



Town of Camp Verde Vision Statement

"Camp Verde is welcoming, a safe community, a vibrant economy, thoughtfully growing, and offering an exceptional quality of life."

**AGENDA
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE
SPECIAL SESSION
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 at 5:30 P.M.**

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

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Note: Council member(s) may attend Council Sessions either in person, by telephone, or internet/video conferencing.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call.** Council Members Jackie Baker, Wendy Escoffier, Robin Godwin, Cris McPhail, Jessie Murdock, Vice Mayor Marie Moore, and Mayor Dee Jenkins.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Consent Agenda** - All those items listed below may be approved by one motion as consent agenda items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of Council requests.
 - a) Approval for the Town Finance Director to make the attached budget adjustments labeled BAFY24-03 for the FY24 budget year as discussed in the Background Information section.** Staff Resource: Finance Director Michael Showers. Pg. 5
 - b) Approval of the FY25 Budget Calendar.** Staff Resource: Finance Director Michael Showers. Pg. 9
- 5. Call to the Public for items not on the Agenda. (Please complete Request to Speak Card and turn in to the Clerk.)** Residents are encouraged to comment about any matter NOT included on the agenda. State law prevents the Council from taking any action on items not on the agenda. At the conclusion of an open call to the public, individual members of the public body may respond to criticism made by those who have addressed the public body, may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. (Pursuant to ARS §38-431.01(H))
- 6. Special Announcements and Presentations.** All presentations are limited to 15-minutes.

- **Life Saving Award Presentation to Dispatcher Angela Whitman and Deputy Sergeant Josh Collins.** Staff Resource: Town Marshal Corey Rowley. Pg. 13
- **Engagement of Law Enforcement Accreditation Specialists, LLC for Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation recertification assistance.** Staff Resource: Town Marshal Corey Rowley. Pg. 15
- **Review of the October 1, 2024 Building/Development Stakeholder meeting and a presentation of the Community Development Department Action Plan, which was established in response to the meeting.** Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher. Pg. 17

7. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval for staff to re-direct \$343,500 of water and wastewater designated ARPA money, that was allocated for the Dickison Drainage Erosion Project, to cover FY24 Maintenance and Sludge Disposal expenses in the Wastewater Department.** Staff Resource: Finance Director Michael Showers. Pg. 29

8. **Discussion, consideration and possible approval for staff to develop a budget process to direct funds received from insurance reimbursements for totaled vehicles and funds received from the sale of Town vehicles into the CIP Fund for use in the Town's Vehicle Replacement Program.** Staff Resource: Finance Director Michael Showers. Pg. 31

9. **Continuation of Public Hearing:** Discussion, consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 2024-A494 an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305.1-Livestock Regulations. Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher. Pg. 33

- **Staff Comments**
- **Open Public Hearing**
- **Close Public Hearing**
- **Council Discussion**

10. **Adjournment**

Note: Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the Town Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney as permitted by A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). Any other executive sessions will be separately included on the agenda above if an executive session will be held at the meeting.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.01 Meetings shall be open to the public - All meetings of any public body shall be public meetings and all persons so desiring shall be permitted to attend and listen to the deliberations and proceedings. All legal action of public bodies shall occur during a public meeting. Pursuant to Town Code, Section 2-3-7.1 the Mayor shall call for a vote of the Council to allow the meeting to continue past the deadline of 10:00 p.m. The Town of Camp Verde Council Chambers is accessible to persons with disabilities. Those with special accessibility or

accommodation needs, such as large typeface print, may request these at the Office of the Town Clerk at 928-554-0021.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at the Town of Camp Verde and Bashas on 11-8-2024 at 11:00 p.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Camp Verde Town Council with the Town Clerk

Leah Rhodes

Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk

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Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

Agenda Item Type:

- ☒ Consent Agenda ☐ Informational Presentation ☐ Discussion Item
☐ Action/Decision Item ☐ Executive Session Request ☐ Other:

Requesting Department: Finance

Staff Resource: Mike Showers – Finance Director

Agenda Title: Discussion, consideration and possible approval for the Town Finance Director to make the attached budget adjustments labeled BAFY24-03 for the FY24 budget year as discussed in the Background Information section.

Attached Documents:

- Budget entry sheets BAFY24-03

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Estimated Discussion Time: 5 minutes

Reviewed By:

- ☒ Town Manager ☐ Legal ☐ Risk Management ☒ Finance ☐ Other:

Financial Review (if applicable):

- Funding Source: N/A
- Approved in the FY25 Budget? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other:
- Is this an approved CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other

Background Information: These are year-end budget adjustments for FY24, coming from year-end reconciliations.

The first three Operating Transfer entries (#1-3) come from the need to move Non-Federal & Federal grant fund amounts into the General Fund as the restrictions for these programs were released from expenses within the General Fund.

The fourth Operating Transfer entry (Entry #5) for Parks & Rec, moves program donations that were received in FY23, but held for FY24 program expenses, out of the Restricted Use Fund and into the General Fund for matching against program expenditures within the Parks & Rec Events and Programs divisions.

The first entry on the second page (Entry #6) is for moving budgeted expenditures for the payoff of 11 Enterprise leased vehicles, that had reached their 5-year lease termination, out of the General Fund and into the Debt Fund where the actual expenditures took place.

The last adjustment, Entry #7 (in connection with entry #4) is to increase the Debt Fund budget for over expended budget lines. The reasons for these overages are as follows: 1) The budgeted lease payments for FY24 did not take into account monthly miscellaneous fees but only considered principle & interest (approx.. \$33K), 2) The estimated allowance for new police vehicles (8) was not enough to cover the actual lease costs (approx.. \$15K), 3) The total cost off payoff for the 11 vehicles that hit



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end-of-lease in FY24 was slightly more than expected (approx. \$2K) and 4) a very small adjustment for increased service fees for the Sports Park loans (\$655) for a total impact of \$50,205. The budgeted expense for unplanned grants (Fund 06 – Non-Federal Grants) is being used to cover the increase in debt service line items. Entry #4 goes along with this entry to allow for the increased operating transfers from the General & HURF Funds for the increased expenses.

Connection to the [FY25-FY30 Strategic Plan](#) : N/A.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does Council authorize staff to make the requested budget adjustments for FY24?

Proposed Motion: Approve the Town Finance Director to make the attached budget adjustments labeled BAFY24-03 for the FY24 budget year as discussed in the Background Information section.

Date: June 30, 2024

Account Number	Description	Increase (+)	Decrease (-)
Budget Adjustments			
Entry #1			
06-000-49-550100	Op Trans Out - Gen Fund	\$ 34,613.23	
01-000-49-500600	OP Trans In - Fed Grants		\$ 34,613.23
	* - Move NACOG Good Jobs remaining balance to		
	General Fund. The restriction was released with		
	wages in the the General Fund. Funds are now avail.		
Entry #2			
06-410-49-550100	Op Trans Out - Gen Fund	\$ 40,000.00	
01-000-49-500600	Op Trans In - Non-Fed Grants		\$ 40,000.00
	* - Move Yav County Flood Reimb for Rick Engineering		
	To Gen Fund to offset the exps coded to Gen fund		
Entry #3			
08-000-49-550100	Op Trans out - Gen Fund	\$ 496.80	
01-000-49-500800	Op Trans In - Fed Grant Fund		\$ 496.80
	* - Move USDA Grant Reimb to Gen Fund. Reimb'd		
	exps were coded to Gen Fund.		
Entry #4			
19-809-49-550100	Op Trans Out - Gen fund	\$ 3,500.00	
19-810-49-550100	Op Trans Out - Gen fund	\$ 5,400.00	
01-810-49-501900	Op Trans In - Rest'd Fund		\$ 5,400.00
01-830-49-501900	Op Trans In - Rest'd Fund		\$ 3,500.00
	* - Move Rest'd funds given to Town in FY23 for FY24		
	programs from Rest'd Fund to Gen Fund to Match		
	program expenses.		
Entry #5			
01-000-49-551300	Op Trans Out - Debt	\$ 48,500.00	
13-000-49-500101	Op Trans In - Gen Fund		\$ 48,500.00
20-480-49-551300	Op Trans Out - Debt	\$ 1,740.00	
13-000-49-502000	Op Trans In - Gen Fund		\$ 1,740.00
	* - Increase the Operating Transfer budgets for		
	transfers from General & HURF Funds into the Debt		
	Fund. (This is connected to Entry #7 below)		
	(see next page)		
Journal Entry Totals		\$ 134,250.03	\$ 134,250.03

Journal Entry #: BAFY24-03

Approved By/Date: _____

Packet #: GLPKT -

Entered By/Date: _____

Date: June 30, 2024

Account Number	Description	Increase (+)	Decrease (-)
Budget Adjustments			
Entry #6			
13-420-20-880011	Principle	\$ 10,360.00	
01-420-20-800000	Equipment		\$ 10,360.00
13-480-20-880011	Principle	\$ 15,460.00	
20-480-20-800000	Equipment		\$ 15,460.00
13-510-20-880011	Principle	\$ 5,750.00	
01-510-20-821000	Vehicles		\$ 5,750.00
13-610-20-880011	Principle	\$ 7,970.00	
01-600-20-821000	Vehicles		\$ 7,970.00
13-999-20-880011	Principle	\$ 5,285.00	
01-999-20-800000	Equipment		\$ 5,285.00
	* - Move the budget for residual payoff of Enterprise		
	Vehicles to Debt Fund		
Entry #7			
13-420-20-880011	Principle	\$ 185.00	
13-420-20-880111	Interest	\$ 2,395.00	
13-480-20-880011	Principle	\$ 835.00	
13-480-20-880111	Interest	\$ 915.00	
13-510-20-880011	Principle	\$ 1,880.00	
13-510-20-880111	Interest		\$ 845.00
13-600-20-880011	Principle	\$ 1,925.00	
13-610-20-880011	Principle	\$ 395.00	
13-600-20-880111	Interest	\$ 40,225.00	
13-800-20-880111	Interest	\$ 595.00	
13-999-20-880011	Principle	\$ 570.00	
13-999-20-880111	Interest	\$ 475.00	
13-800-20-880204	Misc Sports #1	\$ 530.00	
13-800-20-880212	Misc Sports #2	\$ 125.00	
06-000-20-990000	Unplanned Grants		\$ 50,205.00
	* - Increase the Debt fund budgets for shortage in		
	budgeted amounts.		
	The enterprise lease budgets did not include monthly		
	misc fees. 3 CVMO vehicles were missed in the		
	budget calc's and the lease termination fees were		
	more than expected.		
Journal Entry Totals		\$ 230,125.03	\$ 230,125.03

Journal Entry #: BAFY24-03

Approved By/Date: _____



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Requesting Department: Finance

Staff Resource: Mike Showers – Finance Director

Agenda Title: Approve the proposed FY26 Budget Calendar.

Attached Documents:

- Proposed FY26 Budget Calendar w/Summary Info

Estimated Presentation Time: N/A

Estimated Discussion Time: N/A

Reviewed By:

- ☒ Town Manager ☐ Legal ☐ Risk Management ☒ Finance ☒ Other: Clerk

Financial Review (if applicable):

- Funding Source: N/A
- Approved in the FY25 Budget? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other:
- Is this an approved CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other:

Background Information:

In preparation for the upcoming fiscal year, attached is the proposed schedule for reviewing and approving budget-related documents for FY26. This timeline will allow for thorough review, discussion, and finalization of the budget.

Connection to the [FY25-FY30 Strategic Plan](#) : N/A.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does Council approve the suggested budget meeting dates within the Budget Calendar?

Proposed Motion: Approve the proposed FY26 Budget Calendar.



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Approved Budget Calendar for FY26 (July 2025 – June 2026)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Task</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>
Nov. 13 th , 2024	Approve FY26 budget calendar.	Wed: 5:30 pm
Feb. 24 th , 2025	Strategic Plan Development	Mon: All Day
Feb. 19 th , 2025	Town fee proposal review	Wed: 5:00 pm
Feb. 19 th , 2025	Approve Notice of Intent for potential Town fee increases	Wed: 6:30 pm
Mar. 26 th , 2025	Present Revenue forecast, CIP, Debt & Grants to Council	Wed: 5:30 pm
Apr. 23 rd , 2025	Operations budget review	Wed: 5:30 pm
May 21 st , 2025	Adoption of: 1) Town fees, 2) Sanitary Dist Levies 3) CFO Designation, 4) PSPRS Funding Plan	Wed: 6:30 pm
June 4 th , 2025	Presentation/Adoption of Tentative Budget Presentaiton/Adoption of Capital Improvement Plan	Wed: 6:30 pm
July 16 th , 2025	Public hearing; Adoption of Final Budget	Wed: 6:00 pm

**Please note that dates are estimates only and may change if necessary.*

FY26 TOPICAL TIMELINE SUMMARIES

Town Fees

1/27	Fee change requests due to Finance
2/19	Review Town Fee proposals with Council
2/19	Adopt Notice of Intent for potential Town fee increases
3/21	Post proposed Fee Schedule on website
5/21	Adoption of Town Fees

CIP

2/10	Project Sheets due to Finance
2/27	CIP Development with Staff
3/26	Present CIP to Council
4/24	CIP Budget review with Staff
6/4	Adoption of CIP Plan

Operations

2/3	Manager begins reviews with Dept's
2/20	Dept requests due to Finance
3/3	Manager potential 2 nd review w/Dept's
3/17	Deliver operation requests to Manager
3/24	Manager's recommendations to Finance
4/23	Manager & Finance review with Council
6/04	Adoption of Tentative Budget
7/16	Adoption of Final Budget

Staffing

2/3	Manager begins reviews with Dept's
2/20	New position requests due to Finance
3/3	Manager potential 2 nd review w/Dept's
3/24	Manager recommendations to Finance
4/23	Manager & Finance review with Council
	-New positions and potential raise amounts discussed
6/04	Adoption of Tentative Budget
7/16	Adoption of Final Budget

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| ☐ Action/Decision Item | ☐ Executive Session Request | ☐ Other: |

Requesting Department: Marshal's Office

Staff Resource: Town Marshal Corey Rowley

Agenda Title: Life Saving Award Presentation to Dispatcher Angela Whitman and Deputy Sergeant Josh Collins.

Attached Documents: None

Estimated Presentation Time: 2 minutes

Estimated Discussion Time: 2 minutes

Reviewed By:

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| ☒ Town Manager | ☐ Legal | ☐ Risk Management | ☐ Finance | ☐ Other: |
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Financial Review (if applicable): N/A

- Funding Source / GL Account Number:
- Approved in the FY25 Budget? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other:
- Is this an approved CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other:

Background Information:

Marshal Rowley will be presenting a "Life Saving Award" to Dispatcher Angela Whitman and Deputy Sergeant Josh Collins. Life Saving Awards are presented to public safety personnel who have shown exceptional courage in the effort to save or protect human life.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does Council have any questions for staff?

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- ☐ Consent Agenda ☒ Informational Presentation ☐ Discussion Item
☐ Action/Decision Item ☐ Executive Session Request ☐ Other:

Requesting Department: CVMO

Staff Resource: Town Marshal Corey Rowley

Agenda Title: Engagement of Law Enforcement Accreditation Specialists, LLC for Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation recertification assistance.

Attached Documents: None.

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Estimated Discussion Time: 5 minutes

Reviewed By:

- ☒ Town Manager ☐ Legal ☐ Risk Management ☒ Finance ☐ Other:

Financial Review (if applicable):

- Funding Source / GL Account Number: Wage Savings
- Approved in the FY25 Budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ Other:
- Is this an approved CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other:

According to the FOG, this expenditure is not required to go before Council for approval. However, for sake of transparency, Town staff are presenting this as an information agenda item to ensure that the Council is aware of what steps will be taken with regard to the ALEAP recertification.

Background Information:

When CVMO received the ALEAP (Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation) in 2021, we were not informed that this accreditation would require yearly documentation that would apply to our recertification. Due to the shortage of staff, this task would be impossible to achieve. We can use an outside source to help us reach our goal of recertification by the compliance date of July of 2025. After meeting with Finance, we have determined that we can fund this assistance within our current budget with savings from the currently unhired Quartermaster position.

The expected cost of this unbudgeted request is between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

The ALEAP certification is vital to minimize the liability of the town with the challenges we face in Law Enforcement.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does the Council have any questions about the engagement of Law Enforcement Accreditation Specialists, LLC for Arizona Law Enforcement Accreditation recertification assistance?

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| ☐ Consent Agenda | ☒ Informational Presentation | ☐ Discussion Item |
| ☐ Action/Decision Item | ☐ Executive Session Request | ☐ Other: |

Requesting Department: Community Development **Staff Resource:** Town Manager Miranda Fisher

Agenda Title: Review of the October 1, 2024 Building/Development Stakeholder meeting and a presentation of the Community Development Department Action Plan, which was established in response to the meeting.

Attached Documents:

- Community Development Department Action Plan

Estimated Presentation Time: 5 minutes

Estimated Discussion Time: 5 minutes

Reviewed By:

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| ☐ Town Manager | ☐ Legal | ☐ Risk Management | ☐ Finance | ☐ Other: |
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Financial Review (if applicable): N/A

- Funding Source / GL Account Number:
- Approved in the FY25 Budget? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Other:
- Is this an approved CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Other:

Background Information:

On October 1st, Town staff held a “Permitting, Plan Review, and Building Feedback Session”. The purpose of the meeting was to hear from developers, contractors, architects, and others involved in building projects within the Town about what’s working well and where they may be encountering challenges. This meeting was held voluntarily as a demonstration of our commitment to listening, addressing concerns, and continuously improving our operations. We chose to engage in this dialogue to show our dedication to fostering transparency and responsiveness in service to both our staff and the community.

During the meeting, feedback focused on the Town’s operational processes, staffing needs, and the value of standardized practices to better support staff and enhance public interactions. Key concerns raised included high staff turnover, inconsistencies in communication, project review timelines, and fee transparency. These discussions underscored the importance of structured training programs, clearer communication channels, streamlined review processes, and consistent facility standards across Town operations.

The action plan developed from this feedback is administrative only and falls under the purview of the Town Manager (who also serves as the Acting Community Development Director), rather than the Town Council or Planning & Zoning Commission. While staff are available to answer questions, it is essential to note that neither the Council nor the Planning & Zoning Commission has the authority to direct changes



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to this document. The action plan is intended to address operational improvements solely within the administrative scope.

Action Plan Summary

The action plan includes several targeted projects, each designed to enhance staff support, improve operational efficiency, and foster transparent processes for both internal teams and external stakeholders. Below is an outline of the primary projects, goals, and key action items discussed:

1. **Training & Development:** Standardize training for consistency in operations, provide tools for staff success, and enhance customer service across departments.
2. **Communication:** Establish clear contact points for projects, enforce timely response protocols, and enhance cross-departmental collaboration through bi-weekly review meetings.
3. **Streamlining Project Reviews and Timelines:** Publish review timelines and create submission requirement checklists to reduce project costs and delays.
4. **Document Retention & Digitization:** Transition to a fully digitized document management system to prevent loss of records and increase accessibility.
5. **Financial Transparency & Consistency:** Implement a consistent fee structure and ensure that developers and the public have a clear understanding of fee assessments.
6. **Town Facilities Audit:** Conduct an audit of Town facilities to ensure code compliance, especially concerning drainage and parking standards.
7. **Retention & Detention Standards:** Develop clear guidelines for retention and detention requirements to improve compliance and communication on stormwater management.

This action plan represents a significant step towards building a supportive and transparent environment for staff and the public alike, with a strong focus on operational improvements within the administrative domain. Staff will continue to work diligently on these initiatives and keep relevant parties informed of progress.

Connection to the [FY25-FY30 Strategic Plan](#)

Town staff's decision to host this October 1st meeting and the development of the action plan in response to the meeting feedback is an example of the Town's commitment to effective governance, specifically transparency, innovative business practices, use of new technology, and investing in employees.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does the Council have any questions about the October 1st meeting with contractors, developers, architects, engineers, etc.?
- Does the Council have any questions about the Community Development Department Action Plan?

Town of Camp Verde Community Development Department: Action Plan

Date: November 3, 2024

Feedback Source: Developer, Contractor, Architect, Engineer, etc. Feedback Session on October 1, 2024

Project 1: Training & Development

Feedback Received:

The Town has experienced significant staff turnover over the years, with concerns about inconsistencies in plan reviews, highlighting a need for standardized training. Additionally, the Planning & Zoning Commission and Town Council may have occasionally overstepped operational boundaries, suggesting a need for role-specific education. There's a need to ensure employees have the tools and support necessary for success.

Project Goal:

Strengthen staff retention and development by creating a consistent and supportive environment that empowers employees with the tools and training they need to succeed. This initiative will prioritize professional development, address operational inconsistencies, and improve cross-departmental collaboration. Additionally, it will enhance customer service skills across all departments to ensure positive public interactions.

Action Items:

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline	Resources Needed and/or Additional Information
Develop Professional Development Plans for the Community Development Department, including Building, Planning, and Code Enforcement divisions, outlining skill-building training opportunities.	Town Manager Miranda Fisher Building Official Roxanne Jasman	December 31, 2024	Professional Development Plan template to be created by Town Manager Miranda Fisher.

Develop comprehensive standard operating procedures (SOPs) for key processes within the Planning Division to document training processes, responsibilities, and best practices.	Planner II Cory Mulcaire Planner I Cliff Bryson	December 31, 2025 for completion but as individual key processes are developed, those will be implemented sooner.	This will involve identifying critical processes that require SOPs, drafting the documents, and reviewing them for accuracy and relevance. Additionally, implement a system for regularly updating and maintaining these SOPs to ensure they remain current and effective. The Building Department and Code Enforcement already have SOPs, which is the reason they are not included in this goal.
Provide annual land use training for Town Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission following the seating of new board or commission members.	Town Manager Miranda Fisher Town Attorney Trish Stuhan	February 28, 2025	The last training was held on June 26, 2024. Town Council - Joint Work Session w/ P&Z Public Meetings Calendar Town of Camp Verde, AZ
Facilitate customer service training to reinforce the responsibility of staff to help and listen, ensuring projects move forward efficiently.	Human Resources Director Julia Kaiser to organize and lead the training All staff to attend	March 30, 2025	Customer service training is essential to ensure staff actively listen and assist, helping projects progress smoothly and building public trust through positive, efficient interactions.

Project 2: Communication

Feedback Received:

There have been significant communication gaps within the department, leading to costly delays for developers. Staff are not consistently answering phones, with reports of calls going unanswered after multiple attempts. Developers and other stakeholders are seeking a single point of contact for their projects to streamline communication. There is a need for a more solution-oriented approach, especially in how rule changes are communicated to ensure all stakeholders are informed in a timely manner. These communication lapses have resulted in financial impacts, and developers—who are vital to the town’s revenue—are frustrated by siloed communication and independent reviews, leaving others unaware of project statuses.

