

## Definitions and instructions for filing a permit to maintain animals within the Corporate limits of the Village of Bennet

### Permits Required

1. It is unlawful to keep any large animal within the limits of the Village without having procured a permit and adhering to the requirements set by Bennet Ordinances.
2. It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor small animals or fowl, without a permit, in numbers equal to or greater than the minimum OR in numbers greater than the maximum outlined below.

### Applications/Fees

Before any permit is issued for large or small animals or fowl, the Village Clerk will investigate the permit application and determine whether the premises conform to ALL requirements and other ordinances of the Village with respect to zoning and building regulations, sanitation, and location of enclosures and shelters.

**A permit fee of \$10.00 must accompany the written application.**

**Due Date:** Permits expire **Annually on May 31**. A permit holder who fails to renew the permit within thirty days of the permit expiration date shall pay a late fee of \$10.00 in addition to the annual permit fee. Fees are per premises, regardless of the number of animals or fowl to be kept or harbored.

**Special Attention:** Any animals lawfully kept as of the effective date of these regulations (May 17, 2004) will be continued to be considered lawful. This exclusion applies only to those animals presently in existence. At such time as any of these animals die or are permanently removed from the premises, **No replacements** will be allowed without first meeting the standards of the current regulations. In addition, this exclusion will not exempt the owner from the requirement of an annual permit to maintain these animals.

### Definitions

1. Animals; any vertebra member of the animal kingdom excluding man.
2. Fowl; chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, pigeons, pheasants, quail, partridge, guineas, or other domesticated or wild birds.
3. Large animals; cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, lamas, or any domesticated animal which is normally and historically kept and raised on farms in the United States and used or intended for use as food, fiber, or farm work weighing more than 20 pounds, except pet animals or fowl.
4. Pet animals; dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, snakes, iguana, and turtles. Pet animals also includes any domesticated animal that a person owns or that is sold or offered for sale generally for the purpose of being kept indoors as household pets. (Snakes; refer to regulations governing special animals)
5. Small animals; any animal, including rabbits, weight 20 pounds or less, except pet animals or fowl.

### Large Animal Requirements

No large animal exercise area, corral, pen, shelter structure, or pasture shall be nearer than SEVENT-FIVE FEET to any building or structure used for residential purposes, whether on the same plot of ground or on adjoining property.

### Number of Large Animals

### Minimum Acres Required

1 - 2  
3 or more

1  
1.5 acres per animal



**Small Animal/Fowl Requirements**

No Small Animal or Fowl may be kept in numbers greater than the maximum provided below or within pens, enclosures or shelters closer than FIFTY FEET to a neighboring residence; or closer than FIVE FEET to a neighboring property line.

<u>Property Size</u>	<u>Minimum and Maximum Number of Small Animals or Fowl</u>	<u>Exercise/Shelter Area (Square Feet)</u>
<u>1 acre or less</u>	<u>Rabbits or Other Small Animals</u> <u>3 - 20</u>	<u>3 times number of small animals</u>
	<u>Bantam, miniatures or Other fowl weighing Less than 3 lbs.</u> <u>7 - 30</u>	<u>2 times number of fowl</u>
	<u>Chickens, ducks or Other fowl weighing 3 - 5 lbs.</u> <u>3 - 20</u>	<u>3 times number of fowl</u>
	<u>Pigeons</u> <u>14 - 200</u>	<u>1 times number of pigeons</u>
	<u>Turkey, geese or Other fowl weighing 5 - 20 lbs.</u> <u>2 - 5</u>	<u>7 times number of fowl</u>
	<u>For each additional 1 acre</u>	<u>2 times the number per each category</u>

**Exclusions**

- In calculating the minimum and maximum numbers of animals such numbers shall not include:
1. Large animals under the age of 180 days if the animal's biological parent is lawfully kept upon the premises.
  2. Small animals under the age of sixty days or kept within a dwelling.
  3. Fowl under the age of thirty days or kept within a dwelling.

