

Agriculture

Proposed Amendments to Zoning Ordinance

Chapter 315 - 2 : Purpose

§ 315-2 Purpose.

[Amended 9-10-2012]

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The purpose of this chapter, made as part of a comprehensive plan for the development of the Town, is to promote public health, safety, and general welfare; to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town; to protect and preserve land most suitable for agricultural uses, to promote traffic safety; to provide safety from fire and other elements; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of real estate; to provide a wholesome home environment; to prevent housing development in unsanitary areas; to provide an adequate street system; to promote the coordinated development of unbuilt areas; to encourage the formation of community units; and to provide an allotment of land area in new developments sufficient for all public services.

Chapter 315 – 4: Word Usage and definitions

AGRICULTURE

The use of a tract of land for commercial purposes for ~~the cultivation and the production of crops, truck gardening, nurseries or greenhouses, or any allied industry, but exclusive of animal husbandry and exclusive of private gardens less than 1/2 acre. This shall not include registered dispensaries of medical marijuana, retail marijuana establishments, retail marijuana social clubs, or any other addiction treatment facility as defined in this chapter and by applicable state statutes.~~

any of the following:

1. The cultivation of soil for production and harvesting of crops, including fruits, vegetables, sod, flowers, and ornamental plants;
2. The planting and production of timber;
3. Animal husbandry including dairying, breeding, raising, management, care, and training of livestock, including horses, llamas, goats, pigs, cattle, bees, poultry and other similar types of animals for individual and public use and consumption.
4. Aquaculture;
5. The operation, management, conservation, improvement and maintenance of a farm and the structures and buildings on the farm, including building and structure repair, replacement, expansion, and construction incident to the farming operation; and when performed on the farm, the marketing and selling of agricultural products; agri-tourism; the storage and use of materials for agricultural purposes; and packing,

treating, processing, sorting, storage and other activities performed to add value to crops, livestock, and agricultural items produced on the farm.

6. Farm-based Retail;
7. Farm-based Specialty Events;
8. Slaughterhouse;
9. Farm Worker Housing;
10. Bed and Breakfast uses, as defined.

AQUACULTURE

The growing or propagation of harvestable freshwater, estuarine, or marine plant or animal species.

SLAUTERING ESTABLISHMENT

~~A building or other place where animals or poultry, raised elsewhere, are killed or dressed for the market.~~

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

A facility for the slaughtering and processing of animals that are either raised or transported to the facility and the processing and storage of animal products and waste that results from a slaughtering process.

FARM WORKER HOUSING

Single, Duplex or Multiplex dwelling units located on the farm and occupied by employees of the farm owner.

FARM-BASED RETAIL

The selling of agricultural produce or products, the majority of which is grown or raised by the landowner ~~on property owned by the landowner within the Rural Residential 1 (RR1) and Rural Residential 2 (RR2) Districts.~~ This shall not include retail marijuana establishments.

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