Project Goal:

Improve internal and external communication processes to ensure timely responses, reduce delays, and enhance transparency with developers and stakeholders. This initiative will focus on establishing clear points of contact, increasing cross-departmental communication, and providing efficient updates on rule and code changes to ensure all involved parties are aligned and informed, promoting a more collaborative, solution-oriented environment.

Action Items:

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline	Resources Needed and/or Additional Information
Ensure all calls are answered promptly or voicemails are returned within 1-2 business days.	All Departments	Effective Immediately	Town Manager Miranda Fisher to review this expectation with Department Directors at their meeting on November 14, 2024.
Hold bi-weekly Technical Review Committee Meetings (TCRMs) to discuss ongoing projects and meet with applicants for upcoming projects.	Planner I Cliff Bryson to finalize meeting structure. Building, Planning, Engineering, Utilities, Public Works, Economic Development and any other appropriate Department Directors will attend the bi-weekly meetings.	Starting January 14, 2025	TCRMs are essential for fostering cross-departmental collaboration, allowing teams to align on project updates and prepare effectively for upcoming applications. This regular communication streamlines processes, addresses potential issues early, and ensures a unified

			approach to land use applications and/or issues. At the TCRMs, applicants will be provided with a flash drive that will include checklists and all documentation that should be reviewed and submitted for any building and/or land use project.
Assign one point of contact for each ongoing and new project to streamline communication within the Planning Division.	Planner II Cory Mulcaire Planner I Cliff Bryson	November 30, 2024	Review all current projects to assign primary contact. For new projects, assign primary contact upon submission and provide contact details to applicants via email. Primary contact assigned will reach out to the project contact to let them know they will be serving as lead.
Implement a mass communication system to notify developers, contractors, engineers, architects, etc. of any upcoming code changes, and encourage their participation in public comment periods.	Town Manager Miranda Fisher Permit Technician I Chris Schroeder Permit Technician II Rita Severson	November 8, 2024	Create an email listserv using existing contacts by November 8, 2024. Permit Technicians will update contacts with Sunstate as needed. Community Development Department will send relevant updates through the listserv.

			Town Manager will add information to the Weekly Updates and the website/social media on any upcoming code changes.
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Project 3: Streamlining Project Reviews and Timelines

Feedback Received:

Developers have raised concerns about the length of time it takes for project reviews, which can directly relate to increased project costs. There is a desire to see published review timelines and a more efficient workflow for the review process. Additionally, the current submittal process lacks clear criteria, causing confusion about the requirements. Questions have also been raised about whether all the current requirements are necessary, with a request to assess the financial impact of code requirements on projects.

Project Goal:

Enhance the project review process by increasing transparency, reducing review times, and clarifying submission requirements. This project aims to streamline workflows, publish clear review timelines, and evaluate existing code requirements to ensure they are necessary and not unduly burdensome for developers.

Action Items:

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline	Resources Needed and/or Additional Information
Build detailed checklists for each type of land use application and publish them on the Town's website for developers' reference.	Planner II Cory Mulcaire Planner I Cliff Bryson	March 30, 2025	Ensure the checklists clearly outline all required documentation and criteria for each application.
Create a workflow outlining the step-by-step review process (e.g., who reviews	Building Official Roxanne Jasman Permit Tech II Rita Severson Planner II Cory Mulcaire Planner I Cliff Bryson	December 31, 2024	This workflow will provide transparency and help applicants understand the review process from start to

plans/documents and in what order) and post it online.			finish. The Town's new permitting system, GovWell, will also provide an overview of the workflow.
Publish estimated review times on the website, indicating how many working days each step in the workflow is expected to take.	Building Official Roxanne Jasman Permit Tech II Rita Severson Senior Building Inspector Jon Rivero Planner II Cory Mulcaire Planner I Cliff Bryson	November 30, 2024	Include a note that these timelines are estimates and that any delays will be communicated to applicants promptly.

Project 4: Document Retention & Digitization

Feedback Received:

There have been recurring issues with lost documentation, forcing developers and applicants to resubmit paperwork. Stakeholders have recommended digitizing records to improve efficiency and prevent future losses.

Project Goal:

Create a fully digitized and accessible document retention system to ensure records are securely stored and easily retrievable. This initiative aims to reduce the risk of lost documentation, streamline processes for staff and applicants, and improve overall efficiency by transitioning to digital platforms and centralized storage.

Action Items:

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline	Resources Needed and/or Additional Information
Review Arizona record retention standards and cull documents if/where appropriate.	Building Official Roxanne Jasman Permit Tech II Rita Severson Planner II Cory Mulcaire Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Bolton Town Clerk Leah Rhodes	December 31, 2026	Build a detailed plan outlining monthly goals to ensure consistent progress toward this long-term objective.

Digitize physical records and upload them into parcel files on the Town's server, creating a comprehensive digital archive.	Building Official Roxanne Jasman Permit Tech II Rita Severson Planner II Cory Mulcaire Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Bolton Town Clerk Leah Rhodes	December 31, 2026	Build a detailed plan outlining monthly goals to ensure consistent progress toward this long-term objective.
Transition all application processes to the online platform GovWell, making it easier for applicants to submit and track their documents digitally.	All Community Development Staff	February 28, 2025	Provide comprehensive GovWell training and support to all Community Development staff to ensure a smooth transition. Conduct a thorough migration of existing processes to the platform, with ongoing guidance for staff and troubleshooting resources for effective use.

Project 5: Financial Transparency & Consistency

Feedback Received:

There have been concerns about the inconsistent application of fees for different projects. Developers and stakeholders are seeking a clearer understanding of how the Town calculates fees and how these fees are applied to various projects.

Project Goal:

Establish a consistent and transparent fee structure that is clearly communicated to developers and the public. This project will ensure that all fees are applied fairly and that the fee assessment process is easily understood through accessible documentation and digital tools.

Action Items:

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline	Resources Needed and/or Additional Information
Develop and publish a comprehensive document that outlines how the Town financially values projects and assesses fees.	Building Official Roxanne Jasman	November 30, 2024	This document will be posted on the Town's website to ensure clarity and accessibility.
Publish planning, building and zoning related fees on the Community Development website page.	Building Official Roxanne Jasman	November 30, 2024	Currently, the fee schedule is only accessible under the Finance website page.

Project 6: Town Facilities Audit**Feedback Received:**

Concerns have been raised that the Town's facilities are held to different standards regarding compliance with Town and Building codes, particularly concerning drainage and parking. Stakeholders are seeking assurance that all facilities meet the required standards.

Project Goal:

Conduct a thorough audit of all Town facilities to ensure compliance with relevant Town and Building codes related to drainage and parking. This project aims to identify any discrepancies and develop a plan for remediation to ensure that all facilities are held to the same standards.

Action Items:

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline	Resources Needed and/or Additional Information
Conduct a comprehensive audit of all Town facilities, focusing on compliance with drainage and parking codes.	Town Engineer Bruce Connolly CIP Project Manager Martin Smith Public Works Director Ken Krebbs	February 28, 2025	Specific facilities of concern include the Finance Department, Library, and Sports Complex.

Develop a remediation plan to address any compliance issues identified during the audit, prioritizing financial needs where applicable.	Town Engineer Bruce Connolly CIP Project Manager Martin Smith Public Works Director Ken Krebbs Town Manager Miranda Fisher	March 30, 2025	This plan should outline necessary repairs, estimated costs, and a timeline for implementation.
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Project 7: Retention & Detention Standards

Feedback Received:

There is confusion regarding the application of retention and detention standards, leading to inconsistent implementation and uncertainty about when these measures are necessary on specific parcels. Stakeholders seek clearer guidance on these standards.

Project Goal:

Establish clear and consistent guidelines for retention and detention standards, ensuring that all stakeholders understand when these measures are required. This project aims to enhance communication and compliance regarding stormwater management practices in the Town.

Action Items:

Task Description	Responsible Party	Deadline	Resources Needed and/or Additional Information
Develop and publish clear documentation on the website outlining retention and detention standards and their application on parcels.	Town Engineer Bruce Connolly	December 31, 2024	Clear documentation on retention and detention standards promotes transparency, aids compliance, and streamlines project planning by providing straightforward guidelines for property management.

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Meeting Date: November 13, 2024

Agenda Item Type:

- ☐ Consent Agenda ☐ Informational Presentation ☐ Discussion Item
☒ Action/Decision Item ☐ Executive Session Request ☐ Other:

Requesting Department: Finance

Staff Resource: Mike Showers – Finance Director

Agenda Title: Discussion, consideration and possible approval for staff to re-direct \$343,500 of water and wastewater designated ARPA money, that was allocated for the Dickison Drainage Erosion Project, to cover FY24 Maintenance and Sludge Disposal expenses in the Wastewater Department.

Attached Documents: None.

Estimated Presentation Time: 2 mins

Estimated Discussion Time: 5 mins

Reviewed By:

- ☒ Town Manager ☐ Legal ☐ Risk Management ☒ Finance ☒ Other: Utilities

Financial Review (if applicable):

- Funding Source: ARPA
- Approved in the FY25 Budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Other:
- Is this an approved CIP Project? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐ Other:

Background Information: The FY25 approved Capital Improvement Plan includes \$351,300 of ARPA funding for the Dickison Drainage Erosion Project. This project also has a grant component of \$498,700 for a total project cost of \$800,000. This request is to move \$343,500 away from the Dickison Drainage Erosion Project as that project is not guaranteed to be completed by December 31, 2024, when ARPA deadlines take hold. ARPA funds were always intended to support all Water & Wastewater activities and so funding our maintenance costs after taking the Loss of Revenue Exclusion under ARPA is a perfectly acceptable use of the funds. This will allow us to utilize our own Town funds to complete the Dickison Drainage Erosion Project and not worry about the impending ARPA deadline. Total maintenance and sludge disposal costs for FY24 were \$343,556.06.

Connection to the [FY25-FY30 Strategic Plan](#) : N/A.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does Council authorize staff to change the use of \$343,500 of ARPA funds to cover Wastewater maintenance and sludge disposal costs in FY24, replacing \$343,500 of the ARPA funding for the Dickison Erosion project with general Wastewater funds?

Proposed Motion: Approve staff to re-direct \$343,500 of water and wastewater designated ARPA money, that was allocated for the Dickison Drainage Erosion Project, to cover FY24 Maintenance and Sludge Disposal expenses in the Wastewater Department.

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Requesting Department: Finance

Staff Resource: Mike Showers – Finance Director

Agenda Title: Discussion, consideration and possible approval for staff to develop a budget process to direct funds received from insurance reimbursements for totaled vehicles and funds received from the sale of Town vehicles into the CIP Fund for use in the Town's Vehicle Replacement Program.

Attached Documents: None.

Estimated Presentation Time: 2 mins

Estimated Discussion Time: 5 mins

Reviewed By:

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| ☒ Town Manager | ☐ Legal | ☐ Risk Management | ☒ Finance | ☐ Other: |
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Financial Review (if applicable):

- Funding Source: Insurance payouts & vehicle sales
- Approved in the FY25 Budget? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Other:
- Is this an approved CIP Project? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐ Other:

Background Information: The Vehicle Replacement Program is a way for the Town to handle the replacement of damaged vehicles within a budget year. Currently, if a vehicle is destroyed, there is no budget mechanism available to replace that vehicle. This would allow for funds to be budgeted for and built up within the CIP fund to cover or at least mitigate the impact of replacing an unusable vehicle. We have already budgeted for this program within the FY25 budget allowing for \$50,000 to be used for vehicle replacement if funding is available. This would be for normal passenger vehicles only. It would not include equipment nor specialty vehicles such as the Vac Trailer. Those could be considered at a later date but are typically too expensive for consideration here.

Connection to the [FY25-FY30 Strategic Plan](#): This connects to the Effective Government portion of the Town's Strategic Plan.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does Council authorize staff to move proceeds received from insurance reimbursements from totaled vehicles into the CIP Fund as assigned funds for the Town's Vehicle Replacement Program?
- Does Council authorize staff to move proceeds received from sales of vehicles into the CIP Fund as assigned funds for the Town's Vehicle Replacement Program?



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Proposed Motion: Approve staff to direct funds received from insurance reimbursements for totaled vehicles and funds received from the sale of Town vehicles into the CIP Fund for use in the Town's Vehicle Replacement Program.



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| ☒ Action/Decision Item | ☐ Executive Session Request | ☐ Other: |

Requesting Department: Community Development

Staff Resource: Town Manager Miranda Fisher

Agenda Title: **Continuation of Public Hearing:** Discussion, Consideration, and Possible approval of Ordinance 2024-A494, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona to amend the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305.1 – Livestock Regulations.

Attached Documents:

- **Ordinance 2024-A494 & Exhibit A**
 - Exhibit A is the Updated Staff Amended Draft Ordinance without the redlines (see more details below regarding the “Updated Staff Amended Draft Ordinance”).
- **Excerpt from Existing Planning and Zoning Ordinance related to keeping of Animals**
- **Working Group Draft Ordinance**
 - Working Group Draft Ordinance (July 15, 2024).
 - P&Z Commission meeting minutes from the Work Session on July 15, 2024, where the “Working Group Draft Ordinance” was first reviewed.
 - Meeting minutes from the P&Z Commission public hearing on September 5, 2024, where the “Working Group Draft Ordinance” was officially presented.
- **Staff Amended Draft Ordinance**
 - Staff Amended Draft Ordinance (October 3, 2024).
 - *The changes staff made to the Ordinance are in red.*
 - Commissioner’s emailed comments, which were included in the October 3, 2024 agenda packet.
 - Meeting minutes from the P&Z Commission public hearing continuation on October 3, 2024, where the “Staff Amended Draft Ordinance” was presented.
- **Updated Staff Amended Draft Ordinance**
 - At the October 3, 2024 meeting, Town staff and the Town Attorney noted the “Revocation” section of the ordinance needed to be amended (Section I) to where revocation would occur upon final determination of a violation. This change removed Section I.1 and I.2.
 - Some revisions were also made to correct grammatical errors.
 - *These additional changes staff made are in blue and accompany the previous changes recommended by staff, which are in red, from the October 3, 2024 meeting.*



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- **Commissioner Foreman's Recommended Draft Ordinance**

- Commissioner Foreman made a motion to approve the Ordinance presented to the P&Z Commission on October 3, 2024 with the following recommended changes:
 - **Table 305.1.A:** Recommended that cattle under 600 pounds remain six (6) points.
 - **305.1.F.3.a.1:** Adjusted manure storage setback from thirty (30') feet to sixty (60') feet.
 - **305.1.G.2.b.4.b:** Recommended the number of allowed livestock under a Youth-Equestrian Permit be increased from 50% to up to 100%.
 - **305.1.H:** Recommended the number of allowed livestock under an Administrative Adjustment Permit be increased from 50% to up to 100%.
 - **305.1.H.1.e:** Recommend that formal written objection be increased from twenty percent (20%) to fifty percent (50%) of neighbors within three hundred feet (300').
 - **305.1.H.2.e:** Recommend that formal written objection be increased from twenty percent (20%) to fifty percent (50%) of neighbors within three hundred feet (300').
 - **305.1.I:** Recommend the revocation statement to read as staff presented ["*Revocation.* Youth-Livestock Permits, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits may be revoked at any time upon final determination of violation."] and remove 305.1.I.1 and 2.
- Although Commissioner's Foreman's motion failed (vote was 3-4), Town staff have provided an amended version of the Ordinance to show what those changes would have been. Town staff support these recommended amendments.
 - *Commissioner Foreman's recommended amendments are in green and accompany the previous changes recommended by staff, which are in red and blue.*

- **Public Comments**

- Public comments received for the November 6, 2024 Council meeting (includes the comments that were in the November 6, 2024 agenda packet, as well as those received after the agenda packet was published, which were physically handed to the Council at the November 6, 2024 meeting)
- Public Comment included in the October 3, 2024 P&Z Agenda Packet
- Public Comments included in the September 5, 2024 P&Z Agenda Packet
- *NOTE: There were no public comments received for the July 25, 2024 work session.*
- [Public Comment Emails](#) (these are comments previously received regarding the Livestock Ordinance that are currently on the Town's website)

- **Survey Data**

It is important to note that current Town staff cannot confirm that all survey results were accounted for. Some community members have expressed concerns that their responses may not have been included. Despite our efforts, we have been unable to locate any additional surveys.

- [Raw Livestock Survey Data](#)
- [May 31, 2024 Public Survey Responses](#)



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- **Public Outreach Summary and Matrix prepared by Town Staff**
 - [Livestock Matrix from Public Input](#)
 - [June 3, 2024 Public Outreach Summary](#)
- [Review and Analysis of how livestock animals are regulated within the Town of Camp Verde in comparison with other jurisdictions](#)
- [Working Group Meeting Minutes](#) (scroll to the middle of the page)

Estimated Presentation Time: 10 minutes

Estimated Discussion Time: 30 minutes

Reviewed By:

☒ Town Manager ☒ Legal ☐ Risk Management ☐ Finance ☐ Other:

Background Information:

On June 7, 2023, the Town Council held a public hearing regarding an Agritourism Use Permit to increase the number of livestock on a specific property. During the meeting, the Council decided to table the item until June 15, 2023, to allow more time for consideration.

At the June 15, 2023 meeting, the Council discussed the permit and ultimately voted to deny it. However, the Council directed staff to initiate a text amendment to review the regulations concerning animal counts and accessory uses.

On August 9, 2023, Town staff held a Special Session with a Town Council to seek direction on how to proceed with amendments to the Livestock Regulations. The Council provided the following guidance:

“The Town will establish a Town Manager Working Group, comprised of up to seven community members at the manager’s discretion. Any interested community members are encouraged to email Mr. Soltis to express their interest. The group will work on developing survey questions, researching best practices from other communities, and formulating a comprehensive public participation plan to present at a future meeting.”

Following the August 9, 2023 meeting, former Town Manager Mr. Soltis assembled the Working Group, which held its first meeting on September 5, 2023. Over the following months, the group continued to refine a draft ordinance, concluding their work on June 18, 2024.

On July 25, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Work Session with the Working Group to discuss the draft ordinance. The goal was for the Working Group to address any questions from the Commission regarding proposed language.

On September 5, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing. After receiving public testimony, the Commission unanimously agreed to table the hearing and decision, requesting staff to make revisions to the draft ordinance. Commissioners were invited to provide further feedback via email, which was then incorporated into the Ordinance where Town staff deemed appropriate.

On October 3, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Special Session to discuss the Livestock Draft Ordinance presented by staff. Commissioner Foreman made a motion to approve the ordinance



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with amendments, which was denied 3 to 4. The Commission did not make any further recommendations.

The Town Council held its first public hearing on November 6, 2024. However, it was discovered that Exhibit A, the ordinance language for Ordinance 2024-A494, was missing from the agenda packet. As a result, the public hearing was continued to November 13, 2024.

Question(s) before the Council:

- Does the Council have any questions about the materials presented?
- Does the Council wish to vote on Ordinance 2024-A494 with the "Updated Staff Amended Draft Ordinance" as Exhibit A or would the Town Council prefer to work off a different version of the Ordinance (ie: the original "Working Group Draft Ordinance" or "Commissioner Foreman's Recommended Draft Ordinance")?
 - If the Council wishes to work off a different draft ordinance or make major amendments to the "Updated Staff Amended Draft Ordinance", it is recommended that Council outline in the meeting their requested edits, and then direct staff to bring back an updated version of Exhibit A to be voted on at the November 20, 2024 meeting.
 - If the Council only wishes to make minor changes to the "Updated Staff Amended Draft Ordinance", a motion could be made at the November 13, 2024 meeting with those amendments.

Proposed Motion:

Motion to **approve** Ordinance 2024-A494 an ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305.1 – Livestock Regulations.

OR

Motion to **approve** Ordinance 2024-A494 an ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305.1 – Livestock Regulations **with the following amendments...**

OR

Motion to **deny** Ordinance 2024-A494 an ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305.1 – Livestock Regulations.

Ordinance 2024-A494 & Exhibit A

Exhibit A is the Amended Staff
Draft Ordinance without the
redlines.



ORDINANCE 2024-A494

An Ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, amending the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305.1 – Livestock Regulations.

WHEREAS, the Town of Camp Verde adopted the Planning and Zoning Ordinance 2011-A374, approved May 25, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Part 6, Section 300, C.1 of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance allows for the amendment, supplementation or change of the zoning text regulations of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, these Text Amendments were reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 3, 2024, in a public hearing that was advertised and posted according to state law. The Commission recommended the Mayor and Common Council deny these amendments as presented; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has an abiding interest in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing requirements for provisions of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance by including definitions and text amendments; and

WHEREAS, Text Amendments may be initiated by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Town Council, staff of the Town of Camp Verde, or by application of a property owner, per Part 6, Section 600, C.1 of the Planning and Zoning Ordinance. This Text Amendment was initiated by Town Council in a Work Session held on August 9, 2023; and

WHEREAS, This Text Amendment was reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on October 3, 2024, in a public hearing that was advertised and posted according to state law. A recommendation for denial was forwarded to the Town Council by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE:

Section 1. The Mayor and Common Council hereby finds as follows;

- A. The proposed Text Amendment will not constitute a threat to the health, safety, welfare, or inconvenience to the general public of the Town of Camp Verde.
- B. The proposed Text Amendment is hereby adopted in accordance with Exhibit A. At least three paper copies or one paper copy and one electronic copy shall remain on file with the Town Clerk in compliance with A.R.S Section 9-802 and kept available for public use

and inspection.

Section 2: All ordinance or parts of the ordinances adopted by the Town of Camp Verde in conflict with the provision of this ordinance or any part of the code adopted, are hereby repealed, effective as of the effective date of this ordinance;

Section 3: If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance; and

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be effective upon expiration of a thirty (30) day period following the adoption hereof and completion of publication and any posting as required by Arizona State Law; and

Section 5: In accordance with Article II, Sections 1 and 2, Constitution of Arizona, and the laws of the State of Arizona, the Mayor and Common Council has considered the individual property rights and personal liberties of the residents of the Town and the probable impact of the proposed ordinance on the cost to construct housing for sale or rent before adopting this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CAMP VERDE, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, ON THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

Dee Jenkins, Mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form:

Leah Rhodes, Town Clerk

Trish Stuhan-Town Attorney

"Exhibits on file at the Town Clerk's Office, 473 S Main St. Ste 102, Camp Verde. Arizona."