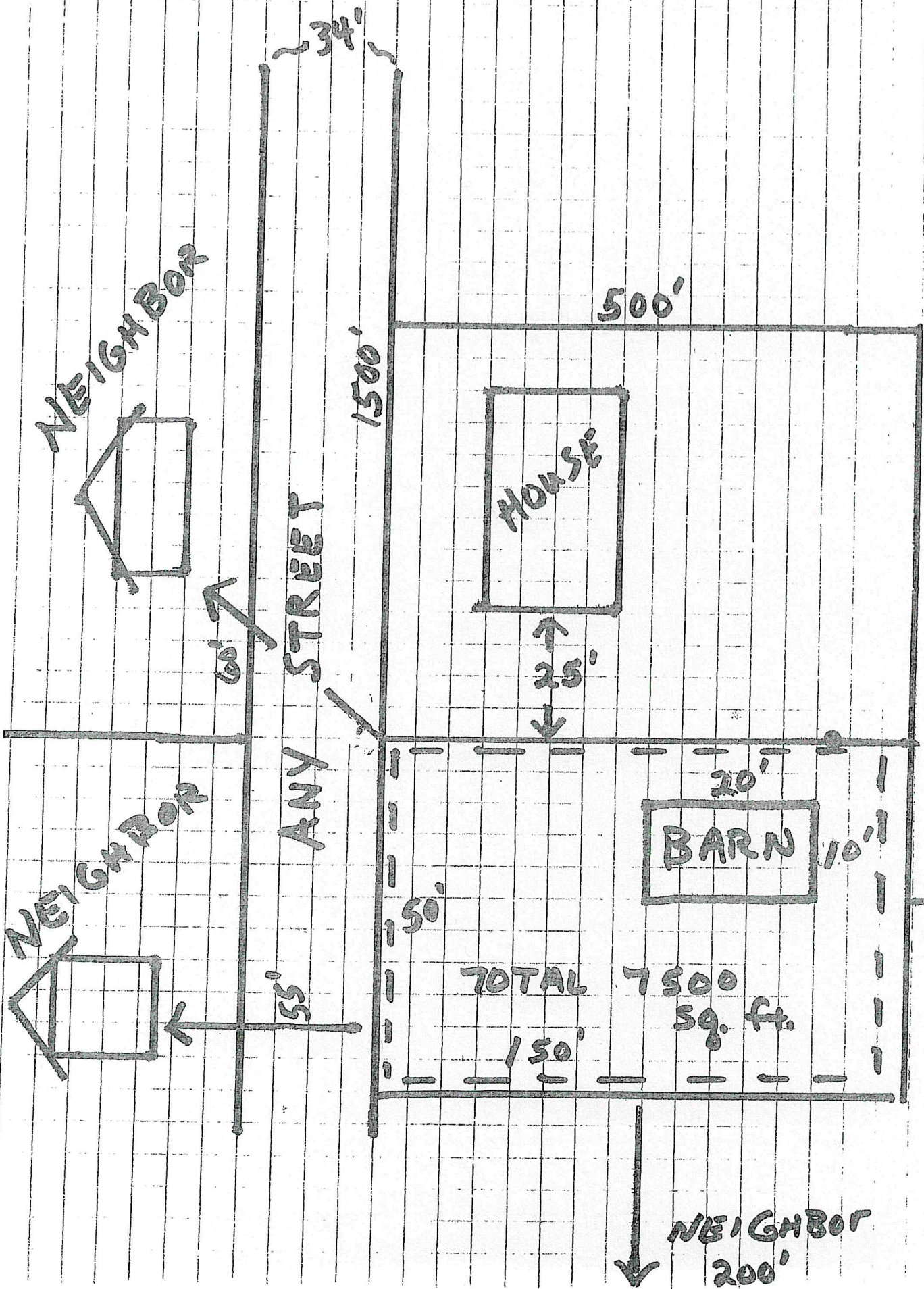
**Sanitary and General regulations**

Offal, manure, and waste material accumulating from animals or fowl must be removed at least once every SEVEN days. If the total area of the premises is less than 7,500 square feet, the flooring or pads of the pens, enclosures, and shelters must be of a hard surface material.

**Revocation or Permit Suspension** . Any permit issued to keep any large or small animal or fowl is subject to revocation or suspension by the Village Clerk for violation of any of these regulations or any Village Code, such as failure to renew an annual permit, unsanitary conditions, animals running at large, maintaining a nuisance or exceeding the allowable number of permissible animals/fowl.



# EXAMPLE



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