



Planning Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item #	Community Development Department	Date: 8/07/25
Statement of Issue:	Consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding an amendment to Section 30-564 of the Zoning Ordinance (Uses with Restrictions), Subsection 23 (Farm Animals in AG, RR and SRR zoning districts).	
Background:	On April 4th, the Planning Commission initiated the process to consider amendments to Section 30-564 of the Zoning Ordinance (Uses with Restrictions), Subsection 23 (Farm Animals in AG, RR and SRR zoning districts). The intent of the amendments is to place limits on the type and density or intensity of farm animal use in the three zoning districts where they are permitted with restrictions, Agricultural, Rural Residential and Shoreland Rural Residential. The initial discussion of this by the Planning Commission touched on the differing purpose and intent of Rural Residential vs. Agricultural zoning and the need to treat them differently in terms of types of farm animals permitted and their density or number of animals as a factor of land area. Commissioner Johnson volunteered to assist staff with further research on this topic. Based on that research and the Planning Commission's prior discussion, the attached proposed amendments have been prepared for your consideration.	
Considerations:	The Planning Commission should make specific findings of fact regarding the proposed amendments to the ordinance: 1. Will the change affect the character of the neighborhood? 2. Will the change foster economic growth in the community? 3. Would the proposed change be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Ordinance? 4. Would the change be in the best interest of the general public? 5. Would the change be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan?	
Recommendation:	Based on the above findings the Commission should consider a recommendation to the City Council regarding these draft changes.	
Required Action:	Pass a motion, based on the findings of fact, to forward either a favorable recommendation, either with or without changes to the draft amendments, to the City Council, or pass a motion, based on the findings of fact, forwarding an unfavorable recommendation to the City Council regarding and	

	amendment to Chapter 30 of the Zoning Ordinance. <u>Example Motion:</u> Motion by _____, second by _____ that, based on the findings of fact presented here today, and in the public's best interest, the Planning Commission does hereby forward a <u>(favorable)(unfavorable)</u> recommendation to the City Council regarding draft amendments which to Section 30-564 of the Zoning Ordinance (Uses with Restrictions), Subsection 23 (Farm Animals in AG, RR and SRR zoning districts).
Attachments:	• Draft Text Amendments: • Text Amendment Considerations