305.1 Livestock Regulations

A. *Purpose and Scope.* The purpose is to provide rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock so that the livestock do not become a nuisance, hazard, and/or health problem to the abutting neighboring properties and/or the general public.

B. *Applicability:* This Section does not apply to agricultural operations conducted on farmland pursuant to A.R.S. 3-112.

C. *Permitted Use.* The use is determined by the following criteria:

1. Keeping livestock, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is prohibited on parcels less than one-half acre (1/2).
2. Parcels equal to or greater than one-half (1/2) acre may keep livestock in compliance with the Livestock Point Count, as listed in Table 305.1.A of this Ordinance.
3. Keeping of Fowl, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is permitted as an accessory use on all parcels within the Town of Camp Verde.
4. Keeping of Domesticated Animals, as defined in Section 6-1-0 of the Town Code, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, as well as Town Code, Chapter 6.

TABLE 305.1.A. LIVESTOCK POINT COUNT

SPECIES	POINTS
Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus	3 Points
Llamas, Deer, Miniature Horses/Donkeys, Ponies, Ostriches	6 Points
Cattle, Horses, Mules, Donkeys	12 Points
Bison, Swine	24 Points (see additional standards in Section 305.D. related to Bison and Swine)

D. *Livestock Point Count.* Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain livestock totaling up to 24 points as set forth in Table 305.1.A. Lots of one (1) acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six (6) points for each additional, contiguous quarter (0.25) acre. See example in Table 305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or control may also be included in the livestock point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED

PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	POINT COUNT	EXAMPLES OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED
½ to 1.0	24	2 Horses or 8 Goats
1.25	30	2 Horses or 10 Goats
1.5	36	3 Horses or 12 Goats
1.75	42	3 Horses or 14 Goats
2.0	48	4 Horses or 16 Goats
Note – Point threshold can only be met by meeting the minimum parcel size. For example, a 1.67-acre parcel is allocated 36 points, which is the same as a 1.5-acre parcel.		

E. The keeping of bison and swine shall include the following additional limitations and restrictions:

1. Parcel size must be two (2) acres or more.
2. No more than five (5) swine are allowed per parcel.

F. *Nuisance Provisions.* All nuisance and sanitation mitigation measures in this Ordinance and the Town Code shall apply to livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals on any parcel.

1. *Maintenance of Livestock Areas:* All livestock pens, stalls, corrals, shelters, cages, areas, composting bins/piles, places, and premises where livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals are held or kept, must be maintained to prevent the accumulation of manure, garbage, filth, refuse, rubbish, trash, or other noxious materials. These areas must also prevent the proliferation of flies, insects, vermin, rodents, and the creation of foul odors, stagnant water, which are deemed a Nuisance, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance.

2. *Setbacks for Livestock Enclosures:* Livestock enclosures such as pens, stalls, shelters, cages or similar structure(s) for confining livestock on a temporary or permanent basis must meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit on the parcel. Yard or pasture areas that allow livestock to roam freely outside defined enclosures are exempt from the setback requirements.

3. *Manure Management;* Livestock manure must be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures as frequently as necessary to prevent the creation of a nuisance.

a. When stored on the property, manure must be stored in covered containers, and/or mulched or disced into pasture lands.

1. Manure stored in mounds must be located within a thirty-foot (30') setback from any property line. Total mound storage can be no more than five (5) cubic-yards.

2. If Manure stored in containers must meet the setbacks requirements of the primary dwelling unit and containers must be kept clean, in good repair, and continuously covered.

3. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the use of livestock manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch for horticultural purposes on any size parcel.

b. *Prohibition of Off-Property Runoff:* Provisions must be implemented to ensure that no runoff from livestock waste flows onto neighboring properties, public streets, rights-of-way, drainage or irrigation channels, ditches or surface water systems.

G. *Exceptions to Livestock Point Count.*

1. *Animal Husbandry.* Offspring (under six (6) months of age) of livestock on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted livestock on a parcel.

2. *Administrative Reviews to Exceed Livestock Point Count.* The following permits allow an increase in the livestock point count subject to the following criteria and restrictions.

a. *Temporary Youth-Livestock Permit.* Hereafter referred to as "Youth-Livestock Permit."

1. Application is made annually for the purpose of keeping market and/or breeding livestock for educational projects for youth enrolled and participating in an approved educational youth organization.

2. The Town of Camp Verde recognizes the following as educational youth organizations for the purpose of a Youth-Livestock Permit:

a. 4H/Clover Buds,

- b. FFA/PALS (Future Farmers of America/Partners in Active Learning Support), and
 - c. Organized Youth, or other formally recognized youth educational programs.
3. Youth-Livestock Permits may be allowed under the following scenarios:
- a. The Youth Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel that allows livestock, but the project would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel per Table 305.1.A, and/or;
 - b. The Youth-Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel less than one-half (1/2) acre where the keeping of livestock is otherwise prohibited, and/or;
 - c. One additional market swine project will be allowed with each additional one-half acre, not to exceed five (5) per parcel. Swine will be limited to one (1) swine project per youth exhibitor.
 - d. A Youth-Swine Breeder provided there is a maximum of one (1) litter of pigs at a time.
4. A complete application for the Youth-Livestock Permit is received by the Community Development Department.
5. A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth-Livestock project is being conducted, indicating membership in a specific Youth Livestock Organization, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock.
6. A permit must be issued to the applicant and must be available to the Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, or a designee of the Community Development Director upon request.
7. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in one of the agricultural youth educational clubs listed above, and under the age of twenty (20).
- b. *Temporary Youth-Equestrian Permit.* Hereafter referred to as "Youth-Equestrian Permit."
- 1. Application is made annually for a Youth-Equestrian Permit for the purpose of keeping horses and livestock to participate in equestrian activities including but not limited to, rodeo, mounted shooting, reined cow horse, cutting, dressage, or any other equestrian activity within an organization that has a youth membership/competition component.
 - 2. The Town of Camp Verde requires proof of membership in an equestrian organization for the purpose of a Youth-Equestrian Permit.
 - 3. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in an equestrian organization, and under the age of twenty (20).
 - 4. A Youth-Equestrian Permit may be approved under the following scenarios:
 - a. The youth reside, or the livestock is cared for on a parcel of land that is more than one-half (1/2) acre, but the livestock needed to successfully participate would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel according to Table 305.1.A.
 - b. The maximum number of livestock allowed with a Youth-Equestrian Permit is limited to no more than fifty percent (50%) of the maximum number of livestock allowed.
 - c. A complete application is received by the Community Development Department.

5. A permit must be issued and made available to a Community Development Director's designee where the Youth Equestrian Permit is issued, with the Community Development approval sticker, including the year.

6. A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth Equestrian permit is being conducted, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock. The sign shall be provided by the Town of Camp Verde.

H. *Administrative Adjustment Permit.* Any parcel where livestock is allowed may apply to increase the livestock count by fifty (50) percent of the number of livestock allowed according to Table 305.1.A. and subject to the following criteria. An Administrative Adjustment Permit cannot be applied for if the property has already been issued a Temporary Youth-Livestock Permit and/or Temporary Youth-Equestrian Permit.

1. *Criteria.*

- a. Parcel size must be a minimum of one (1.0) acre.
- b. No unresolved violations of Section 305.1 within the previous twelve (12) month period prior to date of application received.
- c. No current violations of Section 305.1 at the time of application submission.
- d. Livestock pens must have a setback of at least thirty feet (30') from adjacent parcels.
- e. Should formal written objections be submitted by more than twenty percent (20%) of the neighbors within three hundred feet (300'), then a Use Permit is required to be processed under Section 601.C.

2. *Process: Administrative Review with Public Comment Period*

- a. A complete application must be submitted to the Community Development Director. The Community Development Department shall provide an application form and a checklist of items that must be submitted to be considered complete. The Town Council shall set a reasonable fee that will be submitted at the time of the permit.
- b. The subject property must be posted, and notice mailed to neighbors within three hundred feet (300') of the property, a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to issuance of the permit. Comments must be received by the Community Development Director prior to the date of issuance of the permit.
- c. The subject property will be inspected by the Community Development Department's designee prior to issuance of Administrative Adjustment Permit and/or renewal of the permit.
- d. An inspection will be performed any time a complaint is received.
- e. The Community Development Director will review the application to ensure the property meets all criteria outlined in Section H.1. If the criteria are met, an Administrative Adjustment Permit will be issued. However, if more than twenty percent (20%) of the neighbors within three hundred feet (300') submit written objections, the Community Development Director will refer the applicant to the Use Permit process, as outlined in Section 601.C. In this case, the applicant must reapply under the Use Permit process, with the fees from the Administrative Review applied toward the Use Permit fees.

3. *Validity.* Permits are valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance and automatically expire unless renewed as specified below.

4. *Renewal.* Administrative Adjustment Permits may be renewed by the Community Development Director under the following circumstances.

- a. A renewal application is received prior to expiration of the original permit.
- b. A renewal fee of fifty percent (50%) of the original application fee is paid at time of submittal.
- c. There are no unresolved violations of Section 305.1. within the previous twelve (12) month period of the original application.
- d. An inspection is performed by the Community Development Department's designee prior to renewal of the permit and there are no current violations of Section 305.1. of this ordinance.

I. *Revocation.* Youth-Livestock Permits, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits may be revoked at any time upon final determination of violation.

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Excerpt from Existing Planning and Zoning Ordinance related to keeping of Animals

SECTION 305 - ANIMALS

Keeping of farm animals in appropriate locations and circumstances is regarded as being consistent with the Town's rural character. However, the number, size, type or manner in which animals are maintained on any parcel shall not impair the enjoyment or use of nearby properties or violate other legal restrictions to which the properties are subject. Any lot where farm livestock are kept must be not less than one-half acre (21,780 sq ft.) in area.

Fowl (chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and peacocks) rabbits, and guinea pigs, which are cared for by the property owner or occupant as prescribed in Section 305.C.3, are not limited to a maximum number of animals.

A. Allowed Livestock

Any of the species listed below which are cared for by the property owner or occupant according to the following Animal Points. All livestock activity within the Town limits will be considered an accessory use to the principal use on any parcel except in the Agriculture District.

1. Lots of one-half acre to one acre in area may maintain animals totaling up to 24 points as set forth below.
2. Lots of one acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six points for each additional, contiguous quarter acre.

B. Animal Points Allowed per Acreage

The allowable type and number of animals permitted on a particular property is computed by the following allotment table:

SPECIES (or associated types)	POINTS	SPECIES (or associated types)	POINTS
Alpacas:	3 POINTS	Miniature horses, Ponies and Sicilian donkeys:	6 POINTS
Emus:	3 POINTS	Ostriches:	6 POINTS
Pygmy goats:	3 POINTS	Cattle:	12 POINTS
Sheep, Goats:	4 POINTS	Domestic deer:	12 POINTS
Llamas:	6 POINTS	Horses, Mules, and Donkeys	12 POINTS

1. **Prohibited Livestock:** Swine are prohibited within residential zones, unless excepted under paragraph 2b.
2. **Exceptions:**
 - a. Young nursing animals of allowed adult livestock are not counted.
 - b. Swine may only be raised on property of an acre or more under the following conditions:
 - 1) One pet or butcher pig per parcel.
 - 2) Additional Swine, breeding or reproduction stock requires Use Permit approval in accordance with Section 305.C.1.
 - 3) All pens containing swine must meet the setback requirements for the zoning district.
 - 4) Additional 4-H or FFA swine will require a Temporary Youth Organization Use Permit as set forth in Section 305.C.2.d below.

C. Additional Requirements for Keeping Animals

1. **Use Permit:** A Use Permit is required for any of the following:
 - a. Any Commercial Livestock Activity that exceeds allowed animal points and defined as raising livestock for sale for pecuniary gain and selling more than one litter, or more than ten animals in one year, other than horses and cattle.

- b. Any Livestock Breeding Activity as defined as an ongoing breeding project that involves two or more reproducing adults, other than horses or cattle. (Swine breeding is addressed in paragraph B.2.c).
- 2. **Temporary Youth Organization Use Permit:** The Community Development Director may issue a Temporary Use Permit allowing the following livestock under the following conditions and using reasonable discretion:
 - a. Supervised youth livestock market project of one market animal conducted on property less than one-half acre, or for one swine on less than one acre, for a period specified by a start and stop date not to exceed ten months in duration.
 - 1) One additional market swine project will be allowed with each additional one-half acre, not to exceed 5 swine per parcel.
 - 2) Swine will be restricted to one market swine project per youth organization member.
 - b. Supervised youth livestock market project that exceeds the number of animals allowed according to the animal points on property greater than one-half acre in size.
 - c. An application for the Temporary Use Permit shall be submitted to the Community Development Director, or designee, who shall determine that the application meets the criteria set forth in this Zoning Ordinance. There will be no charge for the Permit.
 - d. An application shall bear the signature of the local livestock Youth Advisor acknowledging that the project is a valid youth project, and the signature of at least one parent or guardian, as well as the signature of the youth acknowledging and accepting complete responsibility for the project.
 - e. If the Youth Advisor agrees in writing to accept all enforcement responsibility for his/her members, no review will be required by the Community Development Director.
 - 1) In September the Youth Advisor must register with the Community Development Department agreeing to this commitment.
 - 2) The Youth Advisor will provide the following documentation to the Community Development Department by December 1st.
 - a) A roster with the name, address and project type for all active members under their supervision.
 - b) Property owner's permission to conduct livestock activity on the subject parcel.
 - c) Parent's statement of responsibility.
 - d) Contact information for the Youth Advisor.
 - 3) A sign must be posted on the property where the livestock activity will be conducted, indicating membership in the Youth Livestock Organization, the year in which the project is conducted, and number of livestock.
 - 4) If complaints are received and compliance cannot be met, the Youth Advisor will notify the Code Enforcement Official and will support any action taken by the Town.
 - 5) The ultimate decision on whether the activity is in compliance with the current Town Code will be made by the Community Development Director or designee.
 - f. A decision of the Community Development Director or designee may be appealed to the Town Council pursuant to Section 602 B.

- 1) The livestock market projects shall be of a limited duration specified by a start and stop date not to exceed ten months in one calendar year, allowing for care, feeding and grooming of such animals to be shown and/or sold annually at such events such as the Verde Valley, Yavapai County and/or Arizona State Fair.
- 2) In the instance that a prize-winning animal is to be entered into competition more than one time, an extension of the permit may be applied for, and after evaluation by the Community Development Department, conditionally extended.

3. Maintenance of Livestock Facilities.

- a. All structures and pens for animals shall be maintained in a clean and slightly manner so as not to be a nuisance to their neighbors.
- b. Stables, barns, or structures used for housing or feeding animals must observe the same setbacks or yards as the dwelling unit.
 - 1) Exception: Lots directly abutting National Forest Service Land, Trust Land and BLM Land in the rear and/or lots directly abutting Designated Open Space may encroach in the rear setback requirement. The distance from the rear setback is twice the height of the structure. The side setback and front setback must be maintained in all instances.
- c. Where the keeping of such animals becomes a nuisance, as defined in the current Town Code, the Code Enforcement Official shall have the authority to determine a reduction in the number of and/or removal of the animals as necessary to comply with the current Town Code.
- d. The Code Enforcement Official has the authority to determine that removal of the animals in circumstances where they constitute a health or safety hazard to human beings is necessary to comply with the current Town Code.

Working Group Draft Ordinance

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P&Z Commission meeting minutes from the Work Session on July 15, 2024, where the “Working Group Draft Ordinance” was first reviewed.

Meeting minutes from the P&Z Commission public hearing on September 5, 2024, where the “Working Group Draft Ordinance” was officially presented.

305.1 Livestock Regulations

A. *Purpose and Scope.* The purpose is to provide rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock so that the livestock do not become a nuisance, hazard, and/or health problem to the adjoining neighbors and the general public.

B. *Permitted Use.* The use is determined by the following criteria:

1. Keeping livestock, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is prohibited on parcels less than one-half acre (1/2).
2. Parcels greater than one-half (1/2) acre may keep livestock in compliance with the Livestock Point Count, as listed in Table 305.1.A of this Ordinance.
3. Keeping of Fowl, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is permitted as an accessory use on all parcels within the Town of Camp Verde.
4. Keeping of Domesticated Animals, as defined in Section 6-1-0 of the Town Code, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, as well as Town Code, Chapter 6.

TABLE 305.1.A. LIVESTOCK POINT COUNT

SPECIES	POINTS
Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus	3 Points
Llamas, Deer, Miniature Horses/Donkeys, Ponies, Cattle < 600 lbs., Ostriches	6 Points
Cattle 600+ lbs., Horses, Mules, Donkeys	12 Points
Bison, Swine	24 Points (see additional standards in Section 305.D. related to Bison and Swine)

C. *Livestock Point Count.* Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain livestock totaling up to 24 points as set forth in Table 305.1.A. Lots of one (1) acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six (6) points for each additional, contiguous quarter (0.25) acre. See example in Table 305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or control may also be included in the livestock point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED

PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	POINT COUNT	EXAMPLES OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED
½ to 1.0	24	2 Horses or 8 Goats
1.25	30	2 Horses or 10 Goats
1.5	36	3 Horses or 12 Goats
1.75	42	3 Horses or 14 Goats
2.0	48	4 Horses or 16 Goats
Note – Point threshold can only be met by meeting the minimum parcel size. For example, a 1.67-acre parcel is allocated 36 points, which is the same as a 1.5-acre parcel.		

D. The keeping of bison and swine shall include the following additional limitations and restrictions:

1. Parcel size must be two (2) acres or more.
2. No more than five (5) swine are allowed per parcel.
3. Breeding of bison and swine are prohibited except for swine may be bred with the approval of a Youth-Livestock Permit per Section 305.1.F.

E. *Nuisance Provisions.* All nuisance and sanitation mitigation measures in this Ordinance and the Town Code shall apply to livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals on a parcel.

1. Livestock pens, stalls, corrals, shelters, cages, areas, composting bins/piles, places, and premises where they are held or kept, shall be maintained so that flies, insects, vermin, rodents, odors, ponded water, the accumulation of manure, garbage, filth, refuse, rubbish, trash, or others noxious materials do not become a Nuisance, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance.
2. Livestock enclosures such as pens, stalls, shelters, cages or similar use(s) for confining livestock on a temporary or permanent basis shall meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit. Yard or pasture areas that allow livestock to roam outside defined enclosures are excluded from the setback requirements.
3. Livestock manure shall be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures as frequently as necessary to avoid the creation of a nuisance and at least twice weekly.
 - a. When stored on the property, manure shall be stored in covered containers, and/or mulched or disced into pasture lands.
 1. Mound storage of manure or livestock waste shall only be utilized with a two-hundred-foot (200') setback from any property line. Total mound storage can be no more than five (5) cubic-yards.
 2. If stored in containers, containers shall meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit.
 3. Container(s) shall be kept clean, in good repair and continuously covered.
 4. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the use of livestock manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch for horticultural purposes.
 - b. Provisions shall be made to ensure that no runoff from livestock waste is directed onto neighboring properties, public streets, rights-of-way, drainage or irrigation channels, ditches or surface water.
 - c. Water troughs or tanks shall be equipped with adequate facilities for draining the overflow, to prevent ponding of water, the breeding of flies, mosquitoes, or other insects or health hazards.

F. *Exceptions to Livestock Point Count.*

1. *Animal Husbandry.* Except for bison and swine, offspring (under six (6) months of age) of livestock on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted livestock on a parcel.
2. *Administrative Reviews to Exceed Livestock Point Count.* The following permits allow an increase in the livestock point count subject to the following criteria and restrictions.
 - a. *Temporary Youth-Livestock Permit.* Hereafter referred to as “Youth-Livestock Permit.”
 1. Application is made annually for the purpose of keeping market and/or breeding livestock for educational projects for youth enrolled and participating in an approved educational youth organization.

2. The Town of Camp Verde recognizes the following as educational youth organizations for the purpose of a Youth-Livestock Permit:

- a. 4H/Clover Buds,
- b. FFA/PALS (Future Farmers of America/Partners in Active Learning Support), and
- c. Organized Youth, or other formally recognized youth educational programs.

3. Youth-Livestock Permits may be allowed under the following scenarios:

- a. The Youth Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel that allows livestock, but the project would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel per Table 305.1.A, and/or;
- b. The Youth-Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel less than one-half (1/2) acre where the keeping of livestock is otherwise prohibited, and/or;
- c. One additional market swine project will be allowed with each additional one-half acre, not to exceed five (5) per parcel. Swine will be limited to one (1) swine project per youth exhibitor.
- d. A Youth-Swine Breeder provided there is a maximum of one (1) litter of pigs at a time.

4. A complete application for the Youth-Livestock Permit is received by the Community Development Department.

5. A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth-Livestock project is being conducted, indicating membership in a specific Youth Livestock Organization, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock.

6. A permit must be issued to the applicant and must be available to the Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, or a designee of the Community Development Director upon request.

7. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in one of the agricultural youth educational clubs listed above, and under the age of twenty (20).

b. *Temporary Youth-Equestrian Permit.* Hereafter referred to as “Youth-Equestrian Permit.”

1. Application is made annually for a Youth-Equestrian Permit for the purpose of keeping horses and livestock to participate in equestrian activities including but not limited to, rodeo, mounted shooting, reined cow horse, cutting, dressage, or any other equestrian activity within an organization that has a youth membership/competition component.

2. The Town of Camp Verde requires proof of membership in an equestrian organization for the purpose of a Youth-Equestrian Permit.

3. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in an equestrian organization, and under the age of twenty (20).

4. A Youth-Equestrian Permit may be approved under the following scenarios:

- a. The youth reside, or the livestock is cared for on a parcel of land that is more than one-half (1/2) acre, but the livestock needed to successfully participate would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel according to Table 305.1.A.
- b. The maximum number of livestock allowed with a Youth-Equestrian Permit is limited to no more than fifty percent (50%) of the maximum number of livestock allowed.

c. A complete application is received by the Community Development Department.

5. A permit must be issued and made available to a Community Development Director's designee where the Youth Equestrian Permit is issued, with the Community Development approval sticker, including the year.

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G. Administrative Adjustment Permit. Any parcel where livestock is allowed may apply to increase the livestock count by fifty (50) percent of the number of livestock allowed according to Table 305.1.A. and subject to the following criteria.

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- c. No current violations of Section 305.1 at the time of application submission.
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H. *Revocation.* Youth-Livestock Permits, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits may be revoked at any time under the following circumstances:

1. One (1) founded complaint that results in a Notice of Violation or Notice of Complaint/Hearing brought before the Administrative Hearing Officer, Town Attorney or Town Prosecutor.
2. Noncompliance with any of the provisions of Section 305.1. of this ordinance. This must be documented by a designee of the Community Development Director and mailed via direct mail or certified mail to the applicant at least ten (10) calendar days prior to revocation.

