

TOWN OF COLUMBUS
Local Law # 2

TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF FARMERS

Section 1. Legislative Intent

By the adoption of the Local Law the Town Board of the Town of Columbus declares its intent to maintain the desirable rural character of the Town of Columbus; to permit the continuation of the business of farming as it is now carried out throughout the Town of Columbus, including the various agricultural districts within the town; and to retain the existence of farms within the Town in view of the substantial contribution to the tax base now provided by said farms and farm properties. The Town Board of the Town of Columbus further recognizes that there exist certain farming practices which must be permitted to be carried on to the furtherance of the business of farming and which can go on within the Town of Columbus without interfering with the use and enjoyment of land not now devoted to the business of farming.

Section 2. Definitions

As used herein the term:

- a) Farmer shall mean any person, organization, entity, association, partnership, or corporation engaged in the business of agriculture, whether for profit or otherwise including the cultivation of land, raising of crops, and the raising of livestock.

- b) Farming Practices shall mean any activity, now permitted by law, engaged in by a farmer as defined herein in connection with and in furtherance of the business of farming and shall include the collection, transportation, distribution and storage of animal waste; storage, transportation and use of equipment for tillage, planting, and harvesting; transportation, storage and use of legally permitted fertilizers, lime, and pesticides all in accordance with local, state, and federal law and regulation, and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and warnings; construction of farm structures and facilities as permitted by local and state building code regulation; including construction and maintenance of fences.

Section 3. Wherefore

It is resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Columbus, that farmers, as defined herein, may lawfully engage in farming practices as defined herein within the Town of Columbus at such times, and at such location, as is necessary to conduct the business of farming and that no person, entity, association, partnership or corporation shall engage in any act to prevent or deter such conduct as is approved herein.

Section 4. Saving Clause

If any provision, paragraph, or section of this Local Law shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Local Law as a whole or of any part thereof not so found to be invalid. This Local Law shall be construed where possible to copy with any and all existing laws, constitutions, rules and regulations applicable to the subject matter hereof.