

TOWN OF MONSON

LARGE DOMESTIC ANIMAL ORDINANCE

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SECTION 1 - Purpose:

The purpose of this ordinance shall be to restrict the housing or keeping of large domestic animals within the village limits of the Town of Monson.

SECTION 2 – Definition: Large domestic animals

The term “large domestic animals” shall include horses, hogs, sheep, dairy cows, beef cattle, goats and poultry.

SECTION 3 – Definition: Village limits

The term “village limits” shall include the following:

Blanchard Road: Proceeding west from village including Lots 8 & 9, on Map 20.

Route 15: (Tenney Hill Rd.) Proceeding south from the village including Lots 1 & 47, on Map 20.

North Guilford Rd & Willimantic Rd: Proceeding south from the village including Lot 25 (North Guilford Road) & 24 (Willimantic Rd), Map 20, and Lot 12 Map 8.

Water Street: Proceeding east from village, including Lots 19 & 20, Map 8.

Chapin Avenue: Including Lots 16 & 21 on Map 27; also including Lot 26 on Map 8.

Forrest Avenue: Including Lots 22 on Map 8; and Lot 41 on Map 21.

Elliotsville Road: Proceeding north from village including Lots 34 & 42-1 on Map 8.

Route 15: (Greenville Road) Proceeding north from village including Lots 42-1 on Map 8 and Lot 8 on Map 27.

Homer Hill Road: This road is excluded from the village limits.

Pleasant Street: Proceeding west from village including Lots 47 & 2 on Map 26.

SECTION 4 – Farm Buildings & Fenced Areas.

A. Farm Buildings: Farm buildings used for the care and housing of large domestic animals shall not be erected within one hundred (100) feet of a neighboring property.

B. Fenced Areas: Feed lots, fenced runs, pens, manure piles, and similar intensively used facilities or areas for animal raising and care, shall not be located within one hundred (100) feet of a neighboring property.

Parts A and B of Section 4 shall be known as the setback requirement.

SECTION 5 – Non-conforming Uses.

- A. Non-conforming uses: Any farm building or fenced area used for the care and housing of large domestic animals already in existence as of the date of enactment of this ordinance, and not complying to this ordinance, such use shall be “grandfathered” and continue subject to regulations enacted by the State of Maine found in the most current edition of the most appropriate NRAES (Northeast Regional Agricultural Engineering Service) Handbook (e.g. NRAES – 6 MWPS - 27 Entitled “Small Farms” February 1984), or appropriate MWRS (Midwest Plan Service) Handbook.

- B. Any non-conforming structure damaged by fire, flood, explosion or other casualty may be rebuilt and used as before if such building is performed within twelve (12) months of such casualty, and if the restored structure has no greater coverage and contains no greater cubic content than before such casualty.

- C. In the event that any non-conforming use conducted in a structure or fenced area, ceases for whatever reason, for a period of one year, such non-conforming use shall not be resumed.

SECTION 6 - Enforcement.

Enforcement: The enforcement of this ordinance, other than appeals, shall rest with the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Appeals: The municipality of Monson has a Board of Appeals as established in Section 2411 of Title 30, Maine Revised Statutes. The Board of Appeals may permit on appeal, exceptions to, and variations from, the regulations in this ordinance in accordance with the principals, conditions and procedures set forth in the ordinance.