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J. *Livestock Ranching Use Permit.* Unless otherwise permitted above, any Commercial Livestock Ranching Operation, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, that intends to exceed the allowed livestock points must apply for a Conditional Use Permit, as outlined in Section 601.C.

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1. **Call to Order** Chairman Andrew Faiella called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call.** Member Claudia Hauser (also a member of the Animal Work Group), Member Mark Lomeland, Member Robert Foreman, Member Ingrid Osses, Member William Tippet, Chairman Andrew Faiella, Vice Chairman Todd Scantlebury (Zoom).

Also Present. Animal Work Group Members Cherry Wischmeyer, Mark Rudder, Stephanie Johnson, Linda Buchanan, Mary Phelps.

Community Development Director John Knight, Town Manager Miranda Fisher, Town Planner Cory Mulcaire, Code Enforcement Officer Jessica Bolton

(Not present from the Work Group - Trampus Mansker)

3. **Pledge of Allegiance** Chairman Faiella led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Discussion** – Discussion and review of the DRAFT Livestock Ordinance with the Animal Work Group. This is a public meeting, but there will be no public testimony at this time.

At this Work Session, members of the Planning and Zoning Commission discussed with the Animal Work Group the DRAFT Livestock Ordinance that was constructed amongst the Animal Work Group members.

During the discussion, each Commissioner was given an opportunity to share their thoughts and questions regarding the DRAFT Ordinance.

Commissioner Hauser-

She is a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission, as well as a member of the Animal Work Group.

Commissioner Hauser's concerns centered around the decisions made on manure. She felt that the ordinance went from having very little regulation on manure, to having extreme regulations. This would be difficult for citizens with long, narrow properties.

She stated that she was very happy about the administrative adjustment, allowing for citizens to be able to increase their animal count.

Lastly, she was not in favor of the wording "Livestock Commercial Ranching Operation". She does not agree with the word "commercial" and it necessary.

Commissioner Lomeland-

His only concern centered around why roosters were not addressed. He would like to see this addressed in the Ordinance.

Mr. Knight stated that roosters were already allowed in Town Code, therefore they decided not to address roosters, keeping Livestock as the focus.

Commissioner Foreman-

Overall, Commissioner Foreman was satisfied with the Work Group decisions. He did, however, question how they're going to enforce the weight of cows. He also questioned how they came up with a 50% increase for permits and questioned the appeal process for these permits.

Stephanie Johnson stated that Administrative Adjustment was given to provide an enforceable option for citizens to increase their animal count.

Mary Phelps took some time to explain the reasoning behind the 50% increase. This increase came as a way to allow more animals, with regulations. She shared that she herself was struggling to approve the Draft Ordinance, as she felt that everyone should be eligible to apply for an animal increase.

The weight of cows was determined based on the difference between a Corriente Cow and other types of cows. Corriente Cows are generally smaller than other breeds, weighing less than 600 lbs.

Commissioner Osses-

Commissioner Osses thanked the Work Group for their work and dedication in this process. She questioned what the better manure related setback would be to accommodate properties of various sizes and shapes.

The Work Group felt that the manure setback was the safest way to eliminate nuisance. Significant setbacks would protect the neighbors.

Additionally, Commissioner Osses brought up the containment of manure as an option.

Commissioner Tippet-

Commissioner Tippet commended the Work Group. He was happy to see that they pulled out the section on Guest Animals, as he didn't see how that would be easily enforceable.

He liked to see the Ordinance written as objective instead of subjective.

He questioned why rabbits and guinea pigs were excluded, asking if their intention was that what was left out, was not allowed.

Mr. Knight clarified that rabbits and guinea pigs are excluded in the regulations, meaning people can have as many as they want.

Vice Chairman Scantlebury-

Vice Chairman Scantlebury thanked the Work Group and stated that he had no problems with what they put together. His only question was who this DRAFT Ordinance would apply to, vs. who it would not. This question came because of Gail Pate, who had a part in writing the original Ordinance, who stated that the original ordinance was meant for smaller (1-2 acre) properties. He asked where the line was between agri-business and residential.

Mary Phelps addressed Vice Chairman Scantlebury's concerns, sharing that she felt that making this ordinance more of a Nuisance Ordinance, rather than an Animal Point Ordinance,

would make it applicable to everyone, as they'd all be responsible for their own nuisance mitigation.

Stephanie Johnson also shared that among the Work Group's topics, big farming operations were not of concern, as they are not where the problems came from.

Chairman Faiella

Chairman Faiella began by clarifying that this Draft Ordinance would apply to all zoning districts.

Town Manager Miranda Fisher stated that if the Commission desired, they could bring language into the code that differentiates between large and small parcels, and how this Ordinance would apply to each.

Additionally, Chairman Faiella questioned whether boarding of livestock within the town will be permitted.

Ms. Mulcaire shared that, to her knowledge, boarding of livestock is currently allowed only in one zone, with a use permit. However, with the new Ordinance, boarding of livestock will only be allowed if you do not go over your animal point count.

Chairman Faiella asked the Work Group what ended up happening with the section on guest and nonresident animals, as it was taken out of the Draft Ordinance completely.

The Work Group shared with him that the enforcement of Guest and Nonresident animals became way too complicated on staff to enforce.

Additionally, Chairman Faiella stated that the Draft Ordinance presented to the Commission was not the final draft, and to remember that it will continue to go through changes, as it moves forward in the next steps.

After each Commissioner shared, Work Group Members took time to speak on behalf the topics and questions that came up, bringing understanding to the decisions made within their meetings.

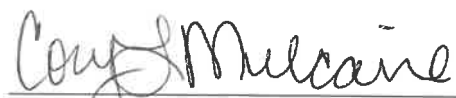
Next up, the Draft Ordinance will go before the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 5th at 5:00 PM for a Public Hearing.

Town Manager Miranda Fisher urged the Commission to be very specific in their feedback on the DRAFT Ordinance after the public hearing, explaining exactly what the Commission would like the Work Group to revise.

Staff is encouraging the public to provide written comment for the Public Hearing. The comments need to be submitted by close of business on August 28th.

5. Adjournment Chairman Faiella adjourned the meeting at 7:40 PM.


Chairman Andrew Faiella


Planner II, Cory Mulcaire

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona during the Work Session held on the 25th day of July 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 25th day of July 2024.

Mary Frewin

Mary Frewin, Recording Secretary

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**FINAL MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL SESSION
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.**

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85044215262?pwd=Ylp3ZUFNN0w0RkQ3V0dLVkZiWnFsdz09>

One Tap Mobile: 1-669-900-9128 or 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 850 4421 5262

Passcode: 116183

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Andrew Faiella called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call.** Commissioner Claudia Hauser, Commissioner Robert Foreman, Commissioner Ingrid Osses (Zoom), Commissioner Mark Lomeland, Commissioner William Tippet, Chairman Andrew Faiella, Vice Chairman Todd Scantlebury.

Also Present. Town Manager Miranda Fisher, Community Development Director John Knight, Town Planner Cory Mulcaire, Town Planner Cliff Bryson, Town Attorney Jenny Winkler.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** Commissioner Tippet led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Consent Agenda** - All items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda Items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of the Commission so requests.

a. **Approval of Minutes:**

July 25, 2024, Regular Session

August 22, 2024, Regular Session

b. **Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:**

September 12, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Regular Session

September 26, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Regular Session

October 3, 2024 @ 5:00 pm, Special Session

October 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Regular Session

October 24, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Regular Session

On a **motion** by Commissioner Lomeland, seconded by Commissioner Tippet, the Commission **moved** to accept the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Hauser: Aye

Commissioner Tippet: Aye
Commissioner Osses: Aye
Chairman Faiella: Aye
Vice Chairman Scantlebury: Aye
Commissioner Lomeland: Aye
Commissioner Foreman: Aye

Motion Carried 7-0.

5. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda** - Residents are encouraged to comment about any matter not included on the agenda. State law prevents the Commission from taking any action on items not on the agenda, except to set them for consideration at a future date.

There was no one that wished to speak during Call to the Public.

6. **Public Hearing:** Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Recommendation to the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, to amend the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305 – Livestock.

Before the public hearing began, Chairman Faiella asked the audience to fill out a Blue Card if they would like to address the Commission. Additionally, he reminded everyone to be kind and respectful during the Public Hearing.

• **Staff Comments**

Community Development Director John Knight led the Staff Comments. Using a PowerPoint Presentation, Mr. Knight went over the Town of Camp Verde Livestock Draft Ordinance. *The PowerPoint included-*

- Livestock Ordinance Historical Changes
- How Did We Get Here?
- Lot Size Comparison
- Point Table Comparison
- Swine Comparison
- Proposed Changes
- Temporary Youth-Livestock Permit
- New! Youth- Equestrian Permit
- New! Administrative Adjustment Permit
- Nuisances, Manure Removal, Storage and Containment Proposed New Provisions
- Common Misconceptions
 - Point Count is dramatically increasing
 - Swine were not previously allowed
 - Nuisance provisions are either reduced or removed
 - Unlimited Offspring are now allowed under Draft Ordinance
 - Unless you are a neighbor, you are not allowed to complain
- Next Steps/ Ordinance Adoption
 - Public Engagement
 - Town Staff/Work Group Review
 - Planning and Zoning Commission

- Work Group
- 2nd Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
- Council Hearing
- Steps to Staying Involved and Your Input
 - Provide Feedback and Questions via Email to AnimalOrdinance@CampVerde.AZ.Gov
 - Contact Staff with Community Development Department @ 928.554.0050
 - Monitor Town Website for Possible Amendments to Draft and Future Hearings
 - Participate in Upcoming P&Z and Council Hearings

Additionally, he pointed the Commission to the staff report and a few question that have been going around regarding part of this Draft Ordinance. *That questions are:*

- Should the manure standards be different for larger properties?
- Should cows under 600 pounds be treated differently, and if so, how is that enforced?
- What are your thoughts on the point count as proposed?

Mr. Knight shared with the Commission their options moving forward.

- Recommend approval, with any modifications, additions, or changes that they see fit.
- Table the item, send it back to staff or Work Group, with direction, for additional work
- Recommend denial

Vice Chairman Scantlebury asked Town Attorney Jenny Winkler to discuss her recommended change in the Draft Ordinance.

Ms. Winkler stated that she recommends eliminated provisions at the end of the ordinance that have to do with Livestock Ranching Use Permits, due to a state statute that preempts regulation of commercial livestock operations.

She also recommended sighting the exact State Ordinance in the Draft Ordinance.

Commissioner Foreman clarified whether the Administrative Adjustment Permit would apply to a parcel of one acre or more, or two acres or more. It was his understanding that it was one acre, but the PowerPoint presentation said two.

Town Planner Cory Mulcaire stated that it applies to parcels once acre or more. This was confirmed with Work Group notes.

Commissioner Hauser stated that she remembered that the Administrative Adjustment Permit applied to those with one acre or more.

Chairman Faiella asked if notice would go out to the neighboring properties of those who have applied for an Administrative Adjustment Permit.

Mr. Knight told him yes, notices would go out to properties that are within 300 ft of the property, and those neighbors can make objection. If more than 20% of neighbors object, applying property owners would have to go to a Conditional use Permit.

Chairman Faiella also asked about manure maintenance. He asked if there is a lot size that limits discing manure.

Mr. Knight told him there is no lot size specified in the purposed ordinance.

Commissioner Lomeland asked about Youth Permits. If a family has 5 children, can they receive 5 Youth Permits?

Mr. Knight told him yes.

Additionally, Commissioner Lomeland asked if Youth Permits could be combined with the Administrative Adjustment Permits.

Mr. Knight told him that, as it stands, there is no provision that would restrict layering permits. He feels it's an area that should be worked on.

Lastly, Commissioner Lomeland stated that 5 cubic yards is a lot of manure on a property.

Commissioner Foreman asked if the Administrative Adjustment Permit would apply to the equestrian youth permit.

Mr. Knight said that an equestrian youth permit is limited to a half an acre.

- **Applicant Presentation**
- **Open Public Hearing** Chairman Faiella opened the Public Hearing at 5:40 PM.

Cathy Espere- Feels there should be no change to the Animal Ordinance.

Terrill and Lorinda Dismant- They feel the animal Ordinance is the least restrictive of all surrounding towns and communities, and do not understand why there is an initiative to increase the allowance.

Jill Irvin- Opposed to this Draft Ordinance.

Stephen Magoon- Does not see any reason to change this ordinance and feels that changing it would be detrimental to the town.

Jordy Weaver- Supports increasing the animal count, as she believes it will keep Camp Verde to its rural roots.

Tye Reddell- Wished not to speak but was in support of this item.

Eileen Martin- Does not support animal increase, or this Draft Ordinance. She does not feel like it would benefit the animals.

Brenda Powell- Feels cleanliness is subjective. She does not support an increase to the animal point count.

Tanner Bryson- Supports an increase in animal points and furthering the rural lifestyles of Camp Verde.

Jessica Oium- Supports an increase to animal points. She feels this is more of a nuisance issue.

Cheri Wischmeyer- Does not support an increase to Swine, nor does she support pig breeding or special permits to increase animals. She does not support an increase in the animal count and feels it will be difficult to enforce parts of this Draft Ordinance.

Crista Brunori- Feels the current ordinance is outdated and needs updating. Supports an animal point increase.

Mary Phelps (Zoom)- Feels there's a big need to increase animal points in Camp Verde.

- **Close Public Hearing** Chairman Faiella closed the Public Hearing at 6:10 PM.
- **Commission Discussion**

Vice Chairman Scantlebury thanked the community members for attending the meeting and speaking. He stated that he feels this is more of a nuisance ordinance than anything.

Tightening up the nuisance requirements would be beneficial to improving this ordinance and making it fair for all. If nuisance can be worked on it would help maintain the town's rural and agricultural past, like the writers of this original ordinance intended.

He proposes that the Animal Work Group meet one more time to take into account nuisance and the other topics that are concerns to the community in this Draft Ordinance.

Commissioner Foreman said it has always been a nuisance issue. It's not the number of animals, it's the nuisance of the property. Nuisance should be more objective and enforceable. He recommends turning the Draft Ordinance over to staff to take into consideration the public and Commission's concerns, take option 3 that was presented by Mr. Knight, and continue the item to October 3rd.

Chairman Faiella agreed that this is a nuisance issue, rather than a number of animal issue. He would like to see it go back to staff and have them return on October 3rd to discuss

manure management and the other pressing issues of nuisance in order to create an enforceable ordinance. He also questioned whether this ordinance should apply to all properties, or to those with a certain number of acres. He does not agree with increasing animal count with an Administrative Permit, but encourages Youth Permits

Commissioner Hauser shared the inspiration behind creating a Work Group to assist in drafting this ordinance. She supports the Administrative Adjustment Permit because it is a happy medium for individuals to increase their animals, if the animal point system is not changed. She joined the Work Group to be in support of the children of Camp Verde getting to have 4H opportunities. Additionally, she is concerned about narrow lots for the 200' setback for manure. She feels that setback needs to be rethought.

Commissioner Lomeland agrees that this is a nuisance issue. He wants to support children and students as well. He feels the best way address nuisance is to send the ordinance back to staff for further work.

Commissioner Osses agrees that this Draft Ordinance should go back to staff for refining. She also agrees that It's a nuisance problem. She would like to see it brought back to the Commission on October 3rd.

Director Knight reviewed the direction from the Commission to give clarification and a summary to staff with what to address in the refinement of the Draft Ordinance moving forward.

- Swine allowance is still in question.
- Cows 600 lbs or less
- Nuisance provisions are good, more robust than the current ordinance, but more work on the manure section. Make sure nuisance provisions are enforceable.
- 200' setback for narrow properties
- Attorneys thoughts
- Should large parcels treated differently?
- Administrative increase with a permit?
- Layering the permits?
- Did not hear objections to animal point count

Commissioner Foreman felt that was a great synopsis for staff on what to address moving forward. He would like to see the nuisance section more measurable and more objective to be enforced.

Chairman Faiella asked about someone being granted a 50% increase in animal count, and what happens if they lose that allowance? He would like clarity on this.

Director Knight stated that provisions are in there, and the Administrative Adjustment Permit can be revoked.

On a **motion** by Vice Chairman Scantlebury, seconded by Commissioner Lomeland, the Commission **moved** table the Public Hearing until October 3rd when they would like Staff to come back to the Commission with suggestive revisions to the current ordinance code based on the summary outlined by John Knight and any comments that would like to be added be submitted this following week.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Hauser: Aye

Commissioner Tippet: Aye

Commissioner Osses: Aye
Chairman Faiella: Aye
Vice Chairman Scantlebury: Aye
Commissioner Lomeland: Aye
Commissioner Foreman: Aye
Motion Carried 7-0.

7. **Current Events** - Individual members of the Commission may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for the purpose of informing the public of such events and activities. The Commission will take no discussion, consideration, or action on any such item, except that an individual Commission member may request an item be placed on a future agenda.

No Current Events

8. **Staff Comments**

Town Manager Miranda Fisher gave an update on the General Plan. They had their kickoff meeting with the Technical Advisory Group, setting the parameters of how they'll move forward. The next TAG meeting is on September 10th. She felt this group has been very effective so far. They will be building a website moving forward with uploaded minutes of the meeting.

Town Planner Cory Mulcaire reminded the Commission to come to the meeting on September 12th, and to be thinking about the priorities for Planning and Zoning.

Chairman Faiella thanked Director Knight for his hard work for the Town of Camp Verde.

Director Knight thanked him and said he has really enjoyed working with the town and Commission.

9. **Adjournment** Chairman Faiella adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.


Chairman Andrew Faiella


Town Manager Miranda Fisher

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I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona during the Special Session held on the 5th day of September 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 5th day of September 2024.

Mary Frewin
Mary Frewin, Recording Secretary

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(signed) Cory L Mulcaire, Cory Mulcaire, Planner (print name and title)

Staff Amended Draft Ordinance

Amended Draft Ordinance
(October 3, 2024)

*The changes staff made to the
Ordinance are in red.*

Commissioner's emailed
comments, which were included
in the October 3, 2024 Agenda
Packet

Meeting minutes from the P&Z
Commission public hearing
continuation on October 3, 2024,
where the "Staff Amended Draft
Ordinance" was presented.

305.1 Livestock Regulations

A. *Purpose and Scope.* The purpose is to provide rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock so that the livestock do not become a nuisance, hazard, and/or health problem to the adjoining **neighboring properties** and/or the general public.

B. *Applicability:* This Section does not apply to agricultural operations conducted on farmland pursuant to A.R.S. 3-112.

C. *Permitted Use.* The use is determined by the following criteria:

1. Keeping livestock, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is prohibited on parcels less than one-half acre (1/2).
2. Parcels greater than one-half (1/2) acre may keep livestock in compliance with the Livestock Point Count, as listed in Table 305.1.A of this Ordinance.
3. Keeping of Fowl, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is permitted as an accessory use on all parcels within the Town of Camp Verde.
4. Keeping of Domesticated Animals, as defined in Section 6-1-0 of the Town Code, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, as well as Town Code, Chapter 6.

TABLE 305.1.A. LIVESTOCK POINT COUNT

SPECIES	POINTS
Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus	3 Points
Llamas, Deer, Miniature Horses/Donkeys, Ponies, Cattle < 600 lbs., Ostriches	6 Points
Cattle 600+ lbs., Horses, Mules, Donkeys	12 Points
Bison, Swine	24 Points (see additional standards in Section 305.D. related to Bison and Swine)

D. *Livestock Point Count.* Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain livestock totaling up to 24 points as set forth in Table 305.1.A. Lots of one (1) acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six (6) points for each additional, contiguous quarter (0.25) acre. See example in Table 305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or control may also be included in the livestock point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED

PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	POINT COUNT	EXAMPLES OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED
½ to 1.0	24	2 Horses or 8 Goats
1.25	30	2 Horses or 10 Goats
1.5	36	3 Horses or 12 Goats
1.75	42	3 Horses or 14 Goats
2.0	48	4 Horses or 16 Goats
Note – Point threshold can only be met by meeting the minimum parcel size. For example, a 1.67-acre parcel is allocated 36 points, which is the same as a 1.5-acre parcel.		

E. The keeping of bison and swine shall include the following additional limitations and restrictions:

1. Parcel size must be two (2) acres or more.
2. No more than five (5) swine are allowed per parcel.

~~3. Breeding of bison and swine are prohibited except for swine may be bred with the approval of a Youth Livestock Permit per Section 305.1.F.~~

F. *Nuisance Provisions.* All nuisance and sanitation mitigation measures in this Ordinance and the Town Code shall apply to livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals on **any** parcel.

1. *Maintenance of Livestock Areas:* All livestock pens, stalls, corrals, shelters, cages, areas, composting bins/piles, places, and premises where ~~they livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals~~ are held or kept, ~~shall must~~ be maintained ~~to prevent so that flies, insects, vermin, rodents, odors, ponded water,~~ the accumulation of manure, garbage, filth, refuse, rubbish, trash, or others noxious materials. ~~These areas must also prevent the proliferation of flies, insects, vermin, rodents, and the creation of foul odors, ponded stagnant water, which are deemed do not become~~ a Nuisance, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance.

2. *Setbacks for Livestock Enclosures:* Livestock enclosures such as pens, stalls, shelters, cages or similar ~~use structure(s)~~ for confining livestock on a temporary or permanent basis ~~shall must~~ meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit ~~on the parcel~~. Yard or pasture areas that allow livestock to roam ~~freely~~ outside defined enclosures are ~~exempt excluded~~ from the setback requirements.

3. *Manure Management;* Livestock manure ~~must shall~~ be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures as frequently as necessary to ~~prevent avoid~~ the creation of a nuisance ~~and at least twice weekly.~~

a. When stored on the property, manure ~~must shall~~ be stored in covered containers, and/or mulched or disced into pasture lands.

1. ~~Mound storage of manure or livestock waste shall only be utilized with a two-hundred-foot (200")—~~Manure stored in mounts must be located within a thirty foot (30') setback from any property line. Total mound storage can be no more than five (5) cubic-yards.

