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6.04.010 Permit required.

It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to own, harbor, keep and maintain any pigeons, fowl, horse, cattle, goat, swine or other domestic or wild animal, excepting cats and dogs, within the limits of the township, without first obtaining a permit therefor from the board of health of the township. (Prior code § 7:10-1)

6.04.020 Application.

Any person, firm or corporation desiring to own, harbor, keep or maintain any pigeons, fowl, horse, cattle, goats, swine or other domestic or wild animal, excepting cats and dogs, shall make an application in writing to the board of health of the township for a permit. Such application shall be made upon forms to be furnished by the board of health and shall set forth the name and address of the applicant, description of the premises to be used by lot and block according to the tax map of the township, and shall illustrate by diagram the land and buildings to be used by the applicant and the relative position of the buildings or corral to be used for the keeping and harboring of the animal or animals, with respect to the boundary lines of the applicant's property and other buildings within said plot or lot and the relative position of all other buildings on lands immediately adjacent on all sides of the land of the applicant. (Prior code § 7:10-2)

6.04.030 Fee—Expiration.

A license fee of two dollars (\$2.00) shall be paid for each permit issued. Such permit shall not be transferable and each such permit issued shall expire on December 31st of each year unless sooner revoked by the board of health. (Prior code § 7:10-3)

6.04.040 Enclosure required.

No permit shall be issued unless the applicant has a completely enclosed building which is suitable to be used as a stable or coop and a corral to keep and harbor said animal or animals. Any said stable, coop, corral and pen shall be at least fifty (50) feet from the doors or windows of any neighboring residential or business dwelling and at least twelve and one-half (12.5) feet from any neighboring property line. (Prior code § 7:10-4)

6.04.050 Enclosure to be kept clean.

The building, stable, coop, corral and pen shall be kept reasonably clean at all times to prevent offensive odors and accumulation of manure and organic refuse; and the said building, stable or coop shall be kept in good repair, waterproof and free from rats and vermin, and properly ventilated. (Prior code § 7:10-5)

6.04.060 Construction of corral.

The corral shall be constructed in such a manner and of such material to prevent said animal or animals from running at large. (Prior code § 7:10-6)

6.04.070 Animals to be confined when unattended.

Said animal or animals, if left unattended, shall remain confined in said corral, stable or coop. (Prior code § 7:10-7)

6.04.080 Limitations on size of land tract and number of animals.

Crowing roosters, sheep, cattle, goats or swine, shall only be kept upon a farm or tract of land containing at least three acres; and, upon parcels of land less than three acres, no more than twenty-five (25) fowl, or two other animals—except cats or dogs—shall be kept by any one applicant at any one location. (Prior code § 7:10-8)

6.04.090 Homing pigeons allowed.

Registered homing pigeons, without restriction as to number, are allowed within the township—provided all other terms of this chapter be complied with. (Prior code § 7:10-9)

6.04.100 Manure disposal.

All manure, pending disposal, shall be kept or stored in tightly covered metal containers, or in such manner as shall be approved by the health officer or board of health as not to create a nuisance or breed flies. (Prior code § 7:10-10)

6.04.110 Revocation.

Any permit under this chapter may be revoked for any violation of the provisions of this chapter or for any variance from the terms of the application for such permit, or if the premises upon which such pigeons, fowl, horse, cattle, goat, swine or other domestic or wild animal or animals are housed be not kept at all times in a clean and sanitary manner. Notice of intention to consider the revocation of such permits shall be served upon the party named in the application therefor, either by delivering the same to him personally, or by mailing the same to the address given in the application for the permit, at least five days before the considering of such revocation, which notice shall state the time and place when and where the board of health will consider the question of such revocation. The person so notified of the intention to consider revocation, as aforesaid, shall be permitted to enter a defense either personally or through counsel and if the charge made in such notice be established, the board of health may suspend or revoke said permit. (Prior code § 7:10-11)

6.04.120 Violation—Penalty.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any provision of this chapter or fail to comply therewith, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance, forfeit and pay a penalty of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The imposition of a penalty for a violation of this chapter shall not excuse the violation, or permit it to continue; and such violation shall be remedied within a reasonable time. The imposition of the above penalty shall not be held to prevent the enforced removal of prohibited conditions. (Prior code § 7:10-12)