

Town of Cooperstown  
Manitowoc County, Wisconsin  
Resolution 2016-3

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON SPRAY IRRIGATION OF LIQUID ANIMAL MANURE USING CENTER PIVOT OR SPRAY GUN IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the residents of the Town of Cooperstown have expressed concern that the potential implementation of Spray Irrigation of liquid manure using center pivot or spray gun irrigation systems may present a health hazard to Town of Cooperstown residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cooperstown is predominantly an agriculturally zoned area that supports a rich agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown is in the process of investigating the effect of traditional methods of supplying nutrients on crop lands whether by surface application, surface application with integration, or injection of liquid manure; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown recognizes the need for further study to understand the ramifications of adopting an outright ban on the potential value of spray irrigation of liquid manure using center pivot or spray gun irrigation system process; and

WHEREAS, a report entitled "Considerations for the Use of Manure Irrigation Practices" prepared in coordination with the University of Wisconsin Extension was recently published which contains information for further study and consideration by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, such report is the product of a cross-section of interests concerned with the use of irrigation equipment to apply livestock manure or processed wastewater by agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, the Town expects additional studies and reports on this technology in the near future which will aid the Town in its determination of this matter in the interest of public health and safety;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, pursuant to Sections 60.22 (3) and 61.34, Wis. Stats., and its village powers, in order to protect the health, safety, welfare and convenience of the public, that a moratorium on the spraying of liquid manure by use of a center pivot manure irrigation or spray gun system be established in the Town of Cooperstown effective upon adoption of this resolution. The term of moratorium will be two (2) years, or until the adoption of an ordinance pertaining thereto, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for purposes of this Resolution, Spray Irrigation means the application of liquid manure or processed wastewater to cropland using equipment that discharges manure into the air via a single nozzle or multiple nozzles or hoses and which disperse the manure or process wastewater over distances greater than could be achieved using typical moving vehicle or manure hauling equipment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Cooperstown consider enacting an ordinance to ban spray irrigation of liquid animal manure using center pivot or spray gun irrigation systems based on supporting information that would serve to protect the public health and safety, the quality of the town's groundwater, and air quality, and the agricultural interests of the Town of Cooperstown.

Adopted this 3 day of August, 2016.

TOWN OF COOPERSTOWN



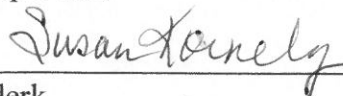
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