2. ~~If~~ Manure stored in containers ~~must, containers shall~~ meet the ~~same~~ setbacks requirements of ~~as~~ the primary dwelling unit ~~and containers must be kept clean, in good repair, and continuously covered.~~

3. ~~Container(s) shall be kept clean, in good repair and continuously covered.~~

3. 4. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the use of livestock manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch for horticultural purposes ~~on any size parcel.~~

b. *Prohibition of Off-Property Runoff:* Provisions ~~must shall~~ be ~~implemented made~~ to ensure that no runoff from livestock waste ~~flows is directed~~ onto neighboring properties, public streets, rights-of-way, drainage or irrigation channels, ditches or surface water ~~systems.~~

~~c. Water troughs or tanks shall be equipped with adequate facilities for draining the overflow, to prevent ponding of water, the breeding of flies, mosquitoes, or other insects or health hazards.~~

G. *Exceptions to Livestock Point Count.*

1. *Animal Husbandry.* ~~Except for bison and swine,~~ Offspring (under six (6) months of age) of livestock on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted livestock on a parcel.

2. *Administrative Reviews to Exceed Livestock Point Count.* The following permits allow an increase in the livestock point count subject to the following criteria and restrictions.

a. *Temporary Youth-Livestock Permit.* Hereafter referred to as “Youth-Livestock Permit.”

1. Application is made annually for the purpose of keeping market and/or breeding livestock for educational projects for youth enrolled and participating in an approved educational youth organization.
2. The Town of Camp Verde recognizes the following as educational youth organizations for the purpose of a Youth-Livestock Permit:
 - a. 4H/Clover Buds,
 - b. FFA/PALS (Future Farmers of America/Partners in Active Learning Support), and
 - c. Organized Youth, or other formally recognized youth educational programs.
3. Youth-Livestock Permits may be allowed under the following scenarios:
 - a. The Youth Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel that allows livestock, but the project would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel per Table 305.1.A, and/or;
 - b. The Youth-Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel less than one-half (1/2) acre where the keeping of livestock is otherwise prohibited, and/or;
 - c. One additional market swine project will be allowed with each additional one-half acre, not to exceed five (5) per parcel. Swine will be limited to one (1) swine project per youth exhibitor.
 - d. A Youth-Swine Breeder provided there is a maximum of one (1) litter of pigs at a time.
4. A complete application for the Youth-Livestock Permit is received by the Community Development Department.
5. A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth-Livestock project is being conducted, indicating membership in a specific Youth Livestock Organization, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock.
6. A permit must be issued to the applicant and must be available to the Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, or a designee of the Community Development Director upon request.
7. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in one of the agricultural youth educational clubs listed above, and under the age of twenty (20).

b. *Temporary Youth-Equestrian Permit.* Hereafter referred to as “Youth-Equestrian Permit.”

1. Application is made annually for a Youth-Equestrian Permit for the purpose of keeping horses and livestock to participate in equestrian activities including but not limited to, rodeo, mounted shooting, reined cow horse, cutting, dressage, or any other equestrian activity within an organization that has a youth membership/competition component.
2. The Town of Camp Verde requires proof of membership in an equestrian organization for the purpose of a Youth-Equestrian Permit.
3. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in an equestrian organization, and under the age of twenty (20).

4. A Youth-Equestrian Permit may be approved under the following scenarios:

- a. The youth reside, or the livestock is cared for on a parcel of land that is more than one-half (1/2) acre, but the livestock needed to successfully participate would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel according to Table 305.1.A.
- b. The maximum number of livestock allowed with a Youth-Equestrian Permit is limited to no more than fifty percent (50%) of the maximum number of livestock allowed.
- c. A complete application is received by the Community Development Department.

5. A permit must be issued and made available to a Community Development Director's designee where the Youth Equestrian Permit is issued, with the Community Development approval sticker, including the year.

6. A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth Equestrian permit is being conducted, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock. The sign shall be provided by the Town of Camp Verde.

H. *Administrative Adjustment Permit*. Any parcel where livestock is allowed may apply to increase the livestock count by fifty (50) percent of the number of livestock allowed according to Table 305.1.A. and subject to the following criteria. An Administrative Adjustment Permit **cannot be applied for if the property has already been issued a Temporary Youth-Livestock Permit and/or Temporary Youth-Equestrian Permit**.

1. *Criteria*.

- a. Parcel size must be a minimum of one (1.0) acre.
- b. No **unresolved** violations of Section 305.1 within the previous twelve (12) month period prior to date of application received.
- c. No current violations of Section 305.1 at the time of application submission.
- d. Livestock pens **must shall** have a setback of at least **thirty feet (30')** from adjacent parcels.
- e. Should formal written objections be submitted by more than **twenty percent (20%)** of the neighbors within **three hundred feet (300')**, then a Use Permit is required to be processed under Section 601.C.

2. *Process: Administrative Review with Public Comment Period*

- a. A complete application must be submitted to the Community Development Director. The Community Development **Department** shall provide an application form and a checklist of items that must be submitted to be considered complete. The Town Council shall set a reasonable fee that will be submitted at the time of the permit.
- b. The subject property must be posted, and notice mailed to neighbors within three hundred feet (300') of the property, a minimum of fifteen (15) days prior to issuance of **the** permit. Comments must be received by the Community Development **Director** prior to the date of issuance of the permit.
- c. The subject property will be inspected **by the Community Development Department's designee** prior to issuance of Administrative Adjustment Permit and/or renew of the permit.
- d. An inspection will be performed any time a complaint is received.
- e. **The Community Development Director will review the application to ensure the property meets all criteria outlined in Section H.1. If the criteria are met, an Administrative Adjustment Permit will be**

issued. However, if more than twenty percent (20%) of the neighbors within three hundred feet (300') submit written objections, the Community Development Director will refer the applicant to the Use Permit process, as outlined in Section 601.C. In this case, the applicant must reapply under the Use Permit process, with the fees from the Administrative Review applied toward the Use Permit fees.

3. *Validity.* Permits are valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance and automatically expire unless renewed as specified below.

4. *Renewal.* Administrative Adjustment Permits may be renewed by the Community Development Director under the following circumstances.

- a. A renewal application is received prior to expiration of the original permit.
- b. A renewal fee of **fifty percent (50%)** of the original application fee is paid at time of submittal.
- c. There are no **unresolved** violations of Section 305.1. within the previous twelve (12) month period of the original application.
- d. An inspection is performed by the Community Development Department's designee prior to renewal of the permit and there are no current violations of Section 305.1. of this ordinance.

I. *Revocation.* Youth-Livestock Permits, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits may be revoked at any time under the following circumstances:

1. One (1) founded complaint that results in a Notice of Violation or Notice of Complaint/Hearing brought before the Administrative Hearing Officer, Town Attorney or Town Prosecutor.
2. Noncompliance with any of the provisions of Section 305.1. of this ordinance. This must be documented by a designee of the Community Development Director and mailed via direct mail. ~~or J.~~
3. *Appeal.* Denial or revocation of Youth-Livestock Permits, Youth-Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Review Permits is appealable to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, as outlined in Section 602.B. of this Ordinance.

~~J. *Livestock Ranching Use Permit.* Unless otherwise permitted above, any Commercial Livestock Ranching Operation, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, that intends to exceed the allowed livestock points must apply for a Conditional Use Permit, as outlined in Section 601.C.~~

Section 103 Key Definitions relevant to Section 305.1

ABUTTING PARCELS. Parcels which are directly touching and have common parcel boundaries. (Parcels across a public right of way shall not be considered abutting).

~~**AGRIBUSINESS.** A business and/or commercial use operated primarily for the support of agricultural needs. It may consist of products, materials, and equipment servicing and sales; storage and/or processing of agricultural products and/or animals.~~

AGRICULTURE. The production, keeping or maintenance, for sale, lease or personal use, of plants or animal useful to man, including the breeding and grazing of any or all of such animals; or lands devoted to a soil conservation or forestry management program. This includes farm stands for the temporary or seasonal sales of agricultural products grown on site or grown on other properties owned or leased by the farm operator.

ANIMAL. Any non-human mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish.

ANIMAL, FOWL. Chickens, ducks, geese, turkey, guineas, and peacocks.

ANIMAL, LIVESTOCK. Animals such as bison, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, sheep, goats, cattle, alpacas, llamas, deer, and large poultry such as emus and ostriches.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. The act of breeding and caring for livestock.

CONTIGUOUS. Bordering or adjoining, meeting, or joining at the border or surface.

CORRAL. A pen or enclosure for confining animals.

DOMESTICATED. Domesticated means bred or trained to need and accept the care from human beings, usually creating a dependency, losing its ability to live in the wild.

LIVESTOCK BREEDING. The process of breeding animals to produce livestock products.

LIVESTOCK, COMMERCIAL RANCHING OPERATION. A livestock operation that exceeds the animal point count and is otherwise not eligible for a point count increase under any other provisions of Section 305.1.

LOT. A parcel of land established by plat, subdivision, or otherwise permitted by law, having its principal frontage on a dedicated street or street easement. A half-street dedicated from such parcel shall be qualification for street frontage.

NUISANCE. Has the meaning set forth in Town Code Article 10-2. It is a nuisance and is no less a nuisance because the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted is unequal, for anything to be injurious to health, indecent, offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property that interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

PERMITTED USE. A use that is allowed in a Zoning District by reason of being listed among the “Permitted Uses” in the District and is subject to restrictions applicable to the District.

SETBACK. The minimum distance between a structure and property lines of a parcel of land or other established reference point.

YOUTH-SWINE BREEDER. A youth or adult that is breeding swine for the purpose of supplying swine projects for organized youth exhibitors.

ZONING ORDINANCE. The Planning and Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona.

Re: Changes to Proposed Livestock Ordinance

From Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>
Date Thu 9/19/2024 9:07 AM
To Andrew Faiella <andrew.faiella@campverde.az.gov>
Cc Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>

Thank you, Chairman Faiella.

Cory

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From: Andrew Faiella <andrew.faiella@campverde.az.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2024 8:20:21 AM
To: Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>
Cc: Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>
Subject: Changes to Proposed Livestock Ordinance

Hello Cory. Here are some changes I would suggest for the proposed Livestock Ordinance.

Livestock Ordinance

Here are some comments and changes I believe need to be addressed in the proposed Livestock Ordinance.

The original ordinance was set with small residential properties in mind. There should be a way to make the revised ordinance reflect that desire. I ask that Staff investigate and provide suggestions that can make this work. Minimum lot size, as stated is appropriate. Maximum lot size (for this ordinance) should be 4 to 5 acres or a size approved by P&Z and Council.

Livestock Point Count Table 305.1.A should be changed by removing the distinction between Cattle weighing less than 600 lbs and Cattle weighing over 600 lbs. There should no difference in cattle weight for mature animals.

Livestock Point Count Table 305.1.B is OK as it has been proposed.

Breeding of Bison and Swine should be permitted. Remove Section D3

Remove the exception of offspring for Bison and Swine. Remove Section F1.

Although a 200ft setback for manure piles is reasonable, it may not be possible on all properties. I suggest a minimum of 30ft. which should be adequate in most cases (hopefully the wind will cooperate).
Section E3.1

There is no mention that a Youth Livestock Permit must be issued to the person residing on the property that applies for the permit. Multiple Youth Permits for non-residents of a property should not be allowed.

Administrative Adjustment Permit.

An Administrative Adjustment Permit should not be determined by any single individual. The permit application should be brought before the Commission just like a Use Permit.

Section G1.B please change to "Unresolved Violations". A violation that is remedied within a reasonable time period should not be penalized beyond the violation itself. If ANY confirmed violations continue, whether related to the original complaint or not, the permit should be revoked. Determination of a reasonable time period should be less than two weeks or what is specified by this ordinance.

Section G4.C should read "No unresolved violations".

Section J -There is no definition in Section 103 of this ordinance for a "Livestock Ranching Use Permit. Please define or remove this Section.

Re: 305

From Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>
Date Mon 9/9/2024 1:36 PM
To Claudia Hauser <claudia.hauser@campverde.az.gov>

Claudia,

I want to give kudos to Cliff Bryson on the PowerPoint. He got it 80% there and John just put a few minor touches on it.

Regards,
Cory L Mulcaire, Planner
Town of Camp Verde
928-554-0066

From: Claudia Hauser <claudia.hauser@campverde.az.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 1:08 PM
To: Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>
Subject: 305

Hi Cory,

My apologies for the delay, sending this email. Regarding Thursday night's meeting, I would like staff to consider lessening the setback on the manure, to compensate for those who have long skinny parcels. I feel that forcing property owners to clean their manure up twice weekly is too excessive. And not to complicate this, but I also feel that larger property owners should not have to comply with picking up manure. Also regard to the new administrative permit, I would like those that apply for such permit to start with a clean slate. In other words, if there have been nuisance complaints about property owners prior to this new permit, I feel that those, if not valid, should not be used against them for acquiring the permit.

And kudos to whomever created that slideshow/Print out for Thursday night's meeting. It was done so well and very easy to follow.

Thank you,
Claudia

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Comments on Animal Ordinance

From Todd Scantlebury <todd.scantlebury@campverde.az.gov>

Date Thu 9/12/2024 7:13 AM

To Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>; Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>

Cc Andrew Faiella <andrew.faiella@campverde.az.gov>

Thank you both for moving us along with this sometimes contentious but still improved ordinance. As we agreed, it's not so much about how many animals but rather how they are (responsibly) kept from being a nuisance.

Points to consider:

- Difficult to enforce weight of cows - instead consider addressing as weaned or not weaned. If folks wanna raise special breed, tiny horses and cows, they could apply for exemption (or go to It's a Small World at Disneyland).
- Section E, Nuisance Provisions is unclear about what an animal holding area is and how large it could be before 2x-weekly manure collection would be required. Mr Knight seemed to feel it was clear that larger holding areas, like pastures, would not be subject to this restriction and could simply be maintained by spreading manure/ fertilizing, but how is a "larger holding area" defined? If I live on 5-acres but keep my cows on 1-acre, rotating pastures through the Summer, do I need to go out and collect manure 2x per week? How 'bout a half-acre? A quarter? I think this one should be clarified to apply to pens and corrals, i.e., small enclosures. Otherwise, simply keeping larger holder areas dry, using fly control and dragging/ scattering (or collecting) would all be fine. A compliance officer should not see animals in a small holding area, standing in wet manure and covered with flies.
- You've probably already done this, but the TownPnZ lawyer recommended deletion of Section J "Livestock Ranching Use Permit" and adding the following: "B. Applicability – This Section does not apply to agricultural operations conducted on farmland pursuant to A.R.S. 3-112," with renumbering/ re-lettering starting with Permitted Use (current Section B).
- Roosters - no reason to allow on small, residential properties < 1/2-acre (and still consider setback of 200+ ft for larger properties). There are folks who think roosters are part of the egg deal, but they need to check back in with their high school biology teachers. And for those who think roosters are fine on small (less than 1/2-acre) properties, perhaps we should ask their neighbors? (That was sarcasm.) Folks who already have roosters on smaller properties would be grandfathered, until they sell.
- Finally, the "Agribusiness" term is not used. We should either use or lose it, and I don't think those of us who farm are fond of it, because it sounds like BIG, industrial farming. The State simply calls commercial agriculture Farms or Ranches (farming with crops or livestock). So be it.

Let me know if I could help in any way preparing for Oct 10.

Thanks for all you are doing, and it's a lot!

Re: Draft Ordinance

From Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>
Date Mon 9/9/2024 7:49 AM
To Robert Foreman <robert.foreman@campverde.az.gov>
Cc Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>

Rob,
Thank you for the comments.

Regards,
Cory L Mulcaire, Planner
Town of Camp Verde
928-554-0066

From: Robert Foreman <robert.foreman@campverde.az.gov>
Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2024 4:18 PM
To: Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>
Cc: Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>
Subject: Draft Ordinance

Cory

Per Todd's suggestion here are the minor modifications I would like to see made to the draft animal ordinance.

- 1) Reduce the setback for mound manure storage to between 75' to 100' feet.
- 2) Increase the livestock point increase in the Administrative Adjustment Permit to "Up to 100%." (I believe the change to 1 acre minimum has already been addressed.)
- 3) Increase the Use permit required if 50% of neighbors within 300 feet submit written objections.
- 4) See if there are ways to make 'nuisances' more measurable. (Yes, I know you have tried, and it is difficult to do.)
- 5) Increase the max number allowed on the Youth-Equestrian Permit to no more than 100% of max number livestock allowed.
- 6) Question. How will the transition from old to new ordinance be handled? The young lady who bought a 1acre property with 5 horse stalls on it and has 5 horses but keeps her property well maintained and has had no complaints. The ordinance is changed by Council and in the 30 days before becoming effective a complaint is made and she is found in violation, which technically she is, does she have to wait 12 months to apply for a permit?

Thank You
Rob



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MINUTES
TOWN OF CAMP VERDE – PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
SPECIAL SESSION
473 S. MAIN STREET, SUITE 106
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.

ZOOM MEETING LINK:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85044215262?pwd=Ylp3ZUFNN0w0RkQ3V0dLVkZiWnFsdz09>

One Tap Mobile: 1-669-900-9128 or 1-253-215-8782

Meeting ID: 850 4421 5262

Passcode: 116183

1. **Call to Order** Chairman Faiella called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.
2. **Roll Call.** Commissioner Claudia Hauser, Commissioner Robert Foreman, Commissioner Ingrid Osses, Commissioner Mark Lomeland (Zoom), Commissioner William Tippet, Chairman Andrew Faiella, Vice Chairman Todd Scantlebury.

Also Present. Town Planner Cliff Bryson, Town Attorney Trish Stuhan, Town Manager Miranda Fisher, Town Planner Cory Mulcaire.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** Commissioner Hauser led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Consent Agenda** - All items listed below may be enacted upon by one motion and approved as Consent Agenda Items. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as a separate item if a member of the Commission so requests.

a. Approval of Minutes:

September 5, 2024 – Special Session
September 12, 2024 – Regular Session

b. Set Next Meeting, Date and Time:

October 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Regular Session - **Cancel**
October 24, 2024 @ 6:00 pm, Regular Session

Vice Chairman Scantlebury had some corrections to the September 12th Regular Session Meeting. It was recommended by Town Manager Miranda Fisher that the minutes be pulled from consent agenda so staff could compare Vice Chairman Scantlebury's corrections to the audio.

On a **motion** from Vice Chairman Scantlebury, seconded by Commissioner Osses, the Commission **moved** to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception to the



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September 12th Regular Session meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Hauser: Aye

Commissioner Tippet: Aye

Commissioner Osses: Aye

Chairman Faiella: Aye

Vice Chairman Scantlebury: Aye

Commissioner Lomeland: Aye

Commissioner Foreman: Aye

Motion Carried 7-0.

5. **Call to the Public for items not on the agenda** - Residents are encouraged to comment about any matter not included on the agenda. State law prevents the Commission from taking any action on items not on the agenda, except to set them for consideration at a future date.

There was no one who wished to speak during Call to the Public.

6. **Public Hearing:** Discussion, Consideration, and Possible Recommendation to the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, to amend the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305 – Livestock.

- **Staff Comments**

Town Manager/ Acting Community Development Director Miranda Fisher led the staff comments. She stated that this is a continuation from the prior Public Hearing on the Section 305 Livestock Ordinance held on September 5th.

Staff worked on amendments to the ordinance. They provided a red line to the Commission with all the amendments.

These amendments were:

- They decided to remove the weight separation from cattle. All cattle are 12 points.
- The removed the prohibiting of breeding of Bison and Swine. Bison and Swine are now treated like other livestock.
- There were a lot of changes to the nuisance section. Town staff felt it was much stronger now and would help with better enforcement.
- Removed the requirement of hauling manure away twice a week.
- Changed the setback to 30' for manure.
- Removed language about water trough drainage, as most people don't have a formal drainage system.
- Bison and Swine exemption removed.
- They are recommending that the Administrative Adjustment Permit continue to be issued by the Community Development Director. If more than 20% of the neighboring property owners write objection letters, it would then go through a Use Permit process. An applicant can appeal to the board of adjustments and appeals.
- In order to receive the Administrative Adjustment Permit, the applicant must also resolve any violations.



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-They removed any language about agricultural operations and agribusiness definitions.

Commissioner Lomeland had sent in recommendations for Staff, and wondered if Staff received those, as he did not see them in the changes.

Break: The Commission took a break at 5:10 PM to review these amendments as well as the written public comments that community members distributed at the meeting.

Resume: 5:20 PM

- **Open Public Hearing** Chairman Faiella opened the Public Hearing at 5:20 PM.

Jordy Weaver- She felt that Camp Verde has the strictest animal ordinance than any similar, surrounding town or city. She does not agree with those who feel updating the animal ordinance would lessen property values. She would also not like to see them take away the differentiation in weights of cattle within the point system. If they do this, she would like to see an increase to the permit adjustment from 50% to 100% to support the equine sports that use cattle. Lastly, she would like to see the written objections decrease from neighbors.

Christa Brunori- As someone who is part of the equestrian community, she supports a change to animal points so people can recreate on their own property. The current animal county doesn't allow for adequate amounts of animals to do this.

Cheri Wischmeyer- stated that she submitted a written paper to the Commission with all of her thoughts.

Steven Magoon- did not support changing the Town of Camp Verde's livestock ordinances.

Jill Irvin- did not speak but is opposed to this item. She submitted her comments in writing.

Sylvia Strobel- feels the current point system works well in a residential neighborhood. She feels the current system is simple to follow.

Shirilyn Rae- did not wish to speak but is opposed to this item.

Eileen Martin- is opposed to this item. She has shared most of these concerns already with the Commission in writing.

Jessica Oium- wrote into the Zoom chat that she did not wish to speak on this item, but she is in favor.

- **Close Public Hearing** Chairman Faiella closed the Public Hearing at 5:40 PM.
- **Commission Discussion**

Commissioner Foreman said he's in support of this draft ordinance. He thanked everyone that put work into it. However, there are changes he would like to see made to this draft ordinance. Those changes were:

1. 305.1.a, The cattle under 300 lbs. included as a 6-pt. count for the animal count
2. F.3.a.1, The 30' manure setback changed to 60'
3. G.b.4.a, Change the 50% up to 100%
4. H, Change the 50% to read "up to 100%"
5. H.1.e, Change the 20% to 50%
6. H.2.e, change the 20% to 50%

With these changes, he would recommend approval to Council.

Chairman Faiella agreed with most of what Commissioner Foreman said. He did, however, disagree with increasing the Administrative Adjustment Permit from 50% to 100%. Additionally, he



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pointed out a typo under H.

He believes the Community Development Director should not be the only one granting an Administrative Adjustment Permit. He would like to see more individuals weighing in on this.

He would also like to see the manure setback up to 60'.

Vice Chairman Scantlebury asked what conditions staff felt would warrant a citation.

Town Planner Cory Mulcaire stated that visible layers of manure caking the soil or standing pools of waste would be a nuisance issue.

A notable increase in the fly population would also be an issue. If the odor is strong enough to disrupt a neighboring home, that would be out of compliance.

