

## 6.18 Horses.

The keeping of horses in all districts, except A-1 Agricultural District, is prohibited except as follows:

- a. Non-conforming Use. All areas or lands, except in Agricultural Districts, used for stabling, raising, breeding, or grazing of horses at the effective date of this Ordinance (8/1/68) shall be considered a non-conforming use and shall be governed as such under Chapter 10.
- b. Conditional Use. No horses shall be allowed in any district, except A-1 Agricultural District, without applying for and receiving a conditional use permit for the stabling and grazing only of horses kept for private recreational purposes.
- c. General Restrictions On Permit. Restrictions on the general use permit shall include the following:
  - (1) Buildings. All horses shall be stabled in a roomy, well-ventilated building equipped with stalls and suitable hygienic floor.
  - (2) Fly and Insect Control. Said building shall have screened doors and windows, necessary spraying or mechanical control of flies and insects shall be mandatory.
  - (3) Number of Horses Allowed. The number of horses kept under this permit shall not exceed four (4).
  - (4) Pasture Lands. No permit shall be issued unless there is available for paddocks or pasture use at least one (1) acre of land for each horse located thereon.
  - (5) Manure Handling. Suitable covered containers shall be provided for manure. Manure and cleanings shall be removed from the premises weekly and shall not be used as fertilizer on the paddock, pasture area, or owner's lot.
  - (6) Feed and Supplies. Grain shall be kept within covered metal containers and all hay and straw shall be kept within the building.
  - (7) Fences. Applicant, owner, or occupant of said land shall be responsible for the construction or proper fences so as to control horses and prevent said animals from reaching into a neighbor's yard or destroying plants, trees, shrubs, or other vegetation on the neighbor's property.
  - (8) Rat Control. The presence of rats on the premises shall be considered a violation of this permit.
  - (9) Breeding of Horses. The breeding of horses on premises is prohibited. Mares may foal if property facilities are present.
  - (10) Definition. Horses shall mean and include within its meaning ponies, foals, colts, mules, or donkeys.
  - (11) Other Restrictions. The Town Plan Commission may set forth other requirements for the issuance of said permit as it deems necessary from time to time to conform with the intent and purpose of this Ordinance.
- d. Violation. A violation of any permit restrictions as set forth herein and as determined by the Town Park Commission shall be deemed a revocation of said permit and said use as a stable shall be removed immediately. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to give the owner, applicant, or occupant of said lands a vested interest in the use established in said permit.