

# MEMO



To: Mayor Olson and City Council

From: Jason Bond, Assistant City Manager

Date: August 5, 2022

Re: **Ordinance Amendment Regarding Agritourism as a Temporary Use**

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It is proposed that the Santaquin City Code be modified to define a new land use term, “Agritourism”, and to allow it as a temporary use. The support and preservation of agriculture has been a strong desire expressed during the recent update of the General Plan. In order for agriculture to remain in the community, it must be financially viable. Otherwise, agriculture land may continue to be sold and developed. This proposed draft ordinance will allow agricultural users to be creative and make their businesses more successful.

The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed language and made the following recommendation.

The Commission discussed adjusting the language in the code to read that agritourism is permitted in all zones as a temporary use on properties having over 5 acres as long as each temporary business is licensed and has the appropriate acreage (i.e. a 30 acre parcel could have 6 temporary businesses in a calendar year subject to paragraph C) and that there will be no more than 150 licensed days per business each calendar year. The commission also discussed adding that hours of operation will be allowed within the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and that exceptions may be considered by the City Council on a case-by-case basis. Language was also added to state that only city approved spaces shall be considered for off street parking with the exception that agritourism may have all-weather traversable parking (i.e. gravel parking).

Commissioner Nixon made a motion to forward a positive recommendation to the City Council to recommend the ordinance as proposed in the previous language.

Commissioner Howard seconded the motion. Commissioner Wood, Yes; Commissioner Lance, Absent; Commissioner Hoffman, Yes; Commissioner Howard, Yes; Commissioner McNeff, Yes; Commissioner Nixon, Yes; Commissioner Romero, Absent; Commissioner Weight, Yes.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Please refer to the attached ordinance for a complete understanding of the proposed amendments.

**Recommended Motion:** “Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 08-03-2022.”