

MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: 5/12/2025

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager

Re: AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 12-2-9(A)(4) REGARDING HORSES IN THE RESIDENTIAL ESTATE DISTRICT

The Town of Grand Lake Municipal Code (the "Code") Section 12-2-9(A)(4) currently permits one horse per parcel of land at least one acre in area, subject to health and nuisance laws as a use permitted by right within the Residential Estate District ("RE")

Horses by nature are not solitary, and boarding horses in pairs or herds is beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animals. Currently, the Residential Estate District only allows one horse per one-acre minimum parcel. An acre is sufficient to sustain more than one horse subject to health and nuisance laws. It is the staff's opinion that changing the code to allow for two horses on a parcel of at least one acre will result in a healthy horse population that is allowed by our code.

The Board should discuss the merits of the amendment and decide as appropriate.

Suggested Motion:

I move to approve Ordinance 04-2025, amending Town code Section 12-2-9 (A)(4) to permit two (2) horses per parcel of land of not less than one (1) acre as a use permitted by right in the Residential Estate District, subject to health and nuisance laws.

Or

I move to deny Ordinance 04-2025, that Town code Section 12-2-9 (A)(4) shall NOT be amended to permit two (2) horses per parcel of land of not less than one (1) acre as a use permitted by right in the Residential Estate District, subject to health and nuisance laws.