

ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AMENDMENT TO ALLEGAN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 05-02

ADOPTED: 8-1-05

EFFECTIVE: _____

An ordinance to amend the Allegan Township Zoning Ordinance to add Section 7.02 for keeping of certain large animals as an accessory use in the R-2 zoning district; to provide standards and requirements for the keeping of certain large animals in the R-2 zoning district; to specify the types of large animals to be permitted subject to Allegan Township Zoning Administrator approval, as well as the types of permitted activities associated with the keeping of large animals in the R-2 zoning district; to repeal all parts of ordinances in conflict herewith and to provide for an effective date of said ordinance.

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SECTION I

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER VII, R-2 RURAL ESTATES DISTRICT

The Allegan Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to include the following:

Section 7.02

- (h) The keeping of large animals, defined only as: horses, ponies, mules, jackasses and llamas; for the owners' non-commercial and recreational purposes when authorized by the Allegan Township Zoning Administrator. In considering such authorization, the Zoning Administrator shall consider the following standards:
1. The proximity of the proposed structure for keeping of the large animals to adjoining properties, specifically including proximity to adjoining dwellings;
 2. The size, nature and character of the proposed use;

3. The possibility of noise, odors or other disturbances for adjoining properties and the surrounding neighborhood resulting from the keeping of the large animals;
4. The nature and character of the buildings and structures, including fencing, paddocks, riding rings, riding arenas and other facilities associated with the keeping of the large animals; and
5. The adequacy of existing screening, to minimize impacts of keeping of large animals on adjoining properties.
6. A property owner must demonstrate how it will comply with the following requirements upon submittal of a zoning application and site plan to the Zoning Administrator.
 - a. Site Size: The parcel, lot or building site upon which the Large Animal is kept must be a minimum of three acres.
 - b. Primary Use: An occupied residential dwelling shall be located on the property. The applicant must reside in the residential dwelling. The keeping of large animals is an accessory use to the principal single family residential use.
 - c. Number of Large Animals: One large animal allowed in the first three acres with one large animal allowed per acre thereafter for a maximum of 8 large animals in the first 10 acres. Thereafter, one large animal allowed in each successive ten acre parcel.
 - d. Large Animal Shelter: A barn or similar structure must be constructed to shelter the large animal(s). This shelter shall be located not closer than 75 feet to any existing residences on adjacent properties, nor closer than 50 feet to any property line. The shelter shall not be located in a front yard or a side yard after the effective date of this amendment.
 - e. Pens, paddocks, riding rings: Any newly constructed pens for holding large animals, paddocks, riding rings shall be located at least 75 feet from all existing residences on adjacent properties.
 - f. Pastures: Pastures used for grazing of large animals shall be located at least 25 feet from all existing residences on adjacent properties.
 - g. Large Animal Waste Management: Application to the Allegan Township Zoning Administrator shall include a written narrative of their proposed method of waste management. This narrative will be maintained as a component of the approval. The applicant will be bound by the provisions of the Waste Management narrative, as a condition of approval. As a minimum, large animal waste storage areas shall be located at least 150 feet from all existing residences on adjacent properties and at least 75 feet from all adjoining property lines.