They feel like the nuisance provisions are much more enforceable.

Commissioner Hauser asked Town Planner Cliff Bryson how many violations he had during his time as a Code Enforcement Officer with swine.

Mr. Bryson told her that he had very minimal swine violations. Those violations were reported complaints based on property size, without the proper youth permits.

Ms. Hauser stated that there are over 40 families in Camp Verde involved in youth projects.

She agrees with the 600lb variation for smaller cattle. She also really supports the Administrative Adjustment Permit noting that it's a fantastic compromise. Finally, she wanted to say that codes and ordinances change all the time. It's just how it goes.

Vice Chairman Scantlebury inquired with how one may get their youth livestock permit revoked.

Manager Fisher stated that there's a recommended change for the revocation of permits.

They would like it to read "Youth Livestock Permits, Youth Equestrian Permits, and Administrative Variant Permits may be revoked at any time upon final determination of a violation."

This would allow someone with a violation to go through an appeal process.

Commissioner Lomeland shared a few concerns:

1. The manure setback should be 100', otherwise in a closed container
2. He would like to see no Bison on anything that's not an agricultural operation
3. H.1.b to read "no violations within a 12-month period, otherwise they will not be able to renew."
4. On H.2.d He would like to see that a violation is inspected within 24 hrs.
5. H.4.c "No violations in the past 12 months"
6. Does not care to see a different point count for the various weight of cows

Commissioner Tippet felt that they were competing with revisions, both with livestock and the other revisions they are working on. His suggestion was that they vote it down to get the revisions worked out.

Manager Fisher told him that a denial recommendation will still go forward to Council.

Chairman Faiella would like to see the ordinance sent to Council with the revisions that have been addressed at this meeting in order to see what Council would like to do.

Commissioner Osses felt that the Ordinance lacked consequences if code violations took place.

Town Planner Mulcaire told her that the town does have a code violation process that takes place



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for anyone that violates the code.

Commissioner Osses said that after hearing everyone speak, she felt that not a lot of people agree with this and there needs to be changes made. Her recommendation would be to vote it down.

Ms. Hauser asked Mr. Foreman his opinion on swine. To which he replied, he's okay with how the ordinance is written regarding swine.

Town Attorney Trish Stuhan gave clarity on how to make a motion with the proposed changes and differing opinions.

On a **motion** by Commissioner Foreman, seconded by Commissioner Hauser, the Commission **moved** to recommend approval to the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona, to amend the Planning and Zoning Ordinance Section 305 – Livestock Regulations with the changes listed:

- 305.1.a, The cattle under 300 lbs. included as a 6-pt. count for the animal count
- F.3.a.1, The 30' manure setback changed to 60'
- G.b.4.a, Change the 50% up to 100%
- H, Change the 50% to read "up to 100%"
- H.1.e, Change the 20% to 50%
- H.2.e, change the 20% to 50%
- change the verbiage as entered into the record by the Town Manager.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Hauser: Aye

Commissioner Tippet: Nay

Commissioner Osses: Nay

Chairman Faiella: Nay

Vice Chairman Scantlebury: Aye

Commissioner Lomeland: Nay

Commissioner Foreman: Aye

Motion Failed 4-3.

The Commission did not make any additional motions of this agenda item.

7. Current Events - Individual members of the Commission may provide brief summaries of current events and activities. These summaries are strictly for the purpose of informing the public of such events and activities. The Commission will take no discussion, consideration, or action on any such item, except that an individual Commission member may request an item be placed on a future agenda.

Vice Chairman Scantlebury shared that there was a 10,000-gallon water harvest tank that went in this week at the corner of the soccer field next to the ramada. The town supported it, and they got grants to fund it. It will irrigate plants and be a teaching moment for the town, as signs will explain what it's doing.

Manager Fisher shared that at the next TAG meeting, Ms. Mulcaire will lead the group in activities related to the land map.

She also shared these updates:

- Members of Community Development will be at the APA Conference next week.
- Retail marijuana discussion will take place at the September 25th Council Meeting
- October is a busy month and there are a ton of volunteer opportunities. You can sign up on the Parks and Recreation website.

Ms. Mulcaire shared these updates:

- They are going to cancel the September 26th meeting.
- Animal Ordinance will come back on October 3rd.
- Utilities Director Jeff Low's presentation is October 10th.
- They will have a Work Session after each section of the code is amended and they will vote on the whole document at the end.

Commissioner Osses commended Staff for the great job they are doing on all the work they have, all while being shorthanded.

8. Adjournment Chairman Faiella adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

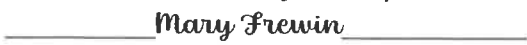

Chairman Andrew Faiella


Acting Community Development Director Miranda Fisher

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and accurate accounting of the actions of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona during the Regular Session held on the 12th day of September 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of September 2024.


Mary Frewin, Recording Secretary

The Planning and Zoning Staff makes every attempt to provide a complete agenda packet for public review. However, it is not always possible to include all information in the packet. You are encouraged to check with the Community Development Department prior to a meeting for copies of supporting documentation, if any that were unavailable at the time agenda packets were prepared.

Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03A.2 and A.3, the Planning & Zoning Commission may vote to go into Executive Session for purposes of consultation for legal advice with the Town Attorney on any matter listed on the Agenda, or discussion of records exempt by law from public inspection associated with an agenda item. The Town of Camp Verde Council Chambers is accessible to the handicapped. Those with special accessibility or accommodation needs, such as large typeface print, may request these at the Office of the Town Clerk.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was posted at the Town of Camp Verde, Town Library on September 4, 2024 (date) at 1:00 PM (time) in accordance with the statement filed by the Camp Verde Town Council with the Town Clerk

(signed) Cory L Mulcaire, _____ Cory Mulcaire, Planner _____ (print name and title)

Updated Staff Amended Draft Ordinance

At the October 3, 2024 meeting, Town staff and the Town Attorney noted the “Revocation” section of the ordinance needed to be amended. Some revisions were also made to correct grammatical errors.

These additional changes staff made are in blue and accompany the previous changes recommended by staff, which are in red, from the October 3, 2024 meeting.

305.1 Livestock Regulations

A. *Purpose and Scope.* The purpose is to provide rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock so that the livestock do not become a nuisance, hazard, and/or health problem to the **abutting neighboring properties** and/or the general public.

B. *Applicability:* This Section does not apply to agricultural operations conducted on farmland pursuant to A.R.S. 3-112.

C. *Permitted Use.* The use is determined by the following criteria:

1. Keeping livestock, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is prohibited on parcels less than one-half acre (1/2).
2. Parcels **equal to or** greater than one-half (1/2) acre may keep livestock in compliance with the Livestock Point Count, as listed in Table 305.1.A of this Ordinance.
3. Keeping of Fowl, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is permitted as an accessory use on all parcels within the Town of Camp Verde.
4. Keeping of Domesticated Animals, as defined in Section 6-1-0 of the Town Code, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, as well as Town Code, Chapter 6.

TABLE 305.1.A. LIVESTOCK POINT COUNT

SPECIES	POINTS
Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus	3 Points
Llamas, Deer, Miniature Horses/Donkeys, Ponies, Cattle < 600 lbs., Ostriches	6 Points
Cattle 600+ lbs., Horses, Mules, Donkeys	12 Points
Bison, Swine	24 Points (see additional standards in Section 305.D. related to Bison and Swine)

D. *Livestock Point Count.* Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain livestock totaling up to 24 points as set forth in Table 305.1.A. Lots of one (1) acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six (6) points for each additional, contiguous quarter (0.25) acre. See example in Table 305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or control may also be included in the livestock point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED

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Commissioner Foreman's recommended amendments are in green and accompany the previous changes recommended by staff, which are in red and blue.

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YOUTH-SWINE BREEDER. A youth or adult that is breeding swine for the purpose of supplying swine projects for organized youth exhibitors.

ZONING ORDINANCE. The Planning and Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona.

Public comments received for the November 6, 2024 Council meeting

Includes the comments that were in the November 6, 2024 agenda packet, as well as those received after the agenda packet was published, which were physically handed to the Council at the November 6, 2024 meeting.



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PETITION IN FAVOR OF INCREASING THE CAMP VERDE ANIMAL POINT SYSTEM

LIVESTOCK ORDINANCE

PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Phone #	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ANY MINORS?	ARE YOU OVER 65?
Jon Williamson ✓			JH/L	3	NO
Joan Weatherford ✓			Joan Weatherford	1	NO
William Tolleson ✓			Tolleson	1	NO
Matthew Tullman ✓				1	NO
LAURA CORNELIUS ✓			Laura Cornelius	0	YES
Camr Gillespie ✓			Camr Gillespie		
Jessie McDonald ✓			Jessie McDonald	2	yes
Eric Bender ✓			Eric Bender		NO
Denny Scheuer ✓			Denny Scheuer	0	NO
10 Jeff Holcomb ✓			Jeff Holcomb	NO	NO

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1	Enzoiz Casillas ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>		
2	Alexis Benvenuti ✓		86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	N
3	Alex Park ✓		86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	N
4	LEAH N PHELPS ✓			LEAH NICOLE PHELPS	Y	N
5	Ian Ransom ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	N
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7	Christine Hauser ✓		P1 CV 86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	N
8	Chance Hauser ✓		P1 CV 86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	N
9	Tina Butler ✓		86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	N	Y
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1	Breton Fox ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes	No
2	Jenny Fox ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	NO
3	Bodie Hobbs ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	No
4	Jan Pendergast ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	NO
5	Belinda Pendergast ✓		AZ 86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes	No
6	Austin Pendergast ✓		AZ 86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	No	No
7	Pierre Mulcaire ✓		AZ 86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	Y	N
8	Flint Hansen ✓		AZ 86322	<i>[Signature]</i>	No	No
9	Kristi Mulcaire ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes	No
10	James Sedway ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	NO	NO

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NO.	PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Phone#	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ANY MINORS?	ARE YOU OVER 65?
1	Bruce Hibel ✓			Bruce Hibel	NO	NO
2	Alex Gutierrez ✓			Alex Gutierrez	NO	NO
3	Junior Zambrano ✓			Junior Zambrano	NO	NO
4	Mary Phelps ✓			Mary Phelps	NO	NO
5	Anthony Smith ✓			Anthony Smith	YES	NO
6	Timothy Townsend ✓			Timothy Townsend	NO	NO
7	Martin Garcia ✓			Martin Garcia	NO	NO
8	Austin Bower ✓			Austin Bower	YES	NO
9	Lisa Page ✓			Lisa Page	NO	NO
10	David Voss ✓			David Voss	YES	NO

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NO.	PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Phone #	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ANY MINORS?	ARE YOU OVER 65?
1	Daria Wier	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	yes	No
2	Robert Wier	✓		<i>Robert Wier</i>	yes	No
3	Carol Voigt	✓		<i>Carol Voigt</i>	No	yes
4	Betty Wier	✓		<i>Betty Wier</i>	No	yes
5	Charles Wier	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	yes	No
6	Jolene Reimer	✓		<i>Jolene Reimer</i>	yes	No
7	Molly Dwyer	✓		<i>Molly Dwyer</i>	N	N
8	Dana Wier	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	N	N
9	Krista Ashley	✓		<i>[Signature]</i>	YES	No
10	PEGGY STEINERICH	✓		<i>Peggy A. St. Lach</i>	No	YES



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NO.	PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Phone#	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ANY MINORS?	ARE YOU OVER 65?
1	Shirley Smith			[Signature]		
2	John Smith			[Signature]		
3	John Smith			[Signature]		
4	John Smith			[Signature]	Yes	
5	John Smith			[Signature]	no	no
6	John Smith			[Signature]	Yes	
7	John Smith			[Signature]	NO	yes
8	John Smith			[Signature]	yes	no
9	John Smith			[Signature]	N	N
10	John Smith			[Signature]	yes	no
	John Smith			[Signature]	NO	NO



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NO.	PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Dhmo#	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ANY MINORS?	ARE YOU OVER 65?
1	Shirley Jenkins				NO	NO
2	Jessie Smith				NO	NO
3	John Smith				NO	NO
4	John Smith				NO	NO
5	Francisco Ramirez				NO	NO
6	Beth Williams				YES	NO
7	John Smith				NO	YES
8	Myra Ligon				YES	NO
9	Crystal Funchouser				NO	NO
10	John Smith			John Smith	NO	NO

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NO.	PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Phone#	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ANY MINORS? OVER 65?
1	Jerome Furman ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	2
2	Amanda Petrie ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	1
3	Ra che Roberson ✓			31322 <i>[Signature]</i>	N/A
4	Janita Brown			<i>[Signature]</i>	2
5	Alexa McIntire ✓			<i>Alexa</i>	no
6	Naomi laubinger ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	1 no
7	Olivia Selt ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	0 no
8	Travis Todd sr ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	2 no
9	Bailey Culp ✓			<i>Bailey Culp</i>	2 no
10	Will Culp ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	



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NO.	PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Phone #	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ANY MINORS?	ARE YOU OVER 65?
1	Kristi Mulcaire ✓				2	No
2	Rose Smith ✓				3	No
3	Jessica Apperson ✓				1	NO
4	Juan Venegas ✓				1	NO
5	DAVID LEMMER ✓				1	no
6	Jennifer Fanc ✓					No
7	Megan Gregory ✓				4	yes
8	MARLIN PARKER ✓				2	no
9	JOSE RUVALCABA ✓				3	no
10	Jessie L ✓					NO



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NO.	PRINT NAME	CAMP VERDE ADDRESS	Phone #	SIGNATURE	DO YOU HAVE ARE YOU ANY MINORS? OVER 65?
1	LEE BARTON ✓				
2	COLEMAN, KEZ ✓				
3	RANDALL HOLLEY ✓				
4	AMBER WOODS ✓				
5	TECKIS WRIGHT ✓				
6	RICHARD HENDERSON ✓				
7	KATRINE GRANT ✓				
8	JERRY MCNEILDS ✓				
9	RYAN CHARTER				
10	PATRICK ROSS ✓				

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1	Jennifer Martinez ✓				YES	NO
2	RYAN MC CARTY ✓				NO	NO
3	CHRISTINE WALKER ✓				NO	YES
4	Paul Grant ✓					
5	Kim Sweet ✓					
6	GABE SALLER ✓				YES	NO
7	Christine Rodriguez ✓				YES	NO
8	Taylor Lindner ✓				NO	NO
9	Sarah Pizarro ✓				NO	NO
10	SHANNON WESTCOTT ✓				YES	NO



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1	JASON LEVETTS			<i>Jason Levetts</i>	
2	LORNA CARR	✓		<i>Lorna Carr</i>	2
3	JESSICA BELTON	✓		<i>Jessica Belton</i>	1
4	CHILLY AMER	✓		<i>Chilly Amer</i>	
5	ADAM REEL	✓		<i>Adam Reel</i>	0
6	SETH NORMAN	✓		<i>Seth Norman</i>	✓
7	SHANNON TEACH	✓		<i>Shannon Teach</i>	1
8	JASON WOODS	✓		<i>Jason Woods</i>	
9	THOMAS WALKER	✓		<i>Thomas Walker</i>	0
10	Brian Muldoon	✓		<i>Brian Muldoon</i>	3

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1	Mary Moloney			<i>Mary Moloney</i>	no	yes
2	Michelle Langston			<i>Michelle Langston</i>	no	no
3	Landon Carter			<i>Landon Carter</i>	yes	no
4	Meagan Cochran			<i>Meagan Cochran</i>	Yes	no
5	Debbie Fisher			<i>Debbie Fisher</i>		No
6	Jenny Langrock			<i>Jenny Langrock</i>	yes	no
7	Greg Clure			<i>Greg Clure</i>	yes	no
8	Emily Millhouse			<i>Emily Millhouse</i>	yes	no
9	Juan Minjarez			<i>Juan Minjarez</i>	yes	No
10	Janeth Minjarez			<i>Janeth Minjarez</i>	yes	No



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1	Collin Plante ✓			<i>Collin Plante</i>	NO	NO
2	Valerie Ohman ✓			<i>Valerie Ohman</i>	yes	NO
3	Leanna Drake ✓			<i>Leanna Drake</i>	no	no
4	Blake Melgar ✓			<i>Blake Melgar</i>	NO	NO
5	Brooke Zimmermann ✓			<i>BZ Zimmermann</i>	yes	no
6	Brayden Zimmermann ✓			<i>BR Zimmermann</i>	NO	NO
7	Tayla McDonald ✓			<i>Tayla McDonald</i>	NO	NO
8	AUSTIN KIRK ✓			<i>Austin Kirk</i>	NO	NO
9	Dori Booth ✓			<i>Dori Booth</i>	NO	NO
10	Tordy Wexler ✓			<i>Tordy Wexler</i>	N	N



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10. PRINT NAME

CAMP VERDE ADDRESS

Phone #

SIGNATURE

DO YOU HAVE ARE YOU
ANY MINORS? OVER 65?

Francisco Dink ✓
Mason Swanson ✓
~~Anthony Ramos~~
Marissa Harris ✓
Christa Amstrong ✓
Britney Armstrong ✓
Wendy Johnson ✓
Renee Russell ✓
Christa Brown ✓
10 Tanner Bryson ✓

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Mason Swanson N N
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Wendy Johnson Y N
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1	NICOLE COKE ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	NO NO
2	Bob BENSEN ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Yes
3	Jeremy Batte ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	yes. NO
4	Denise Tolan ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	NO NO
5	Allison Fowler ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	yes NO
6	Carlvin Beebe ✓				yes YES NO
7	Christi Slaughter ✓				NO NO
8	Janna Swenson ✓				NO NO
9	Mike Kinnaman ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	NO Y
10	Brian Rossen ✓			<i>[Signature]</i>	Y N

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1	Sharon Horner	✓	900-	Sharon Horner	no	yes
2	Linda Morton	✓		Linda Morton	no	yes
3	Kaitlyn Brennan	✓		Kaitlyn B	yes	no
4	Ramona K. Farrell	✓		Ramona K. Farrell	no	no
5	Bob Farrell	✓		Bob Farrell	no	no
6	Aurora Fowler	✓	900-	Aurora Fowler	no	no
7	Vicki Northman	✓		Vicki Northman	no	yes
8	Tyler Swanson	✓		Tyler Swanson	no	no
9	Kyle Little	✓		Kyle Little	yes	no
10	Mary Rainwater	✓		Mary Rainwater		yes

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1	Whitney Cleverger				3
2	Tressie Teachout				
3	Andrea Teachout				no
4	Heather Riddell				no
5	Cody Vorachek				
6	Cara Bruner				
7	Mintara Kerkman				
8	Alexandra Monahan				2
9	Tyler Dobson				2
10	Jeffrey Canale				2

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1	Alissa Tapia			Alissa Tapia	X	X
2	Henry Tapia			Henry Tapia	X	X
3	Tamara Todd	Camp Verde AZ 85727		Tamara Todd	X	
4	Dalton Battise			Dalton Battise	X	
5	Peggy Murdock			Peggy Murdock		X
6	Jake Davis			Jake Davis	X	
7	John K. Lacy			John K. Lacy		
8	Rebecca Skudd			Rebecca Skudd		
9	John Lacy			John Lacy		
10	John Lacy			John Lacy		

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1	Noah Allen	✓			No	No
2	Charlie Bryan	✓			No	No
3	Floyd Farr	✓			No	Yes
4	ROB FOREMAN	✓			No	
5	Nick Perez	✓			Yes	
6	Nancy Guzman	✓				Yes
7	James Ren	✓			Yes	No
8	Melanie Pomeroy	✓			Yes	No
9	Joe Pomeroy	✓			Yes	No
10	Anna Teller	✓			Yes	No

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Leah Rhodes

From: Cindy Walker
Sent: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 9:05 AM
To: Leah Rhodes
Subject: Support of the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance:

As a citizen of Camp Verde, I support enforcement of the animal ordinances that are ALREADY in place, as stated in the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance and request that it be adopted as written without any revisions.
Cindy Walker

Leah Rhodes

From: Diana Hopper <dhopper@campverdeaz.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 2:48 PM
To: Leah Rhodes
Subject: Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance

The purpose of this email is to voice our support for the above draft ordinance and request it be adopted as written without further revisions.

Steve Hopper
Diana Hopper

Camp Verde, AZ

Please share this with the Mayor, Town Council members, and the Town Manager.

Thank You
Steve and Diana Hopper

Leah Rhodes

From: Dianna Stevens
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 11:13 AM
To: Leah Rhodes
Subject: ANIMAL COUNT

Hello-I would like to express my opinion on the Animal Count.
I am a REALTOR here in Camp Verde And owner of a Property in Rio Verde Ranchos-off Salt mine.
I have sold many Properties through-out the last 20 years and believe the animal counts have worked just fine.
I believe the Enforcements of Rules has been lacking.. I think there is a place for more animals and it is not in RESIDENTIAL zoning. It devalues property if not maintained properly and when people get more animals than the property can sustain it isn't good.
Thank you for your time,
Dianna Stevens

DIANNA STEVENS-REALTOR

CAMP VERDE AZ 86322

OFFICE PHONE 928-567-6474

The contents of this e-mail are private and confidential.?? To that end, if you believe you have received?? this e-mail in error, you are advised to immediately delete this e-mail and contact the sender.

Leah Rhodes

From: Jadie Edwards
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 9:21 AM
To: Leah Rhodes
Subject: FW: Agenda for November6th on Animal Count

Jadie Edwards
Administrative Clerk
Town Of Camp Verde
928-554-0025



From: Town of Camp Verde, AZ <webmaster@campverde.az.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 9:46 AM
To: Jadie Edwards <Jadie.Edwards@campverde.az.gov>
Subject: Agenda for November6th on Animal Count

Message submitted from the <Town of Camp Verde, AZ> website.

Site Visitor Name: Eileen Martin
Site Visitor Email:

Please include in the packet that I am not in favor of any change to the Current codes on Animal restrictions. The proposed changes are note equally applicable to all citizens and do not provide any better protection for the animals themselves. Any changes should be voted upon by all citizens.

Leah Rhodes

From: Carole Dvorak
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 6:31 AM
To: Leah Rhodes
Subject: Amended Livestock Ordinance

Ms Rhodes,
Please forward our support for the Livestock Ordinance submitted by the Community Collaborative Group-
to be adopted as written, with no further revisions.

Please distribute this to the Camp Verde Town Council members, Miranda Fisher, the Town Manager, and Department Heads.

Thank you very much,
Carole and George Dvorak
Residents of Camp Verde

From: Town of Camp Verde, AZ
To: Leah Rhodes
Subject: Animal Count
Date: Friday, November 1, 2024 5:08:36 PM

Message submitted from the <Town of Camp Verde, AZ> website.

