

413 Stables and Kennels

413.1 Stables, Private

Private stables are permitted in any District subject to the following conditions:

- A. A minimum parcel of two (2) acres shall be required for the residence and stable.
- B. No more than two (2) horses shall be kept except that one additional horse may be kept for each additional one-half (0.5) acre of land.
- C. One-hundred (100) square feet of stable building area shall be provided for each horse kept on the property where there is no existing natural or other shelter.
- D. No stable building shall be located within thirty-five (35) feet of any adjoining property line and all manure storage areas shall be a minimum of seventy (70) feet from any adjoining property line.
- E. All horses shall be restricted from grazing or intruding upon any adjoining property.

413.2 Reserved

413.3 Kennels

Kennels are considered a conditional use in any LG District subject to Section 608 and all applicable standards of this Ordinance and the following standards:

- A. A minimum parcel of three (3) acres shall be required.
- B. No structure used for the keeping of dogs shall be located closer than one-hundred twenty-five (125) feet to any property line or one hundred (100) feet to any public or private road.
- C. Parking shall be provided in accord with the requirements of Section 408 hereof.
- D. A noise barrier consisting of a solid fence not less than six (6) feet in height or a dense vegetative planting of not less than six (6) feet in height shall be provided at a distance not to exceed fifteen (15) feet and fully encircling all kennel areas not enclosed in a building.
- E. Dogs shall be restricted from using kennel areas not fully enclosed in a building from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

413.4 Keeping of Other Animals

The keeping of animals such as cows, steers, goats, sheep, swine, and other similar domesticated animals shall be permitted as an accessory use to a single-family residence in any district in accord with the following criteria:

- A. A minimum parcel of two (2) acres shall be required.
- B. The keeping of any such animal on a parcel of less than five (5) acres in any District except the CD District shall be considered a conditional use and the Township may, in addition to the setbacks required in this Section 413, require additional setbacks and/or buffers in accord with Section 608 of this Ordinance and guidelines as may be promulgated by the PennState Cooperative Extension Service.
- C. All animals shall be restricted from grazing or intruding upon any adjoining property.

D. No swine shall, in any case or manner, be kept less than two-hundred (200) feet from any adjoining property line and one-hundred fifty (150) feet from any public or private road.

E. Nothing in the Milford Township Zoning Ordinance shall be construed to supersede Pennsylvania law regarding rights to farm.

413.5 Wild Animals

No person shall keep any wild or dangerous animal within the Township. A wild and dangerous animal is one that is not normally considered to be a domestic animal (a species normally needing people to provide it with food, shelter or other care) or is capable of inflicting severe bodily harm to humans due to its undomesticated nature, including but not limited to the following species:

A. Class mammalia.

1. African buffaloes, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses and similar species
2. Canines such as wolves, coyotes, dingoes, foxes and jackals, except domesticated dogs
3. Hyenas, including all species except aardwolves
4. Badgers, wolverines and similar species
5. Bears and similar species
6. Lions, jaguars, leopards, tigers, cheetahs, leopards, cougars and other undomesticated felines.
7. Gibbons, orangutans, chimpanzees, gorillas, baboons, macaques and similar species

B. Class reptilia.

1. Gavials, crocodiles, alligators and similar species
2. Cobras, coral snakes, sea snakes,adders, vipers, pit vipers and all venomous rear-fanged species of snakes.
3. Constricting snakes over eight feet in length including boa constrictors, anacondas, pythons and similar species.
4. Gila monsters, beaded lizards and similar species.
5. Komodo dragons and similar species.

C. Any other animal that by its size, vicious nature or other characteristic is dangerous to human beings or that that because of its odors, sounds or other characteristics is not compatible with residential living.

413.6 Nuisances

Nothing herein shall be construed to allow the continuance of any nuisance or threat to health, safety and welfare that might be created by keeping of animals regardless of conformity with these regulations. Such nuisances, as defined by the Second Class Township Code, are hereby prohibited and nothing herein shall limit the right of the Township under said Code to eliminate such nuisances or the right of adjoining property owners to pursue civil remedies.