

Chapter 701 – Right to Farm

Section 701.1 – Title

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the “Lenox Township Right to Farm Ordinance.”

Section 701.2 – Intent

An ordinance to provide for circumstances under which a farm shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance.

Section 701.3 – Definitions

Farm – The land, buildings, and machinery used in the commercial production of farm products.

Farm Operation – A condition or activity which occurs on a farm in connection with the commercial production of farm products and includes but is not limited to: Marketed produce at roadside stands or farm markets; noise, odors; dust; fumes; operation of machinery and irrigation pumps; ground and aerial seeding and spraying; the application of chemical fertilizers, conditions, insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides; and the employment and use of labor.

Farm Product – Those plants and animals useful to man and includes but are not limited to forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, dairy and dairy products, and poultry and poultry products; livestock, including breeding and grazing, fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, trees, fish, apiaries, equine, and other similar products; or any other product which incorporates the use of food, feed, fiber, and fur.

Section 701.4 – Nuisance Exemptions

- A. A farm or farm operation shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance if the farm or farm operation alleged to be a nuisance conforms to generally accepted agricultural and management practices according to a policy as determined by the director of the department of agriculture.
- B. A farm or farm operation shall not be found to be a public or private nuisance if the farm or farm operation existed before a change to the land use or occupancy of land within one (1) mile of the boundaries of the farmland, and before such change in land use or occupancy of land, the farm or farm operation would not have been a nuisance.

