland Township.

- The raising of fewer than 50 domestic fowl (CHICKENS), game birds or small animals but not operated primarily as a commercial enterprise.

- The raising of livestock as a student, 4-H or similarly sponsored project on any lot of at least three acres in area is permitted. Further discussion with the Land Use Administrator is required for such project.

* No structure for feed storage, fertilizer storage or shelter of animals shall be closer than 100 feet to any lot or street line or district boundary.

The following agricultural uses are permitted in the R-5 District ONLY for lots 10 Acres and Over:

- The raising and breeding of an unspecified number of horses, ponies, sheep, goats, game birds, beef cattle and dairy cattle (except commercial veal operations) provided that no structure for the shelter of livestock, feed storage or fertilizer storage shall be located closer than 250 feet to any lot or street line or district boundary.

- Farms for the raising and breeding of 50 or more fowl, provided that no structure for the shelter of such livestock shall be located closer than 300 feet to any side or rear lot line or district boundary nor closer than 175 feet to any street line.

- Kennels for commercial raising, breeding, boarding or care of dogs, provided that no structure for the shelter of dogs shall be located closer than 150 feet to any lot line, street line or district boundary. Please see the Clerks Office to register for a Kennel License.

Zoning Permits Apply – Complaints may result in rehoming animals if you are found incompliant.

Please contact the Land Use Administrator at 908-995-0057 or planningboard@hollandtownship.org