

Report on Equestrian Boarding / Sarah Kenney, Planning & Zoning Coordinator

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All municipalities in Illinois with professional codification regarding their respective code

Village of Metawa

Horse Stabling Laws in Illinois

MidWest Plan Services

HorseBoarding.com

IllinoisMunicipalLeague.com

Bill Koenig, MidWest Plan Services, Engineer

Bob Coleman, Animal Scientist and Extension Horse Specialist, University of Kentucky

Ted Funk, Associate professor of Animal Sciences and Extension Engineer, University of Illinois

A consensus from the authors and reviewers of the Horse Facilities Handbook:

"Municipal regulation of horses and their boarding is few and far between". (Bob Coleman, Animal Scientist and Extension Horse Specialist)

I have spoken with competent Scientists / Engineers and Horse Specialists in the field and all conclude that Best Management Practices are most important when discussing nuisance/odor/unkept conditions. In conducting an ordinance to regulate the number of horses, however, there is little, if any, factual findings in the country to support the topic of horse boarding. They have suggested that the community (Equestrian Commission) come up with a number and support it by stating "no scientific or factual data/studies exist".

Sarah -

Attached are excerpts from the Wayne Zoning Code relating to the Commercial Equestrian District (Chapter 10) and commercial and private equestrian facilities (Chapter 12). Nearly all of these chapters predate my time with the Village so I can only surmise the reason for there being two chapters rather than one. There are also other curiosities in the ordinances which I can point out, but can't explain. In any event, the excerpts should provide at least a beginning point should Barrington Hills consider such an ordinance.

Please call if you have questions.

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