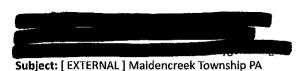
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Good morning. When we moved into our property in 2003 it was zoned agriculture. We have around 3 acres and over the years have had horses, cattle, and, currently, sheep. While zoned ag we never had issues with how many of each animal we had on the property. In 2017 the township changed our zoning from ag to R-1. At the meeting we were told that it would not affect anyone owning livestock, and we would be grandfathered in. However, over the last two years we have been told that we can no longer have the amount of animals that we had at one time. This is interfering with our ability to raise sheep as the township is stating only 7 animals are allowed on the property. I understand that Penn State guidelines are different and would allow more animals than the township ordinance. However, is the township able to change the zoning and then limit the amount of animals now allowed? Also, are they able to require less animals than the Penn State Nutrient Management Act (Act 38)? Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. We do not spread any manure on our property, we spread on a neighbor's 80 acre farm. Zoning ordinances can be found here: https://www.ecode360.com/11752776 If there is any additional information you would require please contact me. Thank you.

5.2.0.57 General agricultural use regulations

ignaultural uses, as defined in **\$ 220-11** of this chapter and as described below, are permitted by right in all zoni except High-Denoity Residential (Riza), Village Density Residential (Riz), and Multiferrily Residential (Rig).

- - (t) Agricultural uses shall be conducted on a farm which shall be a minimum of three askes in size.
 - (2) Animal huseandry uses shall be limited to the following

Area in Contiguous Acres	Animal Equivalent Units Per Acre(s)
3105	05
More than § to 25	75
More than 25 and above	20
	specified above shall be considered an intensive agricultural ase which to Preservation (AP) Zohing Districtionly, and are subject to 5 220-05

- (a) Not withstanding anything to the contrary, no agricultural structure bouring an main shall be isonted closer than 150 feet to any property boundary
- (b) All graving or posture areas utilized for this purpose shall be fenced
- (c) No slaughter area or manure storage shall be established crosor than 150 feet from any property line.

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