

Memo

To: Village Clerk
CC: Planning & Zoning Coordinator
From: Chairman, Equestrian Commission
Date: May 6, 2010
Re: Commercial Boarding Report

Over the past year the Equestrian Commission has sent several drafts to the ZBA of our suggested approach to boarding of horses within the village. Attached is the final recommendation dated May 3, 2010. The attached document is what we are presenting to the ZBA for discussion. All prior drafts should be considered outdated and void.

Thank you,

Dan Lundmark
Chairman, Equestrian Commission

5/3/10

Boarding of Horses in Barrington Hills

The boarding of horses in Barrington Hills is permitted under the Home Occupation ordinance. Boarding of horses is desirable for the equestrian community. Boarding of horses (horse boarding; boarding) means the keeping, training, breeding, raising and/or sheltering of horses in Barrington Hills if such horses are not owned by the occupant or owner of the property; it shall not include a livery, the keeping of horses for rent.

As spelled out in the Village Code, the boarding of horses in a stable and the training of horses and/or their riders shall be a permitted home occupation.

Barns greater than the square footage of the principal residence shall require a special use permit.

The number of horses boarded on a given property is not subject to a single formula. Consideration must be given to the property's location, configuration, neighborhood, wetlands, vehicular access, parking, available pastures and manure disposal. Therefore there should be no fixed number of horses per acre.

The health and welfare of horses is currently the responsibility of the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The Equestrian Commission believes that residents who choose to own and board horses have the right and freedom to decide how many horses they wish to own or board.

All buildings used in connection with any boarding facility shall comply with the setbacks required by the zoning code for accessory buildings.

Livery operations (leasing or renting horses by the hour or day for riding on or off the property in question) are prohibited.

Nothing in this recommendation shall be construed as applying to private facilities that shelter horses belonging solely to the owners/residents or occupants of the property. The equestrian and rural nature of Barrington Hills and the right to keep one's horses on private property are not in any way meant to be limited by this recommendation.

The prevue of the Equestrian Commission is to make recommendations to various Village boards and Commissions. At the April 29th Equestrian Commission meeting resident Bruce Pfaff submitted draft language of suggested changes to the village code as pertains to boarding. The Equestrian Commission finds merit to Mr. Pfaff's language and recommends that it be considered.