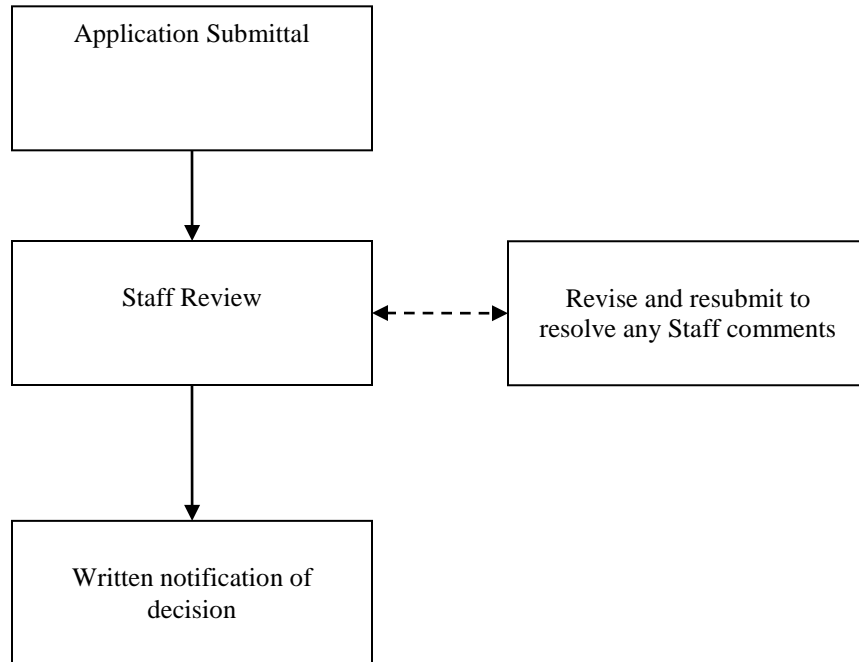

Process



Hobby Farm Determination and Recognition Program

The Town maintains an ongoing Hobby Farm Determination and Recognition Program to help to identify and protect agricultural uses and lifestyles on lands which are not identified as a farm pursuant to Section 193.461, Florida Statutes.

Applications. Applications may be submitted by any eligible landowner on the form attached. The only cost will be the sign paid directly to the sign company below at the time of pickup once the determination has been obtained:

Davie SIGNARAMA
1906 South University Drive, Davie, FL 33324
Phone: 954-476-4923

Criteria. The following shall be the minimum criteria for determination of a Hobby Farm:

1. Agricultural uses must be a permitted use in the particular zoning district (whether “by-right” or as a legal non-conforming use).
2. The application shall demonstrate that there are identifiable farm products, as defined in Section 12-503.
3. Fifty (50) percent or more of the gross area of the parcel must be dedicated to hobby farm or other agricultural purposes.
4. There shall be no unresolved Code Compliance cases related to the Hobby Farm activities at the time of application and no outstanding liens concerning previous Code Compliance cases.
5. The applicant shall provide proof of membership or involvement with agricultural associations, such as the Farm Bureau, Nursery and Growers Association, breed societies or other organizations which may be specific to various forms of agriculture.

Hobby Farm determinations. The Town Administrator or designee shall be responsible for administration of the program and making final, written determinations on all applications (approval, approval with conditions or denial) based on the criteria set forth in paragraph (c) above.

Hobby Farm benefits

1. Each approved Hobby Farm shall receive a Town certificate and a sign (cost to be paid by the applicant) suitable to identify the property as a Hobby Farm. Sign posting is not required but may be posted at the discretion of the landowner.
2. Not to be determined a nuisance. No designated Hobby Farm shall be deemed to be a nuisance if the uses conducted on the property conform to any conditions of the Hobby Farm determination and any best management practices of Central Broward Water Control District as to the particular type of agricultural activity.
3. Upon the sale of a property having a Hobby Farm determination, such Hobby Farm determination may be administratively transferred by the Town Administrator or designee without need to repeat the application and approval process.
 - (a) **Revocation.** The Town Administrator shall be authorized to revoke any Hobby Farm certificate for violation of any of the criteria set forth in paragraph (c), provided that no such revocation shall occur without at least sixty (60) days prior written notice to the property owner providing an opportunity to cure the violation.

**For further information please call:
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