

**TOWNSHIP OF NEWPORT**

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WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS REGARDING CHICKENS, DUCKS, ETC. BEING RAISED BY RESIDENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP.

THE TOWNSHIP **DOES NOT HAVE** AN ORDINANCE PREVENTING THIS.

**HOWEVER, THE LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE DOES PREVENT THEM.**

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP USES THE LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE ORIGINALLY ADOPTED: DECEMBER 16, 1964 AND LATEST TEXT AMENDMENT: SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

THE ZONING ORDINANCE HAS A SECTION WHICH RELATES TO FARM ANIMALS.

SECTION 6:03 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE STATES: ANIMALS IN RESIDENCE, BUSINESS AND MINING DISTRICTS:

FARM ANIMALS, INCLUDING HORSES, SHALL NOT BE KEPT IN RESIDENCE, NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS, COMMUNITY BUSINESS AND MINING DISTRICTS. HOUSEHOLD PETS SHALL BE LIMITED TO FOUR (4) COMBINED PER FAMILY IN RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

ANY PERSON, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPORATION WHO OR WHICH HAS VIOLATED OR PERMITTED THE VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, SHALL UPON BEING FOUND LIABLE THEREFORE IN A CIVIL ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING COMMENCED BY LUZERNE COUNTY, PAY A JUDGMENT OF NOT MORE THE \$500. PLUS ALL COURTS COSTS, INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED BY LUZERNE COUNTY.

THE COUNTY ZONING OFFICE WILL ENFORCE THE ABOVE, HOWEVER, WE WILL ASSIST THEM BY PROVIDING THEM WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF WHERE THE VIOLATION OF SECTION 6:03 IS TAKING PLACE. PLEASE SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION TO THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER AND HE WILL FORWARD IT T O THE LUZERNE COUNTY ZONING OFFICE.