

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Oneida County Planning & Development Committee will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, Oneida County Courthouse, Rhinelander, WI 54501 on the following:

Ordinance Amendment #1-2021 authored by the Planning and Development Committee to amend Chapter 9, Article 5, Section 9.57 Livestock Facilities Licensing of the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

Additions noted by underline; deletions noted by ~~strikethrough~~

9.57 MORATORIUM ON LIVESTOCK FACILITIES LICENSING

A. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this ordinance is to allow Oneida County to impose a moratorium providing adequate time to study, review, consider, and determine whether amendments to the Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance, creation of a Livestock Facilities Zoning Ordinance or creation of a Manure Storage Ordinance is required to protect public health or safety in Oneida County. Further, the imposition of a moratorium will allow Oneida County to determine whether it has adequate resources to enforce any new or existing livestock facility ordinance.

B. Authority

The Oneida County Board has the specific authority under Wisconsin Statutes including but not limited to §59.02(2) and §59.68 Wis. Stats.

C. Adoption

This ordinance, adopted by a majority vote of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors with a quorum present and proper notice having been given, provides for the imposition of a moratorium on the licensing of new livestock facilities that will have 500 or more animal units, and on the licensing of pre-existing livestock facilities that are undergoing an expansion if the number of animal units kept at the expanded facility will be 500 or more, provided that the moratorium does not apply to an applicant who has acquired legally vested rights to the issuance of a license prior to the adoption of this ordinance.

D. Definitions

1. Livestock Facility - A feedlot, dairy farm, or other operation where livestock are or will be fed, confined, maintained, or stabled for a total of 45 days or more in any twelve (12) month period. A "livestock facility" includes all of the tax parcels of land on which the facility is located, but does not include a pasture or winter grazing area. Related livestock facilities are collectively treated as a single "livestock facility" for purposes of this chapter, except that an operator may elect to treat a separate species facility as a separate "livestock facility."
2. Related Livestock Facilities - Livestock facilities that are owned or managed by the same person, and related to each other in at least one of the following ways:
 - a. They are located on the same tax parcel or adjacent tax parcels of land.
 - b. They use one or more of the same livestock structures to collect or store manure.
 - c. At least a portion of their manure is applied to the same landspreading acreage.
3. Animal Unit - Has the meaning that was given in s. NR 243.03(3) as of April 27, 2004.

E. Moratorium Imposed

The Oneida County Board of Supervisors hereby imposes a moratorium on the licensing of new livestock facilities that will have 500 or more animal units and on the licensing of pre-existing livestock facilities that are undergoing an expansion if the number of animal units kept at the expanded facility will be 500 or more, provided that the moratorium does not apply to an applicant who has acquired legally vested rights to the issuance of a license prior to the adoption of this ordinance.

F. Duration of Moratorium

This moratorium shall be in effect for a period of twelve (12) months from the date this ordinance is passed by the County Board unless the County Board rescinds this moratorium at an earlier date. This moratorium may be extended for up to six (6) more months by a majority vote of the Oneida County Board of Supervisors. The moratorium shall expire on September 1, 2021.

Copies of the foregoing documents are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Planning & Zoning Office, Oneida County Courthouse, 2nd Floor, Rhinelander, Wisconsin 54501 or phone 715-369-6130. The Oneida County Zoning and Shoreland Protection Ordinance is available online at www.co.oneida.wi.us.

Anyone having interest may attend and be heard. Interested parties who are unable to attend may send written comments to the undersigned.

Dated this 31st day of December 2020.

/s/Scott Holewinski, Chairman
Oneida County Planning & Development Committee
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