

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

Farm Animals – Farm animals shall be defined to include, but not be limited to, horses, ponies, donkeys, mules, cows, llamas, alpacas, pigs, goats, sheep, geese, ducks, chickens, roosters, turkeys, pigeons, or poultry or any flocks of such. This definition shall not include cats and dogs.

SECTION 4: MORATORIUM

- A. The Village Board of Trustees hereby enacts a moratorium which shall prohibit the raising of farm animals anywhere within the Village.
- B. This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this local law and shall expire on the earlier of (i) the date six (6) months from said effective date, unless renewed; or (ii) the enactment by the Village Board of a resolution indicating the Village Board is satisfied that the need for the moratorium no longer exists.
- C. This moratorium shall apply to all zoning districts and all real property within the Village of Mexico.
- D. This moratorium shall not apply to Village residents that already have Farm Animals in their possession and control. Residents that have Farm Animals in their possession and control, during this moratorium, shall not exceed the number of animals they possessed at the time the moratorium went into effect.

SECTION 5: RELIEF FROM PROVISIONS OF THIS LOCAL LAW

- A. If any owner of property within the Village seeks relief from this moratorium to enable such owner to apply for or seek continued review of, activities otherwise prohibited under this moratorium, such owner shall make application to the Village Board of Trustees.
- B. It shall be the burden of the owner for such relief to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Village Board of Trustees, upon clear and convincing evidence, that an unjust result and extraordinary financial hardship will occur to the property owner if such relief is not granted and such showing must demonstrate that the proposed activity for which relief is sought shall be consistent with the reasonable and orderly development of the Village.
- C. Such relief shall be the subject of a Public Hearing before said Village Board of Trustees.
- D. It shall be within the discretion of the Village Board of Trustees to grant, in whole or in part, or deny, the application for such relief from the terms of this moratorium.