GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 173

Animal Permit for 4-H and FFA Members

The Town Board of Supervisors of the Town of Turtle does ordain that General Ordinance No. 173 entitled "Animal Permit for 4-H and FF A Members" is adopted as follows:

Section 1. <u>Section Created</u>. Section 15.06 of the Town Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

Section 15.06 Animal Permit for 4-H and FFA Members

(a) Definitions

(1) "4-H" means a youth organization administered by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture of the United States Department of Agriculture and the name represents four personal development areas of focus for the organization: head, heart, hands and health.

(2) "FF A" means Future Farmers of America.

(3) "Youth" means a person 19 years old or younger.

(b) Permit

(1) A youth who is a member of 4-H or FFA may obtain an annual permit to raise chickens, rabbits, pigs, goats, steers, and sheep in any zoning district in the Town of Turtle for any 4-H or FFA project.

(2) Applications for an Animal Permit shall be obtained from the Town Clerk.

(3) There shall be no fee charged by the Town for this permit.

(4) All applications of an Animal Permit must be filed with the Town Clerk by December 1st and shall be approved by the Town Board, after review and approval of the Planning Commission. Applications must be turned in to the Town on or before the Wednesday before the Planning Commission meetings in March and September.

(c) Membership

(1) All applicants must be able to prove membership either in 4- H or FF A.

(2) After a permit has been issued, the applicant is under a continuing duty to prove membership either in 4-H or FFA if required by the Town.

(d) Requirements for Permit

(1) Applicants must contact their neighbors before turning in an application to advise the neighbors about the type and number of animals they want to raise and the location where the animals will be kept.

(2) The youth must have a land area that is large enough for the animals.

(3) All animals shall be maintained in a healthy condition, or if ill, shall be given appropriate treatment.

(4) The structure in which animals are kept shall be maintained in a clean condition and a good state of repair. The structure shall allow adequate protection against weather extremes.

(5) Structures housing chickens shall provide at least 4 square feet for each bird.

(6) If a youth is keeping a rooster and it creates noise which bothers neighbors, the rooster shall be removed from the premises.

(7) Structures housing animals shall be sufficiently large to permit freedom of movement for the animals.

(8) Food supplies shall be of sufficient quantity and nutritional value to meet the daily requirements of the animals.

(9) All animals must be terminal animals.

(10) Applicants must provide the Town with a written plan for the waste disposal.

(11) All structures and holding areas for the animals must be set back at least 10 feet from any property line. However, this can be modified by the Town Board.

(e) Right of Entry. The Building Inspector shall have the right to enter upon private property where the animals are kept during reasonable hours to inspect the premises to determine compliance with this ordinance. If entry is refused, the Building Inspector can obtain an inspection warrant as provided in section 66.0119 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Section 2. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication or posting.

Adopted this 9th day of July, 2014.

Tim Kopp, Acting Chairperson Deborah Bennett, Clerk

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