# Overview of Confined Animal Regulations and Application Requirements

Parcel Location		Number	Permit	Public	Fees**	
Urban/Aural	Land Use Designation	of Animals	Required	Hearing Required	Initial	3 Year Review
Rural	Open Space, Agriculture, Timber Production, Public Recreation	1-5	No*	No	\$50	\$0
		6-15	Yes	No	\$400	\$200
		164	Yes	Yes	\$800	\$200
Urban	Open Space, Agriculture, Public Recreation	1-2	No*	No	\$50	\$0
		3-4	Yes	No	\$400	\$200
		54	Yes	Yes	\$800	\$200
Urban or Rural	Residential	1-2	Yes	No	\$400	\$200
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<sup>\*</sup> Subject to Certificate of Exemption

# Requirements for All Confined Animal Operations:

#### **Prohibited Locations**

No animal use or animal structure may be located:

- Within 100 feet of wetlands
- □ Within 50 feet of lakes and perennial streams, and 30 feet of intermittent streams.
- □ Within 50 feet of riparian corridors.
- Within 50 100 feet of domestic well (animal structures).
- □ On slopes exceeding 30% (animal structures).
- ☐ On slopes exceeding 50% (animal use).
- □ Above a septic system (animal use).

Areas in which animal use is prohibited are subtracted from the total gross area to obtain the net acreage which determines the maximum number of animals per parcel.

# Minimum Setback Requirements for Confined Animal Structures\*

From Front Property Line	50 feet
From Side and Rear property Lines	• 30 feet =
From a dwelling unit on the same parcel	30 feet
From the nearest setback line required for a dwelling unit on an adjacent parcel	80 feet
From a domestic well:	

up to 10 animals 50 feet more than 10 animals 100 feet

### Drainage Criteria

Prevent runoff from coming into contact with animal waste or draining directly into a stream, lake or other water body.

Prevent standing water from accumulating near animal structures.

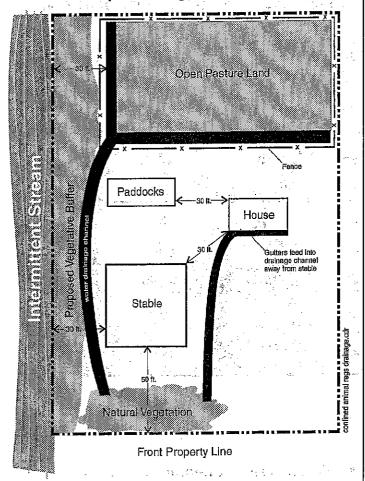
Assure that surface water drains away from animal struc-

<sup>\*\*</sup> Includes only Planning services fees for the Confined Animal Permit. Other fees may apply.

<sup>\*</sup> Confined animal structures includes: stables, barns, corrals, paddocks, and pens

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#### **Example Drainage Plan Illustration**



## Application Criteria & Materials:

#### **Permit Exemption**

You may qualify for a permit exemption if you are: keeping less than six (6) animals in rural areas zoned open space or agriculture or timber preserve, or

Keeping less than three (3) animals in urban areas zoned open space or agriculture.

## Certificate of Exemption Criteria

A certificate of exemption will be granted upon demonstrating that:

- The parcel size and number of animals criteria will be met.
- Animal structures will not be located in environmentally sensitive areas.
- Runoff control and manure management will occur.

If you do not qualify for a certificate of exemption, you must apply for a confined animal permit.

# Illustration and Text requirements for the Storm Water Management Plan:

- 1. An <u>existing</u> or <u>new</u> confined animal operation which does not require a building permit, may submit the following information:
  - a. A site plan that illustrates the storm water/drainage management. This plan does not have to be prepared by a professional engineer, but should accurately reflect the site, the location of all animals and structures, and the drainage control measures from each structure.
  - b. A written commentary describing the current slope of the parcel and direction of drainage in relation to the confined animal structures on the parcel and the storm water drainage management plan methodology.
  - c. The applicant should submit five (5) copies of each of the required items mentioned above. If the submitted items are greater than 8-1/2" x 11" in size, the applicant should submit one (1) additional copy of each item formatted to letter size paper (8-1/2" x 11").
- 2. Any confined animal operation that requires a building permit, including one that qualifies for a Certificate of Exemption from a Confined Animal Permit must submit the following information, on building plans prepared by a licensed architect or engineer. Supplementary information will not be accepted in lieu of certified plans.
  - a. A site plan that illustrates the storm water/drainage management plan. This plan should reflect the slope of the land, the existing natural water flow, and the proposed water flow that will result from the proposed storm water management measures.
  - b. A written commentary, on the plans, which describes the drainage plan methodology and materials.
  - c. The applicant should submit five (5) full size sets of plans and one reduced set of plans  $(8-1/2^n \times 11^n)$ .

**Note:** During the review of any application for a Confined Animal Permit or Certificate of Exemption, or any triennial review of an existing confined animal operation, staff may request additional information, which is not listed above, for the purposes of clarification.

## A Manure Management Plan Consists of:

- 1. A written description of the method for and the frequency of processing, storing, and disposing of or using manure product on site.
- 2. A written description of the types of equipment and storage facilities used during the manure management process.

The applicant should submit five (5) copies of each of the required items mentioned above. If the submitted items are greater than  $8-1/2^{\circ} \times 11^{\circ}$  in size, the applicant should submit one (1) additional copy of each item formatted to letter size paper ( $8-1/2^{\circ} \times 11^{\circ}$ ).