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Commercial Boarding in Barrington Hills

The boarding of horses in Barrington Hills is desirable from the equestrian community's point of view. Boarding of horses (horse boarding; boarding) means the keeping, training, breeding, raising and/or sheltering of horses in Barrington Hills if such horses are not owned by the occupant or owner of the property; it shall not include a livery, that is the keeping of horses for rent.

As spelled out in the Village Code, the boarding of horses in a stable and the training of horses and/or their riders shall be a permitted Home Occupation. Limited-facility boarding should be under the discipline of the Home Occupation ordinance and shall mean the boarding of nine (9) or fewer horses.

Expanded-facility (commercial boarding) shall be defined to include: (A) the boarding of more horses than may be permitted under the limited-facility boarding provision of the home occupation ordinance and/or (B) a facility having a barn/stable in excess of 2,700 square feet in size. Such a facility shall be considered a Commercial Boarding facility subject to the proposed requirements whether or not horses are boarded at the facility.

Barns greater than 2,700 square feet shall require a Special Use permit. The number of horses boarded on a given property is not subject to a single formula. Consideration must be given to the property's location, configuration, neighborhood, wetlands, vehicular access, parking, available pastures and manure disposal. In considering these variables, the number of boarded horses should not exceed two (2) horses per acre.

All buildings used in connection with any boarding facility shall comply with the setbacks required by the Zoning Code for accessory buildings.

Livery operations (leasing or renting horses by the hour or day for riding on or off the property in question) are prohibited.

Nothing in this recommendation shall be construed as applying to private facilities that shelter horses belonging solely to the owners/residents or occupants of the property. The equestrian and rural nature of Barrington Hills and the right to keep one's horses on private property is not in any way meant to be abridged by this recommendation.

Source: Equestrian Commission