

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE
LOCAL LAW #1 OF THE YEAR 1991

A Local Law-----"Right to Farm Life "

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT: By the adoption of this law, the Town Board of Cambridge declares its intent to maintain the desirable rural character of the Town of Cambridge; to permit the continuation of the business of farming as it is now carried out throughout the Town of Cambridge, including, without limitation, the various agricultural districts within the town; and to retain the existence of farms with the Town in view of the substantial contribution to the tax base as now provided by said farms and farm properties. The Town Board of the Town of Cambridge further recognizes that there exist certain "farming practices" which must be permitted to be carried on in the furtherance of the business of farming and which can be carried on within the Town of Cambridge 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, the raising of crops, the raising of livestock, and the operation of poultry farms.

(b) "Farming practices" shall mean any activity, now permitted by law, engaged in by a farmer as defined herein, in connection with an in furtherance of the business of farming and shall include, without limitation, the collection, transportation, distribution, and storage of animal wastes; storage, transportation, and use of equipment for tillage, planting and harvesting; transportation, storage and use of legally permitted fertilizers and limes, insecticides, herbicides, and pesticides all in accordance with local, state and federal law and regulations an in accordance with the manufacture's instructions and warnings; construction of farm structures and facilities as permitted by local and state building codes and regulations; construction and maintenance of fences.

Section 3. WHEREFORE, it is resolved by the Town Board of the Town of Cambridge, that farmers, as defined herein may lawfully engage in farming practices as defined herein, within the Town of Cambridge at

such times, including the night time hours, and at such locations, 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 it is approved herein.

Section 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any provision, paragraph or section of this law shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional the same shall not affect the validity of this law as a whole or of any part thereof not so found to be invalid. This law shall be constructed wherever possible to comply with any and all existing laws, constitutions, rules and regulations applicable to the subject matter thereof.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This local law shall be effective upon its filing with the Secretary of State.