



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
**BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO KEEP FARM ANIMALS**

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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(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 1<sup>st</sup> animal and 60 additional sq. ft for each additional animal)*

**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)*

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

Goats \_\_\_\_\_ Swine \_\_\_\_\_ Sheep \_\_\_\_\_

Other Animals \_\_\_\_\_

**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 31<sup>st</sup>.