



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
BOARD OF HEALTH
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APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP FARM ANIMALS & POULTRY

Fee: \$50.00 Private

\$100.00 Public

(Check made payable to the Town of Northbridge)

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____
(if different)

Stable Location: _____ **Zoning District:** _____
(if different from above address)

Total Acreage: _____

(No person shall keep a farm animal on land containing less than one acre – Additional farm animals up to a total of 4 require an additional 2/3 acre per animal: 1 Animal = 1 Acre; 2 Animals = 1 2/3 Acre; 3 Animals = 2 1/3 Acre; 4 Animals = 3 Acres)

Size of Barn(s): _____

(Each stall shall contain a min. 100 sq. ft. for 1st animal and 60 additional sq. ft for each additional animal)

Farm Animals to be Stabled:

(Please note total number of each of the following animals that you wish to stable at the above property)

Horses _____ Cows _____ Goats _____

Donkeys _____ Ponies _____ Mules _____

Chickens** _____ Swine _____ Sheep _____

Other Animals _____

**** Poultry – minimum lot size requirement = 30,000 SF; Roosters shall not be permitted unless parcel of land is greater than three (3) acres in size.**

Type of fencing: _____

(All premises used for the keeping or stabling of farm animals shall be adequately fenced so as to prevent the escape of the animals there from)

MEANS OF MANURE DISPOSAL: _____

(Manure shall not be stockpiled April 15 through October 15)

Each stable and corral shall be located on a lot not less than:

- 25-feet from an abutting property line
- 100-feet from any swamp, stream, pond, or drainage easement
- 100-feet from any abutting dwelling
- 100-feet from any private drinking water well

Attach certified plot plan showing type & location of any structure within 200 ft. of stable and corral – be sure to show any streams, swamps, ponds, on-site sewage disposal systems, private wells and occupied dwellings. Said plan shall note all distances between each structure, sewage system and well.

I certify that I have obtained and read § 201-11 of the Northbridge Board of Health Code of Regulations governing **Minimum Standards for the Keeping of Farm Animals** and agree to abide by the provisions set forth within.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

BARNs WILL BE INSPECTED ANNUALLY BY THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR.

Failure to allow an inspection upon request shall be cause for permit revocation.

All permits shall expire on March 31st.