

PETITION QUESTION;

Shall the Town of Litchfield adopt the Right to Farm Ordinance set forth below:

Right to Farm Ordinance

Section 1. Declaration of policy

Agriculture is a significant part of the Town of Litchfield's heritage and a vital part of the Town's future. Because Litchfield is now at risk of losing local farms and agricultural resources, it is necessary that the Town of Litchfield both protects and promotes farming and agricultural activities.

It is therefore the declared policy of the Town of Litchfield that the boards and commissions of the Town shall consistently work towards protecting agricultural land and promoting farming, agricultural operations, the sale of local farm products within the Town and Agri-Tourism, including activities on the farm to promote agriculture, provided that no activity shall conflict with any provisions of the Town's land use regulations.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to conflict with the Right to Farm provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-341 and the establishment of generally accepted farming practices by the State's Commissioner of Agriculture or his/her designee.

Section 2. Definitions.

"Agriculture" and "Farming" are herein defined as set forth in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-1(q) as may from time to time be amended; but for purposes of this ordinance, "farming" shall not include the raising or harvesting of furbearing animals and wildlife. Nothing herein shall restrict the power of a local zoning authority under chapter 124."

"Agri-Tourism" shall mean an agriculturally based operation or activity that brings visitors to a farm for enjoyment, education, or active involvement in the activities or operations of the farm, whether or not a visitor pays to participate in such operation or activity.

"Local farm products" shall mean farm products grown or raised within a 100 mile radius of Litchfield.

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Town Clerk/Asst. Town Clerk