Site Visitor Name: Jerry Geronimo Martin
Site Visitor Email:

I strongly oppose any changes to the animal count. Making changes to the animal count (points) before the General Plan Revision (2026) is putting the cart in front of the horse. Prior recommendations have been voted down. If the council should approve this measure, it will be followed immediately by a referendum. This should be voted on by the people of Camp Verde.

A petition against the count by the public, and preformed in public was 300 strong and turned in to Virginia, suggesting no change until the NEW elected officials are sworn in. Recently, at the last rodeo held at the Sportspark, a very small minority rereferring to themselves as the "ropers" had a petition to countermand our petition. They set up a booth with a petition for changes that only benefit them. The town of Camp Verde donated 50k for this event, which makes this an event sanctioned by the town, which means those signatures should be null & void.

Leah Rhodes

From: Miranda Fisher
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Miranda Fisher
Cc: Leah Rhodes
Subject: Re: Livestock ordinances. Please share to each counsel member. TY

I'm being told some of you are having issues opening this document from Sherilyn. I've copied and pasted her comment below for ease of access.

Please include all counsel members in the reading of my letter.

I am a 68 year old woman who has lived here for the past 19 years. We retired from Tempe. Raised our children there, they completed college, have married and now have children of their own.

We camped through our family years, always stopping at Woody's for gas, shopping at Basha's for groceries, and Yellowfront for items we forgot. This we did for some 20 years.

We purchased acreage, built lovely stalls, and purchased horses to graze our pasture. Mindful of our neighbors and ordinances, we followed existing rules and regulations. Daily the stalls were mucked, pastures scooped, animals cared for. We had a quiet existence, were cognizant of our location of manure, keeping the flies and smells to a minimum, just practicing what I would call being a good neighbor.

I find it unrealistic when considering that current counsel members would change the rules midstream. We bought our place knowing the ordinances, which followed the Master Plan, this is what we bought into 19 years ago.

Since Charlie the current mayor and some counsel members, in my opinion, have appeared to have veered away from the enforcement of existing ordinances; that are in the Master Plan. They seem to lean toward a movement where enforcement has been over shadowed by a small group of residents. I myself, have seen neighbors raising swine in a dark barn because of ordinances that they have broken, these swine never saw light. A neighbor that has a cow that stands in a small stall, bellowing all day long, horses standing in small stalls, with no protection from high temperatures and rain, manure and urine filled stalls, I have seen a motocross track built in a residential neighborhood, trailers in the arena inhabited and in violation of codes and ordinances..... and complaints of neighbors being ignored, unchecked, with absolutely no recourse. I do not understand why there is no voice for the resident and tax payers or existing residents....

The previous plan was written by a veterinarian for the proper care and treatment of animals and livestock. It has worked for 26 years, so why change it? This is not Cave Creek or Wickenburg..... we don't seem to be able to hold onto an enforcement officer, we have no changes of existing code violations or violators...

I support the original set of Codes and Ordinances that exist in the Master Plan. At the same time after reading the Community Collaboration Livestock Draft Ordinance, I could agree with its suggestions. If

From: Stephen Magoon
To: Leah Rhodes; Virginia Jones
Subject: Town Council meeting November 6 regarding Livestock Ordinance Changes
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 10:58:08 AM

Good morning,

Please distribute to all members of Town Council and the Town Manager. Please confirm your receipt of this email.

Thank You,
Stephen Magoon

To: Town Council Members and Town Manager

Re: Changes to current Livestock Ordinance

As a citizen of the Town of Camp Verde whose private property rights are protected by the State of Arizona, I strongly encourage you to adopt the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance without modification. Resist the demands of a small but vocal collection of activists who seemingly believe that their desire to practice their hobby while lacking the financial means to do so supersedes the right of the vast majority of the Town's citizens to the quiet enjoyment of their own properties.

These activists will demand that you allow them to double the number of cattle on a property by slashing the points for cattle in half. They will present you with the false equivalency that a roping steer is to cattle what a miniature horse is to a horse. A miniature horse is a distinct breed that will retain its miniature stature through its natural life. A 600 pound roping steer is just a steer that is not full grown steer. These things are not equivalent. There is no smart phone app that could easily and reliably be used by code enforcement to judge the weight of a juvenile steer. If there was, it certainly would not be admissible in Arizona Superior Court where judgements of our Code Enforcement Division are ultimately appealed. Our town's own Community Development Department saw through this false equivalency and pulled the stipulation from their draft ordinance presented to our Planning and Zoning Commission.

These activists will also demand the inclusion of an "Administrative Permit" that is not

subject to the public review process and would allow them to double the number of livestock on a property. This permit has no requirements other than the applicant has had no nuisance violations in the last 12 months. In other words, only that the applicant has met the low bar of not violating our Town's ordinances regarding the keeping of livestock in the last 12 months. This "Administrative Permit" would not be subject to public review and in fact could only be questioned if fifty percent of the adjoining neighbors objected. The fact is these "Administrative Permits" would be issued at the sole discretion of the Community Development Department with no viable option to deny one. The absolute arbitrary nature of these permits would never hold up in an Arizona Court of Law.

Doubling the number of cattle allowed on a property and then doubling that number again through an obviously flawed permitting process is exactly why our Planning and Zoning Commission voted down Mr. Foreman's motion to recommend those provisions and declined to put forth another motion. This is also why the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance was written. It was drafted with the goal of increasing the opportunity of our Town's youth to participate in agricultural and equestrian club activities. It was drafted with the intent of making our nuisance ordinances as unambiguous, objective and in full compliance with Arizona State statutes as possible. These proposed modifications to our ordinances reduces the burden on our code enforcement officers, limits the potential for Administrative Interpretations and their subsequent appeal, and is better aligned with Arizona Statute than our current ordinances or previous proposals while advancing opportunities for our youth and our rural western lifestyle.

Again, I ask you to adopt the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance without modification. Let us, The Town of Camp Verde, put this issue behind us.

Thank You,

Stephen Magoon

Camp Verde Resident and property owner

Leah Rhodes

From: Jill Irvin
Sent: Monday, November 4, 2024 10:34 AM
To: Leah Rhodes
Cc: Virginia Jones
Subject: Town Council meeting November 6
Attachments: Community Collaboration Post Draft Livestock Ord.pdf

Good morning,

Please distribute to all members of Town Council and the Town Manager.

Thank you,
Jill Irvin

To: Town Council Members and Town Manager

Re: Changes to current Livestock Ordinance

We chose our property in Camp Verde for the rural western lifestyle, the abundant wildlife, majestic cottonwood trees, proximity to Forest Service land and the beautiful Verde River. The property has two orchards with almost 100 producing fruit trees, over 30 rose bushes and an abundance of wildflowers and native plants. Before purchasing, we read Camp Verde's Planning & Zoning Ordinances to ensure we would have sufficient land for our three mustangs, and we signed for those Ordinances when we closed on this land. At the time, we were confident the current Ordinances would protect our investment and allow us to enjoy our property. We have since further invested in our property by expanding the horse facilities, remodeling a portion of the house and are establishing a vineyard and cut flower garden. We love it here and merely want to enjoy our beautiful property as is our right under Arizona and federal law.

While I was initially resistant to changing the current livestock ordinance, I now see merit in making some changes, as they would benefit the entire community.

I therefore support the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance for the following reasons:

Ensures the youth of the community can participate in equestrian and livestock organization projects and activities without being limited by the size of their properties.

Points for 600lb cattle are not reduced from 12 points to 6 points. This reduction would have no factual or scientific basis, would be completely arbitrary, would create more nuisance, would be unenforceable, and would further contribute to the current lack of confidence in code enforcement.

Bison and bison breeding have been removed from this ordinance. Bison are unpredictable and potentially dangerous in small areas, and to be safely kept, the list of fencing provisions would need to be lengthy. If there is a strong push to have bison, a permitting process with strict regulations is advised to protect the safety of the community. Yavapai County is Open Range, meaning it is the responsibility of the landowners to fence out livestock to protect their own properties. Further research on this, and other issues regarding bison keeping, would be needed before including bison in the ordinance.

Swine and swine breeding have been removed, except for youth market projects. Swine breeding in Camp Verde prior to 2007 created nuisance and controversy, resulting in the current ordinance restrictions.

Nuisance provisions are more objective. In the staff draft ordinance, manure was to be picked up "as frequently as necessary" to prevent nuisance. I pick up after my horses every day, sometimes twice a day depending on fly season, as I consider this "as frequently as necessary" to prevent nuisance, for their and for our health, and for the enjoyment of our and our neighbors' properties. I realize that is not the norm. But allowing this language, without including a specific time frame for manure removal, leaves the provision completely subjective and open to interpretation by the resident, their neighbors and code enforcement, should a complaint be filed. Livestock owners know how much manure is generated daily by their livestock, and a code enforcement officer with knowledge of livestock should easily be able to determine whether manure is being removed from the property at least twice a week. While I personally believe that manure mounds are unsightly and would prefer they were omitted completely, the provisions included in this draft are based on science and will reduce fly breeding, odors, and ground and surface water contamination.

The Community Development must not have the authority, with no oversight, to allow one resident to double the number of livestock on their property, an extreme and unreasonable increase, by issuing a permit and without allowing neighboring residents the opportunity to address any concerns. This provision was also voted down by the Planning & Zoning Commission. The Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance, as well as the original working group draft ordinance and the staff livestock draft ordinance, allow a 50% increase, still a significant increase in livestock, but more reasonable, and establishes strict rules which will protect the community and restore faith in code enforcement. These provisions are also consistent with current Planning & Zoning Ordinances and Arizona state law.

Finally, the needs of all residents must be considered when writing text amendments to any current ordinance. While the survey regarding livestock administered by the Community Development Department is frequently used to depict the will of the entire community, the total amount of surveys considered was only one percent of Camp Verde's total population. And as I have communicated to Community Development, my survey and others, were not included in the results or in the raw data that is currently published on the Camp Verde website. There is simply no way to gauge the validity of the survey results. Similarly, a petition supporting an extreme increase in allowed livestock for an entire community, circulated at an event specifically for livestock and rodeo enthusiasts, is not an accurate sample of the will of the entire community.

The Town Council has before them the opportunity to adopt an ordinance that is fair and equitable for all residents, provides more opportunities for community youth, adds clarity and objectivity to code enforcement, and is consistent with local and Arizona law. Please adopt the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance as written.

Thank you,
Jill Irvin

305.1 Livestock Regulations

A. Purpose and Scope. Although keeping farm animals in appropriate locations and circumstances is regarded as being consistent with the Town's rural character, the number, size, type or manner in which animals are maintained on any parcel shall not impair the enjoyment or use of nearby properties or violate other legal restrictions to which the properties are subject. Any lot where farm livestock are kept must be not less than one-half acre (21,780 sq ft.) in area except as specified in Section G.

B. Applicability: This Section does not apply to agricultural operations conducted on farmland as defined in A.R.S. §3-111 pursuant to A.R.S. § 3-112.

C. Permitted Use. The use is determined by the following criteria:

1. Keeping livestock, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is prohibited on parcels less than one-half (1/2) acre.
2. Parcels equal to or greater than one-half (1/2) acre may keep livestock in compliance with the Livestock Point Count, as listed in Table 305.1.A and 305.1.D. of this Ordinance.
3. Keeping of fowl, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is permitted as an accessory use on all parcels within the Town of Camp Verde.
4. Keeping of domesticated animals, as defined in Section 6-1-0 of the Town Code, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, Town Code, Chapter 6 and A.R.S. § 13-2917.

TABLE 305.1.A. LIVESTOCK POINT COUNT

SPECIES	POINTS
Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus	3 Points
Llamas, Deer, Miniature Horses/Donkeys, Ponies, Ostriches	6 Points
Cattle, Horses, Mules, Donkeys	12 Points
Swine	24 Points (see additional standards in Section 305.1.E. related to Swine)

D. Livestock Point Count. Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain livestock totaling up to 24 points as set forth in Table 305.1.A. Lots of one (1) acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six (6) points for each additional, contiguous quarter (0.25) acre. See example in Table 305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or legal control may also be included in the livestock point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED

PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	POINT COUNT	EXAMPLES OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED
½ to 1.0	24	2 Horses or 8 Goats
1.25	30	2 Horses or 10 Goats
1.5	36	3 Horses or 12 Goats
1.75	42	3 Horses or 14 Goats
2.0	48	4 Horses or 16 Goats
Note – Point threshold can only be met by meeting the minimum parcel size. For example, a 1.67-acre parcel is allocated 36 points, which is the same as a 1.5-acre parcel.		

E. *Swine*. The keeping of swine shall include the following additional limitations and restrictions.

1. Parcel size must be two (2) acres or more.
2. No more than one (1) swine is allowed on any parcel or lot.
3. Swine breeding is not allowed.
4. Swine must be fed only manufactured swine feed in pellet form and must not be fed refuse or garbage.

F. *Nuisance Provisions*. All nuisance and sanitation mitigation measures in this Ordinance and Chapter 6 of the Town Code shall apply to livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals on any parcel.

1. *Maintenance of Livestock Areas*: All livestock pens, stalls, corrals, shelters, cages, areas, composting bins/piles, places, and premises where livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals are held or kept, must be maintained to prevent the accumulation of manure, garbage, filth, refuse, rubbish, trash, or other noxious materials. These areas must also prevent the proliferation of flies, insects, vermin, rodents, and the creation of foul odors, stagnant water, which are deemed a nuisance, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance and A.R.S. § 13-2917.

2. *Setbacks for Livestock Enclosures*: Livestock enclosures such as pens, stalls, shelters, cages or similar structure(s) for confining livestock on a temporary or permanent basis must meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit on the parcel. Yard or pasture areas that allow livestock to roam freely outside defined enclosures are exempt from the setback requirements.

3. *Manure Management*: Livestock manure must be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures at least twice weekly and more frequently as necessary to prevent the creation of a nuisance as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance and A.R.S. § 13-2917.

a. When stored on the property, manure must be stored in covered containers. Manure on pasture land must be removed and stored in a covered container or covered manure mound, mulched or disced into pasture lands at least once weekly to avoid build up.

1. Manure stored in mounds is a public health hazard and is allowed only with the following provisions:

- a. Parcel size must be five (5) acres or more.
- b. A barrier must be placed between the manure and the ground, and a cover must be kept on the mound at all times to prevent odors, fly breeding and run off.
- c. Only one manure mound is allowed per property and total mound storage can be no more than five (5) cubic yards.
- d. Manure mounds must be at least 75 feet from any property line.
- e. Manure mounds must be closer to the owner's primary residence than any property line.

2. Manure stored in containers must meet the setback requirements of the primary dwelling unit and containers must be kept clean, in good repair, and continuously covered.

3. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the use of livestock manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch for horticultural purposes on any size parcel as long as use does not post a nuisance as defined.

4. *Prohibition of Off-Property Runoff*: Provisions must be implemented to ensure that no runoff from livestock waste flows onto neighboring properties, public streets, rights-of-way, drainage or irrigation channels, ditches or surface water systems.

G. Exceptions to Livestock Point Count.

1. *Animal Husbandry.* Unweaned offspring (under six (6) months of age) of livestock on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted livestock on a parcel.

2. *Administrative Reviews to Exceed Livestock Point Count.* The following permits allow an increase in the livestock point count subject to the following criteria and restrictions.

a. Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit.

1. Application is made annually for the purpose of keeping market and/or breeding livestock for educational projects for youth enrolled and actively participating in a formally recognized educational youth organization.

2. The Town of Camp Verde recognizes the following as educational youth organizations for the purpose of a Youth Livestock Organization Permit:

a. 4H/Clover Buds,

b. FFA/PALS (Future Farmers of America/Partners in Active Learning Support), and

c. Organized Youth, or other formally recognized youth educational programs.

3. Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permits may be allowed under the following scenarios:

a. The Youth Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel that allows livestock, but the project would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel as a result of the project per Table 305.1.A.

b. The Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit would allow one market or breeding animal per youth conducted on a property less than one half acre, or for swine on less than two acres, for a period specified by a start and stop date not to exceed ten months in duration.

1. One additional market swine project will be allowed with each additional one-half acre, not to exceed five (5) per parcel.

2. Swine will be limited to one (1) swine project per youth exhibitor.

3. Swine must be fed as specified by the formally recognized livestock organization and must not be fed refuse or garbage.

4. Swine breeding is not allowed.

c. A complete application for the Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit shall be submitted to the Community Development Department who shall determine whether the application meets the criteria set forth in this Ordinance. There will be no charge for the permit.

d. An application shall bear the signature of the Youth Advisor of the formally recognized educational youth program acknowledging that the project is a valid youth project, and the signature of at least one parent or guardian, as well as the signature of the youth acknowledging and accepting complete responsibility for the project.

e. If the Youth Advisor agrees in writing to accept all enforcement responsibility for his/her members, no review will be required by the Community Development Director unless a complaint is filed.

1. In September, the Youth Advisor must register with the Community Development Department agreeing to this commitment.

2. The Youth Advisor will provide the following documentation to the Community Development Department by December 1st:

- a. A roster with the name, address and project type for all active members under their supervision
- b. Property owner's signed permission to conduct livestock activity on the subject parcel.
- c. Property owner's signed permission to conduct inspections by Community Development Department staff as necessary.
- d. Parent's signed statement of responsibility.
- f. A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth Livestock project is being conducted, indicating membership in a specific Youth Livestock Organization, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock.
- g. If all requirements are met, a permit will be issued to the applicant and must be available to town government staff, including but not limited to, the Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, or a designee of the Community Development Director upon request.
- h. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in one of the formally recognized youth educational clubs listed above and is under the age of twenty (20).
- i. If the youth does not reside on the same property as the subject livestock reside and are cared for, the host property must not exceed the allowed number of livestock per the Animal Point Count Table 305.1.A.

b. Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit.

1. Application is made annually for a Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit for the purpose of keeping horses and livestock to participate in equestrian activities including but not limited to, rodeo, mounted shooting, reined cow horse, cutting, dressage, or any other equestrian activity within a formally recognized organization that has a youth membership/competition component. A property may qualify for a Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit under the following scenarios:

- a. The youth reside on a parcel of land that is more than one-half (1/2) acre, but the livestock needed to successfully participate would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel according to Table 305.1.A.
- b. The Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit would allow for no more than a 50% increase in the maximum number of livestock allowed on the parcel where the youth and livestock reside per Table 305.1.A.
- c. The Town of Camp Verde requires proof of membership in a formally recognized equestrian organization for the purpose of a Youth-Equestrian Organization Permit.
- d. A youth member is anyone who actively participates in a formally recognized equestrian organization and is under the age of twenty (20).
- e. A complete application must be received by the Community Development Department.
- f. The permit, with the Community Development Department approval sticker and the year issued, must be kept on the property where the permit has been issued and available on request to Community Development Department staff.

- g. A sign must be posted on the property where the Temporary Youth Equestrian Activity is being conducted, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock. The sign shall be provided by the Town of Camp Verde.

H. *Livestock Special Use Permit.* Any parcel where livestock is allowed may apply to increase the livestock count up to fifty (50) percent of the number of livestock allowed according to Table 305.1.A. and subject to the following criteria.

The Livestock Special Use Permit cannot be applied for if the property has already been issued a Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit or Temporary Youth-Equestrian Organization Permit.

1. *Criteria.*

- a. Parcel size must be a minimum of one (1.0) acre.
- b. No citations or notice of violations of Section 305.1 have been issued within the previous twelve (12) month period prior to date of application received.
- c. No unresolved complaints regarding Section 305.1 at the time of application submission.
- d. Livestock pens must have setbacks of at least thirty feet (30') from any property line or the same setback as the primary dwelling unit on the parcel, whichever is greater.
- e. A Livestock Special Use Permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

2. *Process.*

- a. The Community Development Department shall provide an application form and a checklist of items that must be submitted for the application to be considered complete. The Town Council shall set a reasonable fee that must be paid at the time of application. A complete application must be submitted to the Community Development Director.
- b. The code enforcement officer must inspect the property within 2 business days of the submission of the application. If the property does not meet current codes or standards, a notice of violation will be issued, the application process will be discontinued, and the property is not eligible for a Livestock Special Use Permit for 12 (twelve) months.
- c. The Community Development Department must research the applicant and their property for current and past complaints, citations and notice of violations. A report must be completed by the Community Development Department staff for Town Council review prior to the public hearing.
- d. The public review process for the Livestock Special Use Permit will follow the requirements for Use Permits in Section 601 of the Planning & Zoning Ordinances with the exception that only a Town Council public meeting must be held. The Town Council will be the decision-making authority on whether the Livestock Special Use Permit is granted.
- e. The public review process for the Livestock Special Use Permit will follow the requirements for Use Permits as defined in Section 601 of the Planning & Zoning Ordinances.
- f. The Town Council's determination is subject to appeal by the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.
- g. While this permit is in effect, an inspection must be performed within 2 business days any time a related complaint is received.
- h. Any notice of violation or citation while this permit is in effect may result in the revocation of the Livestock Special Use Permit.

3. *Validity.* Permits are valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance and automatically expire unless renewed as specified below.

4. *Renewal.* Special Use Permits may be renewed by the Community Development Director under the following circumstances.

- a. A renewal application is received prior to expiration of the original permit.
- b. A renewal fee of fifty percent (50%) of the original application fee is paid at time of submittal.
- c. There were no citations or notice of violations of Section 305.1 during the period the Special Use Permit was in effect.
- d. No unresolved complaints at the time of application submission for renewal.
- e. An inspection performed by the Community Development Department staff prior to Town Council review and renewal of the permit finds no violations of Section 305.1 of this ordinance.

1. *Revocation.* Temporary Youth-Livestock Organization Permits, Temporary Youth-Equestrian Organization Permits, and Livestock Special Use Permits may be revoked at any time upon citation for violation of 305.1.

1. *Appeal.* Denial or revocation of Temporary Youth-Livestock Organization Permits, Temporary Youth-Equestrian Organization Permits, and Special Use Permits is appealable to the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, as outlined in Section 602.B. of this Ordinance.

Section 103 Key Definitions relevant to Section 305.1

ABUTTING PARCELS. Parcels which are directly touching and have common parcel boundaries. (Parcels across a public right of way or other easement shall not be considered abutting).

AGRICULTURE. The production, keeping or maintenance, for sale, lease or personal use, of plants or animal useful to man, including the breeding and grazing of any or all of such animals; or lands devoted to a soil conservation or forestry management program. This includes farm stands for the temporary or seasonal sales of agricultural products grown on site or grown on other properties owned or leased by the farm operator.

