

Be it ordained by the Town Board of the Town of West Lakeland that the following sections be adopted as amendments/additions to the Code of Ordinances for West Lakeland Township.

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17.11 Regulations Related to Keeping Goats and Sheep

17.11.1 Number Allowed

17.11.1.1 On lots less than five acres, a maximum of five (5) goats and sheep (combined) are allowed so long as there is a minimum of one (1) grazeable acre. Grazeable shall be defined as an area with edible plants appropriate for goats or sheep, including woody plants, grasses, and weeds capable of supporting summer grazing at the density stated above. Kids and lambs do not count towards the allowable limit until they reach three months of age.

17.11.1.2 Lots larger than 5 five (5) acres are regulated by Section 17.9.

17.11.2 Temporary Prescribed Grazing Exception

17.11.2.1 Property owners are allowed to hire goats and sheep, on a temporary basis, for prescribed grazing of noxious weeds and invasive species management.

17.11.2.2 The maximum allowed temporary prescribed grazing duration is thirty (30) days, twice annually.

17.11.2.3 The number of goats and sheep allowed for temporary prescribed grazing shall be appropriate for the density of edible plants, and may be at a higher density than resident goats and sheep.

17.11.2.4 The property owner is liable for damage caused by goats and sheep.

17.11.3 Confinement

17.11.3.1 Property owners or occupants shall ensure the health and welfare of the goats and sheep, including access to adequate food, water, and shelter.

17.11.3.2 Sheds, barns, and shelters used to house goats and sheep must be located in the rear yard and are subject to the requirements for accessory buildings, including all setbacks.

17.11.3.3 Goats, sheep, shelters, and pastures must be kept in a manner as to not cause an unhealthy, unsanitary, or noxious condition or to cause a nuisance such as objectionable noise or odors. Goat or sheep bleating is subject to the same restrictions as nuisance dog barking, see section 17.4.4.

17.11.3.4 Supplementary food shall be kept in rodent-proof containers.

17.11.3.5 Goats and sheep must be contained within the property boundaries. Physical fencing shall be required along roadways and property lines.

Section 18 Definitions:

Kids : Goats less than twelve months of age

Lambs: Sheep less than twelve months of age