

Town Article 8 – Zoning Amendment 7: Agriculture

This article will amend the Town Zoning Ordinance by adding an Agriculture section and remove the requirement for a 2. If approved, this new ordinance would require that all agricultural & farming activities be conducted according to State guidelines (1) and require that housing, space, etc. for livestock follow NH Cooperative Extension guidelines. (2)

A **YES vote** would amend the Zoning Ordinance in Raymond to include a new section, “Agriculture,” which details specific guidelines for raising livestock.

A **NO vote** would not create a new “Agriculture” section in the Zoning Ordinance.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- To provide best practices for agriculture according to State and County guidelines.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- To keep the current Zoning regulations as is, without specifics for agriculture.

References:

1. According to the NH Department of Agriculture, implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) can minimize the potential for agricultural nonpoint source water pollution and other adverse environmental and social problems. tinyurl.com/y5mto9du
2. UNH Cooperative Extension “Housing and Space Guidelines for Livestock.” tinyurl.com/y2z88h96