

SUMMARY OF RIGHT TO FARM ORDINANCE

BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT, pursuant to the Codified Ordinances, the following is adopted as Section 5-2:

At a Town Meeting on May 15, 2015, the legislative body of the Town of Kent, Connecticut enacted an ordinance that provides a copy of the ordinance is available for public inspection in the Town Clerk's office. Agriculture is a significant part of the Town of Kent's heritage, its rural character, and may constitute a vital part of the Town's future. It is therefore the declared policy of the Town of Kent and legislative determination of the legislative body of Kent to conserve and protect agricultural land and to encourage agricultural operations and the sale of farm products within the Town. It is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to promote and advance the Town's policy and reduce the loss of agricultural resources by limiting circumstances under which any such operation may be considered a nuisance. It is hereby further legislatively determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through normal agricultural practices, such impact is offset and ameliorated by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. Methods of farming that comport with generally accepted farming practices are also deemed to comport with community standards at large. This ordinance is not to be construed as modifying or abridging state law relative to the abatement of nuisances, but is to be used in the interpretation and characterization of activities and in considering and implementing enforcement of the provisions of the Ordinances of the Town of Kent and other applicable Town regulations, consistent with the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-341. Additionally, the terms of this ordinance may be used in determining whether the methods and practices that may come under review conform to community standards.

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This ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after publication thereof in a newspaper having circulation in Town of Kent.

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June 3, 2015