6.3 Farm-Related Animal Standards

General Farm-Related Animal Standards

These General Farm Animal Standards apply to all zoning districts:

A. **Columbus Requirements:** The keeping of farm-related animals on any lot of less than 5 acres shall be prohibited within the city limits of the City of Columbus. Lots of 5 acres or greater shall be limited to a maximum of 5 farm-related animals, with any pens or other animal housing kept a minimum of 200 feet from all property lines. All properties within Columbus’ jurisdiction outside of the city limits shall comply with any Bartholomew County requirements.

B. **CFO / CAFO Requirements:** Confined feeding operations (CFOs) and concentrated feeding operations (CAFOs) shall be located consistent with Article 3 of this Ordinance. All such operations shall meet any and all applicable requirements of the federal, state, and local government in addition to the following:

1. **Required Lot Size:** No farm (CFO / CAFO type II) shall be located on any lot of less than 5 acres.

2. **Required Setbacks:** All structures used in association with a farm (CFO / CAFO type II) operation, including waste disposal facilities, shall be setback a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines.

3. **Minimum Distance from Residential Zoning:** No farm (CFO / CAFO type II) operation, shall be located closer than 1/2 mile to any Single-family Residential or Multi-family Residential zoning district (measured at the nearest boundary line of the zoning district and the nearest property line of the CFO / CAFO operation).

**Note:** Consistent with Article II (Nonconformities) of this Ordinance, existing CFO / CAFO operations are not required to re-locate or alter their operations if nearby zoning or uses change.