

ARTICLE 4 – CITYWIDE STANDARDS

SECTION 50 – PUBLIC WATER, SEWERS, SIDEWALKS AND CURBS

52. FENCES

52.1 **General Requirements.** As used in this subsection, *fences* shall include all non-retaining walls, hedges, berms or other barriers intended to provide privacy, security or separation of properties. In all *districts*, the following shall regulate the construction and/or use of *fences*:

- 1) The finished side, if any, of all *fences* shall be placed facing out from the property on which it is erected;
- 2) No *fence*, wall, hedge or barrier located within the *front yard* setback or within thirty (30) feet of a *street* shall be taller than four (4) feet.

52.2 **Use of Dangerous Fence Material.** No *fence* shall be electrified or constructed of or include barbed wire or similarly dangerous material in any *district*.

ARTICLE 2: USE REGULATIONS

SECTION 10 – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS

3. **Fences, Walls, fences, privet hedges, or berms** not greater than seven (7) feet in height in any side or rear yard, not higher than four (4) feet in any *front yard* or other *yard* bordering any *street* or public *right-of-way*, and not higher than 3 feet within a *corner visibility triangle* of twenty (20) feet.

Zoning Laws for Keeping Outdoor Animals

46.1 **Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to regulate the keeping of farm animals in the City of West Haven in order to protect the health, safety, and public welfare of residents of the community and to insure their right of quiet enjoyment of their property.

46.2 Scope

Farm animals include all those animals traditionally raised on farms or ranches such as but not limited to chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, hogs, rabbits, cattle, sheep, goats, horses, ponies, donkeys, etc., whether for the residents' pleasure or consumption, or for breeding or other commercial purposes. This shall not include animals listed above for which one (1) farm animal less than 100 pounds in weight is kept on the property as a pet.

46.3 Health Hazard or Nuisance

A health hazard or nuisance shall include situations of rat harborage, noxious odors, excessive noise, animals running loose and any other situation or nuisance which might be mentioned in the health code, zoning regulation, local ordinance, state statutes or accepted legal interpretation.

46.4 Keeping of Farm Animals

The keeping of one or more farm animals whether of one species or more than one species will be permitted in any district provided:

1. The animal or animals are housed overnight in a structure which is a minimum of 100 feet from any dwelling unit.
2. The animal or animals shall be kept a minimum distance of 25 feet from all adjoining property lines and that they shall be prevented from straying onto any street, roadway or adjoining private property;
3. The premises or operation meet all applicable local and state health codes;
4. No nuisance is created or maintained; and
5. Any manure, feces or animal droppings shall be kept in a covered watertight pit or chamber and shall be removed at least once weekly.