

Middle Township Food Production Ordinance
Adopted August 1, 2011 as part of Ordinance 1392-11

250-610 Keeping of domestic farm animals

- A. Purpose – In order to support and encourage the rural and agricultural character of the community, and to expand local food production and access to food, the keeping of domestic farm animals as pets and for food supply is permitted in accordance with the regulations below.
- B. Small domestic farm animals - the keeping of the following small domestic farm animals for recreational purposes, or used for eggs or meat or other food, is permitted in all residential districts in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 1. Includes chickens and ducks only.
 - 2. Such animals must be completely contained on site.
 - 3. The animals shall not be bred to be sold, or used to generate income in any way, except in conjunction with a farm stand as defined herein.
 - 4. Minimum lot area is 10,000 square feet.
 - 5. For parcels 10,000 to 35,000 square feet, a maximum of five (5) small domestic farm animals are permitted.
 - 6. For parcels 35,001 square feet to 2 acres, a maximum of ten (10) small domestic farm animals are permitted.
 - 7. These regulations apply to the keeping of bees.
- C. The keeping of horses and ponies and other large farm animals for recreational purposes shall be permitted as an accessory use in the RC and SR zoning districts, provided that no more than two such animals are kept on any single lot or parcel; any such animals are kept in a completely fenced area no less than ½ acre in size on a parcel of not less than five acres in size.

Article II Definitions

Farm Stand - a temporary, seasonal area or structure limited to 20 square feet used for the display and sale of farm products grown exclusively on the property upon which the stand is located.

250-631 Accessory Structures

- A. Maximum height above grade for accessory structure shall be twenty feet (20').
- B. **No accessory building shall be located in a front yard, except farm stands.**

Farm stands are permitted as an accessory use in all districts.