

ALMONT TOWNSHIP  
LAGOON ORDINANCE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH BUILDINGS AND THE LAGOON USED IN LAGOON TYPE MANURE DISPOSAL FOR ANIMAL AND POULTRY RAISING OPERATIONS AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

THE TOWNSHIP OF ALMONT ORDAINS:

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as the Lagoon Type Manure Disposal for Animal and Poultry Raising Ordinance of Almont Township, Lapeer County, Michigan.

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND PURPOSE

The requirements of this Ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements in the interest of public health and sanitation for the construction or establishment of lagoon type manure disposal for animal and poultry raising operations.

ARTICLE II

CONSTRUCTION

SECTION 1. Any person, firm or corporation establishing a lagoon type manure disposal for animal and poultry raising shall first obtain a permit from the Township Supervisor and on making application shall submit a diagram showing the physical plan for the construction of such lagoon and the buildings to be used for such animal and poultry raising, including the location from all established highways, neighbors' dwellings within one-half mile, wells, drainage ditches, lakes or other bodies of water.

The lagoon used in the disposal of manure from such animal and poultry raising shall have the following minimum facilities:

- A. It shall be not closer than 1320 feet (one quarter mile) from a neighboring dwelling or building in use.
- B. It shall be not closer than 300 feet from any public highway or adjoining property lines.

C. The surface area of the lagoon shall provide the following number of square feet of surface area for each animal using the facility:

hogs..... 150 square feet of surface area  
sheep..... 200 square feet of surface area  
cattle.....1200 square feet of surface area  
poultry..... 15 square feet of surface area  
horses.....1000 square feet of surface area

D. The floor of the lagoon shall be level.

E. The sides of the lagoon shall be as nearly vertical as it is possible to construct it.

F. No overflow shall enter any stream, ditch or water course.

G. Bedding or other manure shall not be permitted in the lagoon.

H. The liquid depth shall be not less than two feet and the facilities shall provide a water supply adequate to maintain such liquid depth.

I. Percolation tests shall be taken and submitted with the plan.

## SECTION 2. ADMINISTRATION

The Township Supervisor of Almont Township shall administer this Ordinance and on having submitted to him a proper plan meeting the regulations above shall issue a permit for the establishment of such facility on payment to him of a fee of \$10.00, which fee shall go into the general fund of the Township. Such permit shall provide that when the facility has been completed the Supervisor shall be notified and he shall make an inspection to insure that all the provisions of this Ordinance have been complied with, at which time he shall issue a Certificate of Compliance permitting the applicant to move animals or poultry into the facility.

## ARTICLE III

### AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. Amendments to this ordinance may be initiated by the Township Board at any time.

## ARTICLE IV

### LEGAL PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

#### SECTION 1. ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE

Any use of land for a lagoon type manure disposal for animal and poultry raising maintained, erected, altered or established in violation of any provisions of this Ordinance or

Regulation lawfully adopted hereunder is hereby declared a nuisance per se. The Township Board, after resolution is duly adopted, may take action in any Court of competent jurisdiction to cause the abatement of such nuisance and such remedies shall be an addition to the imposition of penalty for violation of the terms hereof as provided in Section 2.

SECTION 2. PENALTIES

Any person, firm or corporation, or other organization which violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with, or resists the enforcement of any provision of this ordinance or fails to obey or execute any lawful order issued in pursuance of this Ordinance shall upon conviction, be fined not less than \$10.00 and not more than \$100.00 together with the costs of prosecution or shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not more than ninety days or may be both fined and imprisoned as provided herein at the discretion of the Court. Where any violation is of a continuing nature each and every day during which an illegal erection, alteration, maintenance or use continues shall be deemed as a separate offense.

ARTICLE V

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in effect on and after the 14th day of February, 1964.

MARY B. HAHN,  
Township Clerk, Almont Township  
Lapeer County, Michigan