

BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2015

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 168, "ZONING," SECTION 168-36, "KEEPING OF ANIMALS," OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVERDALE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverdale, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 168, "Zoning", Section 168-36, "Keeping of Animals," of the Revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Riverdale, shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 168-36 Keeping of Animals.

- A. The keeping of animals shall be permitted in all residential districts as an accessory use. The keeping of animals in other districts shall require a conditional use permit by the Planning Board.
- B. The following standards shall regulate the keeping of animals:

Animals	Minimum Lot Size	Number Permitted Per Acre or Per Residence	Required Housing Space Per Animal
Dog or cat	No requirement	2 per residence	No requirement
Chickens – Female only	No requirement	3 per residential lot	20 square feet maximum at least 100 feet from all neighboring dwellings
Horse and pony	1 acre	1 per acre	80 square feet
Cattle	3 acres	1 per acre	100 square feet
Sheep	1 acre	1 per acre 3 per second acre 5 per third or more acre	16 square feet
Goats	1 acre	1 per first acre 3 per second acre 5 per third or more acre	16 square feet
Swine	3 acres	1 per acre	64 square feet
Poultry	1 acre	3 per acre	16 square feet

- C. The keeping of any animal not listed above is prohibited.
- D. Any area for the keeping of animals shall be located at least one hundred (100) feet from a neighboring dwelling.
- E. Stables or outdoor areas for the keeping of animals shall be located in rear yards only. All corral and stable areas must be at least fifty (50) feet from any stream, well or water body or watercourse.
- F. All animals on the property shall be owned by and for the sole and exclusive use of the residents of the lot upon which they are located.
- G. The keeping of one kind of animal shall preclude the keeping of other animals and counting the same lot area twice.
- H. The following maintenance standards shall be enforced by the Zoning Officer in consultation with the Health Department, and failure to abide by them shall result in revocation by the Borough of permission to keep animals:
 - (1) Manure must be collected daily and stored in flyproof containers to be removed at least once per week.
 - (2) Stables must be cleaned daily with periodic treatment for flies and insect larvae. The area must be kept dry to exclude breeding areas.
 - (3) Building, stables and feed rooms must be rodent proofed.
 - (4) Facilities must be kept in good repair and properly ventilated.
 - (5) Adequate water facilities must be provided for drinking, cleaning and fire protection.
 - (6) The use must be maintained so as not to become a source of odor or noise pollution.
- I. The keeping of animals, dogs and cats excepted, requires an annual application for a zoning permit. The fee is \$25 per year.
- J. All containment locations to be approved through approval of zoning permit.

Section 2. If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid in any Court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the other sections or provisions of this Ordinance, except so far as the section or provision so declared invalid shall be inseparable from the remainder or any portion thereof.

Section 3. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication in the manner provided by law.

Adopted this ____ day of
_____, 2015.

Abubakar Jalloh, Borough Clerk

William Budesheim, Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed first reading by title at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Riverdale, held on September 9, 2015 and it will be considered for final passage at a regular meeting of said Mayor and Council to be held on October 28, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter same can be considered, in the Municipal Building, 91 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Riverdale, New Jersey, at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same. During the week prior and up to the time of public hearing, copies of said Ordinance will be available to the members of the general public who request same, in the Borough Clerk's Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Abubakar Jalloh
Municipal Clerk