

RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE

Be it ORDAINED that the electors of the Town of Canterbury at a duly warned Special Town Meeting held on June 24, 2010 adopted the following ordinance:

Section I: Purpose and Intent

Agriculture plays a significant role in Canterbury's heritage and future. The Town officially recognizes the importance of farming to its rural quality of life, heritage, public health, scenic vistas, tax base, wetlands and wildlife, and local economy. This Right to Farm ordinance encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-base economic opportunities, and protects farmland within Canterbury by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies.

It is the declared policy of the Town of Canterbury to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products and for its natural and ecological value. It is hereby further determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through generally accepted agricultural practices, such impact is offset and ameliorated by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community and society in general.

Section II: Definitions

The terms "agriculture" and "farming" shall have all those meanings set forth in Section 1-1(q) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Section III: Right to Farm

As such, Canterbury would endorse Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-341 as amended.

This ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes.

Passed at Town Meeting June 24, 2010.

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