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## Livestock Permit

**Applicant Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tax Map Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Animals proposed to be kept**

| Type of Animal | Number | Purpose ( <i>recreation, sale, human consumption</i> ) |
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*Prohibited: pigs more than 300 pounds, livestock over 500 pounds, roosters. Livestock intended for human consumption cannot be slaughtered on site.*

Livestock Permits are issued under the town’s Planning Board Special Permit process and are required for town residents who plan to keep livestock on property zoned Residential A, B or C. The Town of Owego’s Planning Board approves Livestock permits and holds its meetings once each month.

The parcel on which livestock will be housed must be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary manner, and must not be a nuisance or create adverse impacts to surrounding property, land or land uses. Livestock permits must be renewed annually and may require an annual inspection. The permit is only issued at the applicant’s primary place of residence and cannot be transferred to a subsequent owner.

**The following information must be included with the Special Permit application:**

1. **Plot plan** (to scale) showing proposed or existing fencing, shelters and feeding or watering troughs or tanks and distances from property boundaries. Livestock must be kept and maintained in a secured enclosure.

- All fencing confining livestock and/or fowl under this subsection shall be a minimum of 100 feet from the nearest residence excepting the residence of the applicant.

- No feeding or watering troughs or tanks shall be located within 100 feet of a property line.
- All shelter buildings shall be at least 200 feet from the nearest neighbor's residence and 100 feet from all water wells. Each new shelter building or expansion of any existing building shall require a building permit and comply with all building, yard and setback requirements for the specific district in which it is located.

**2. Nuisance Management Plan** detailing the applicant's methods of controlling odors and flies and managing the livestock's waste. Such plan shall include how waste is to be stored, pending disposal thereof, and shall provide for the manner of disposal. No manure shall be stored or permitted to accumulate within 100 feet from any boundary line or within 25 feet from a dwelling on the same lot, or within 125 feet from a dwelling on any adjacent lot.

### **Review requirements**

- A. A special permit issued under this section shall be renewed annually without charge. Such permit shall not be transferable from one person to another or from one premises to another. The Town Planning and Zoning Administrator shall have the discretion to waive an annual review of a permit renewal application by the Town of Owego Planning Board.
- B. The Town Planning Board should consider the following when reviewing the special permit request:
- That the proposed animal density will not have a detrimental effect on the residence or adjoining neighborhood by creating deleterious odors, noise, or other health nuisances.
  - That the proposed animal density will not result in any injury or harm to the animals themselves and that they are raised and kept in a safe and humane manner consistent with best agricultural practices and as required under all applicable local and state regulations.
  - That the livestock and fowl are properly housed and contained on site in secured enclosures.

### **Enforcement**

Any resident operating under a livestock permit that fails to comply with the conditions of the permit shall cease and desist from keeping livestock upon notice by the Town of Owego enforcement officer and shall not resume use until brought into compliance. Once the deadline has passed for rectifying the violation, the Town may direct the removal of livestock and any accessories and appurtenances thereto, within 90 days of notification by the Town directing such removal, or the Town may remove all livestock and accessories and appurtenances thereto.