ANIMAL. Any non-human mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. The act of breeding and caring for livestock.

CONTIGUOUS. Bordering or adjoining, meeting, or joining at the border or surface.

CORRAL. A pen or enclosure for confining animals.

FARMLAND. Land devoted primarily to the production for commercial purposes of livestock or agricultural commodities as defined in A.R.S. § 3-111.

FOWL. Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea and peacocks.

DOMESTICATED. Domesticated means bred or trained to need and accept the care from human beings, usually creating a dependency, losing its ability to live in the wild.

LIVESTOCK. Animals such as swine, horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, sheep, goats, cattle, alpacas, llamas, deer, and large poultry such as emus and ostriches.

LOT. A parcel of land established by plat, subdivision, or otherwise permitted by law, having its principal frontage on a dedicated street or street easement. A half-street dedicated from such parcel shall be qualification for street frontage.

NUISANCE. Has the meaning set forth in Town Code Article 10-2. It is a nuisance and is no less a nuisance because the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted is unequal, for anything to be injurious to health, indecent, offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property that interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

PERMITTED USE. A use that is allowed in a Zoning District by reason of being listed among the "Permitted Uses" in the District and is subject to restrictions applicable to the District.

SETBACK. The minimum distance between a structure and property lines of a parcel of land or other established reference point.

UNWEANED: Still nursing; only drinking mother's milk.

ZONING ORDINANCE. The Planning and Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona.

Item #10

06 November 2024

Terrill and Lorinda Dismant

Camp Verde AZ 86322

RE: Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance

To Whom This May Concern,

We are pleased to support the community collaboration which has drawn up a draft ordinance that addresses animal counts in Camp Verde. The ordinance is noted to be a fair and straight forward approach to the issue; it fairly represents the community of Camp Verde and provides for fair treatment of animals.

Kind Regards,

Terrill and Lorinda Dismant

Terrill Dismant
Lorinda Dismant

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To:

Camp Verde Town Manager, P and Z Commissioners, Department Heads and Town Council. I would like this comment included in the written public comments regarding the proposed livestock ordinance

My husband and I have been residents of Camp Verde for the last six years and residents of the Verde Valley for the last 25 years. We purchased our 1.26 acres on Mustang Lane in the Town of Camp Verde in 2018. When we purchased our property we did our due diligence and were well aware we were allotted 30 livestock animal points. We felt this was very generous considering we only have 1.26 acres. We come from long history of farming, raising beef cattle, growing and selling hay, and our children were raised in 4H. We farmed large acreage. When we started looking at buying property in Camp Verde we were very surprised and pleased that we could house ANY livestock in a town residential setting. We knew our limitations on the number of livestock we could have and at the same time we wanted to be respectful to our neighbors with owning livestock in a residential setting. We knew that we would have to haul manure off site and we know the ramifications of overcrowding livestock on small parcels and how that can effect an entire neighborhood. It's common sense for anyone that has ever owned livestock. Livestock come with smells, noise, dust and manure and lots of it :). It is plain common sense that challenges arise with owning livestock in a residential setting.

In April of 2023 I read on social media there was a movement in Camp Verde to increase the current animal count. I had questions regarding any changes to the current livestock ordinance, so I started asking questions. Camp Verde has had a very simple and successful animal point system for over 20 years. This issue didn't even become a point of contention until new residents moved into town and wanted more animals that the current count allowed. My argument has been and still stands. Did the unhappy new property owners know about the current animal point system prior to moving to Camp Verde? If they didn't, why not? If they did know about the current ordinance, why did they go over the count when they knew what the rules were?

During my investigation of what prompted the proposed changes, I visited the property of a resident that approves of changing the current animal count. I wanted to be well informed of the reasons some property owners want a change. In addition our property was also included on the Town's Working Group tour this past spring. The tour was very beneficial to everyone, ourselves included. We welcomed them and thank them for their time serving on this committee.

In my opinion it seems as if we are considering changing an entire system that was working for many many years to appease a few people over the good of the whole. We must ask ourselves, who will benefit from these changes?

My questions regarding the current proposed change:

First and foremost:

1. If the count gets increased, who will enforce the change? Will a permanent Code officer/ag officer be hired for this work alone? Code enforcement is of utmost importance for this ordinance to be successful. If there is no code enforcement or monitoring the town will be opening themselves up a pandora's box of problems.
2. Why is the point assignment for cattle being changed? A cow or steer under 600lbs is only assigned a value of 6 points? And the value for a 600lb or more cow or steer is 12 points?? Who is going to weigh the cattle and when? A 400lb cow or steer makes just as much manure, attracts just as many flies and makes just as much noise, dust, breaks through fences just as easily as a 600 lb steer. That being said a property owner on 2 acres could, in essence, have twice as many 100lb up to 600lbs of cattle on that very small piece of property. And if these said cattle are used for roping, horses will also be in the mix, crammed onto this property where the property owner also has a home, outbuildings etc. All of these animals would then be housed in pens on less than the 2 acres that include the home and outbuildings. In addition the property owner with said cattle could have a neighbor right next door within feet of the animals. Where will the manure be kept? And again, who from the town is overseeing all of this? All this being said, after attending the Planning and Zoning meeting a few weeks ago, I learned there are apps for your that can weigh the cattle. I have since found out that those apps are not accurate and are only a "guesstimate" on the weight. And that the app still has a margin of error 3%.
3. We do agree with the change of status on adding horses to the youth section of the new ordinance. The current ordinance has no allowance for youth horses and only mentions market animals.
4. We do think the breeding of swine should be off the table. No breeding of swine in a residential setting. Nope.

We bought our property, located in a residential setting, and we abide by a set of conditions and rules that we knew when we moved into a township. . We followed those rules, as should everyone. We respect our neighbors. The town has a responsibility and obligation to protect our property rights, not just the rights of a few. The town also has an obligation to enforce any and all restrictions through fair and strong enforcement.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dave Bradford

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To Whom It May Concern:

It seems counterproductive to have a committee meeting for a year about animal count when the council can vote and overturn their work. Seems current animal count code is fine, the problem is enforcement not the wording. The rules seem to apply in Quarterhorse and Salt Mine areas, but for some reason certain individuals are exempt from rules. It pains me to see how Tanner Bryson cares for his property and animals on Arena del Loma.

Cathy Noble

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Subject: Fw: Supporting Documentation for the Livestock Ordinance Updates - from Save the Rural Verde
Date: Wednesday, October 30, 2024 9:37:07 AM
Attachments: [How....pdf](#)
[SRV What we support.pdf](#)
[Survey Graph - point increase results 70% FAVORABLE.pdf](#)
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For the 11/6 agenda packet - public comment for the livestock ordinance.

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Subject: Supporting Documentation for the Livestock Ordinance Updates - from Save the Rural Verde

Town Council Members,

On behalf of the Save the Rural Verde community members, we are reaching out to you in regards to a very important factor to consider when evaluating the proposed livestock ordinance changes on November 6th. One of the main issues up for debate, is the 'point allocation' for cattle. Let us help illustrate and break it down in a simpler manner to help everyone best understand our perspective...

- A full sized horse gets **12 points**. A miniature horse gets **6 points**. Why does a yearling horse weighing between 300-600lbs get the **SAME** amount of **12 points** as a full-sized horse?
- A full sized cow gets **12 points**. A miniature cow gets **12 points**. A weanling cow gets **12 points**. A yearling cow gets 12 points. Why does a cow that weighs 300-600lbs get the **SAME** amount of **12 points** as a full-sized cow?
- If a 500lb. llama gets **6 points**, why does a 500lb. cow get **12 points**?

Attached are illustrations that better exemplify the visual comparisons of our points. SIMPLY PUT... There should be a better equality in the allocation of points. It makes no sense to keep the inequality and not one person in opposition has successfully proven otherwise.

Who does the livestock ordinance affect? Every individual and family within the community of Camp Verde. What we are able to do today sets the foundation for what the next generation can do tomorrow.

Allowing these changes will help eliminate future discrimination against families and individuals, discrimination that is already happening, that want to embrace the western Ag related lifestyle that Camp Verde prides itself on so heavily. The mission statement for the town, uses these keywords prominently throughout. It will primarily... possibly most importantly... allow for town staff to have clear parameters on how to do their job more efficiently. There hasn't been an update to this ordinance in nearly a "quarter century"... even the Town's General Plan is updated more often than that.

This change will positively affect a wide array of ag, western and animal enthusiasts... Everything from the basic animal husbandry steward, to the English riding community including dressage riders and jumpers, to trail riders, from Reiner's to cutters, to barrel racers, and BreakAway-er's to Calf Ropers and bulldoggers... and yes, even the team Ropers. But, this is not about a person's preference of an extracurricular activity, rather an UPDATE to an outdated ordinance that originated from the wrong

criteria to begin with.

A lot has changed in this Town in 25 years. We are here because the current system does not work. We do not think that an increased use of animals on your own private property should be a permitted situation, it is a basic American and God Given Right, but, an update to the ordinance would provide clarity for the town staff to be more proficient with regulations. There are other codes to help with nuisances etc. With that said, in addition, larger parcels of land with a profit-making focus, should have an option for an AG-exempt permit, similar to how the County provides. We'd like to see language in the ordinance in regards to that consideration and develop something appropriate to suit.

In regards to the public survey, if Council feels the **171 surveyors** is not adequate for consideration of input, I would encourage counsel to look at the marketing efforts or lack of, made by the town to get the information into the hands of the community. At the end of the day, your number is **171**. Like it or not, That is what you have to work with and it was an overwhelming response of **70%, that was in favor of this change happening**. The community has already spoken and want these changes.

Most of the people in favor of relaxing the animal count realize that it is not an animal number issue but rather a cleanliness and nuisance issue. One of the main reasons the equestrian community has pushed for changing the animal count is for property owners that have parcels large enough for a roping, cutting or reined cowhorse arena, become in violation trying to recreate on their own property... as it takes more animals to provide a safe practice for the animals well-being than the current, inadequate animal count allows. This was a major oversight from the original livestock point system review.

As the town staff has made decisions to present for an updated animal count, it becomes a non-starter when considering all cattle regardless of size to be valued at 12 points.

- Mini-Horses that are a 1/4 to 1/2 the size of an adult horse are afforded less points, half to be exact.
- The size and breed of cattle used for roping are similar to a miniature horse -compared to an adult full-sized animal, especially a beef cow that has been bred for larger size.
- The Corrientes and longhorn cattle that are roped begin at 350 pounds and are too large once over 500lbs and removed from property at that stage of life and exchanged for smaller ones again.
- So, to apply a 12 point animal count to a steer that weighs 350-500 is not fair equity. And doing so will jeopardize one of the main reasons for animal count relief.

In closing, these properties are built in low density, large parcel areas. Noone is trying to put an abundance of livestock in high density housing in downtown areas. These arenas and livestock are in areas that are set aside and designed for such use. To improperly limit these properties, is effectively killing someone's American dream. When you move to the country, it comes with the country attached.

We appreciate you reviewing all the materials attached and we look forward to November 6th!

Regards,
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HOW... Are these different?



Full-Sized & Miniature Horse

CURRENT ANIMAL POINT SYSTEM

- Full - sized Horse: **-12- POINTS**
- 300lb. Mini - Horse: **-6- POINTS**



Full-Sized Horse & Weaned Calf

CURRENT ANIMAL POINT SYSTEM

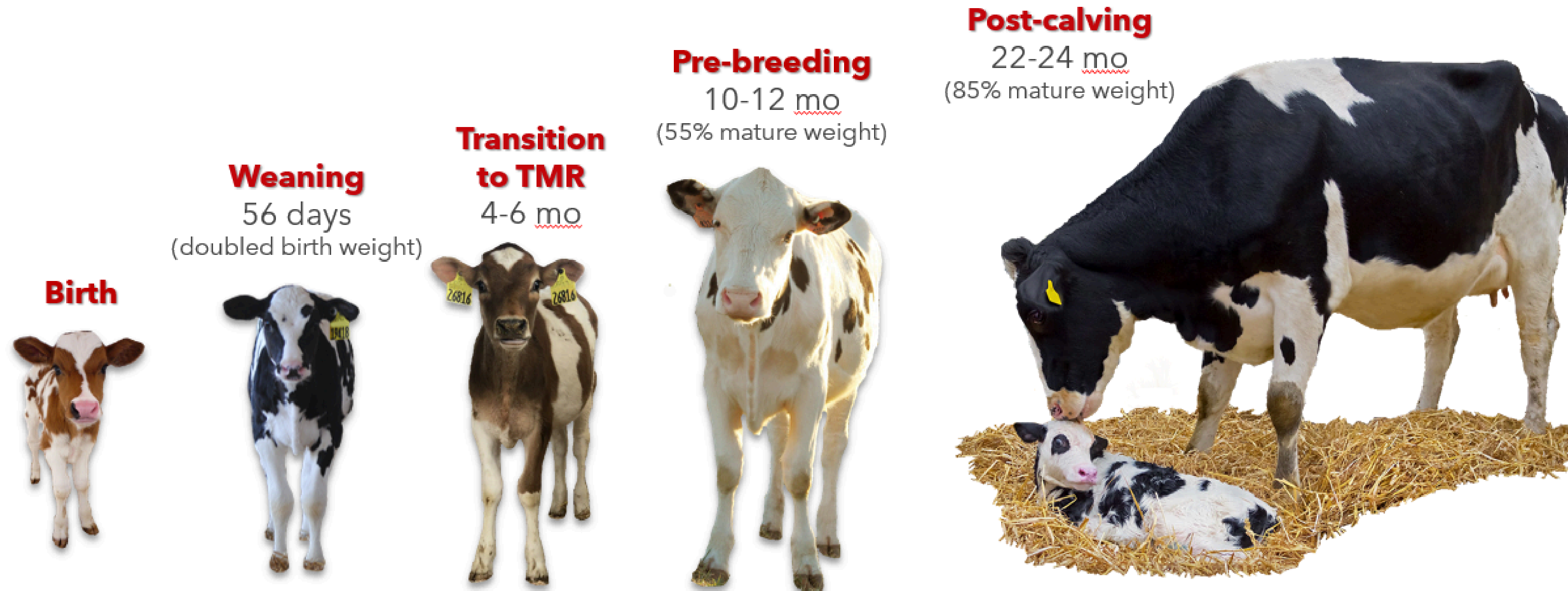
- Full - sized Horse: **-12- POINTS**
- 300lb. Weaned Calf: **-12- POINTS**

How...

Are these the same?

LIVESTOCK ORDINANCE

Proposed Change : **600lbs. or less = 6 POINTS**



PROPOSED FOR HORSES & CATTLE

- Birth: **-0- POINTS**
- Weaned: **-6- POINTS**
- 300 - 600lbs: **-6- POINTS**
- Full Sized Cattle: **-12- POINTS**



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WHY...

Are these the same?



• Weaned: **-12- POINTS**

• 300 - 600lbs: **-12- POINTS**

• Full Sized Cattle: **-12- POINTS**

SAVE *The Rural Verde*

WE SUPPORT



Increased Animal Counts

...up to 100% with the Administrative Adjustment Permit.



Reduce points for livestock

...cattle and horses under 600lbs at 6 POINTS, instead of the current allotted 12 points, no matter their age and size.



Increase manure setback

...for property lines from 30 feet to 60 feet.



Increase the neighbor

...dispute for permits from 20% within 300ft. radius to 50% within 300ft. radius.



Leave the initial permit

...application approval with the Community Development Department and NOT with the Board of Adjustments.



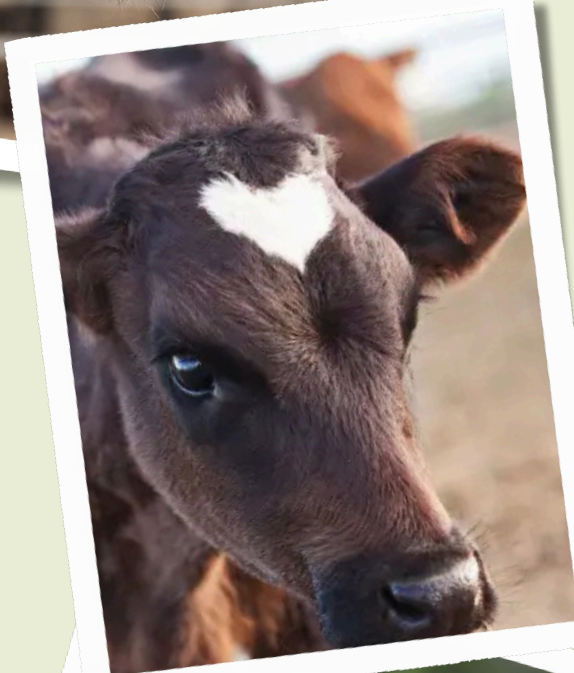
Youth Permits

...permits needed for FFA, 4H, etc.

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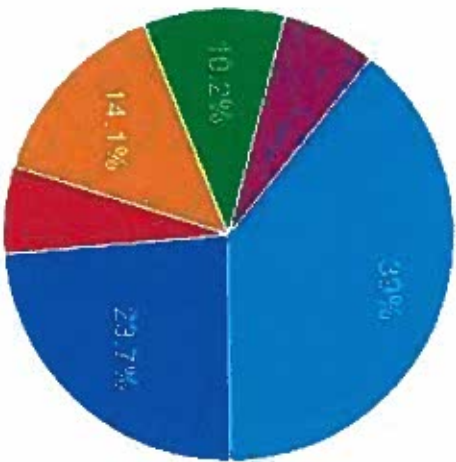


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SAVE THE RURAL VERDE



Section 305 of the current ordinance allots 24 animal points for a minimum lot size of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre to 1 acre. Each additional $\frac{1}{4}$ acre is allotted an additional 6 points. The Work Group's current recommendation is to retain this point count structure. Please mark one of the following:

177 responses



- Point count should remain as recommended by the Work Group...
- Point count should be decreased
- Point count should be increased by 50%
- Point count should be increased by 100%
- Point count should be increased...
- There should be no restriction...

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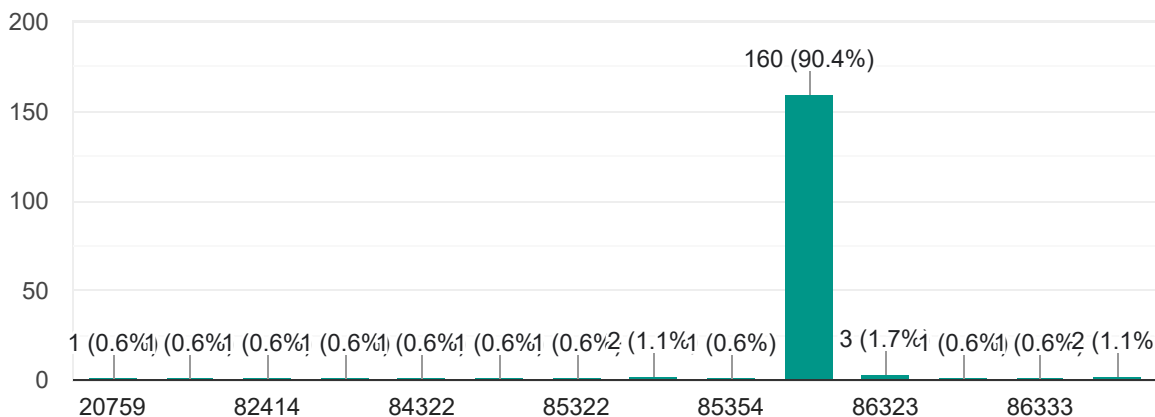
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Resident Profile

Please provide us with your zip code in the text field below.

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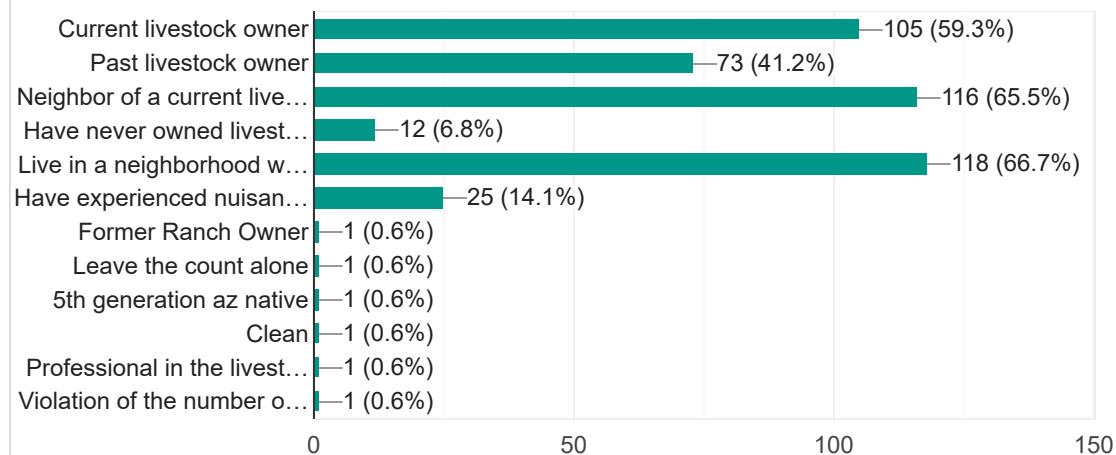
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With regard to your personal experience relating to livestock, please mark all that apply:

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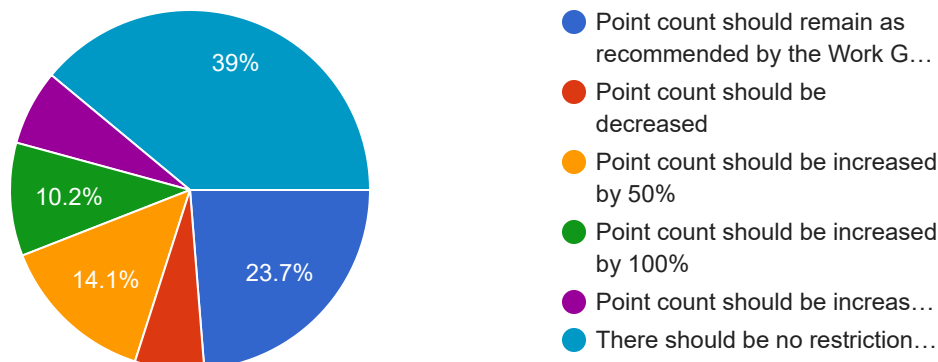


Land Uses



Section 305 of the current ordinance allots 24 animal points for a minimum lot size of ½ acre to 1 acre. Each additional ¼ acre is allotted an additional 6 points. The Work Group's current recommendation is to retain this point count structure. Please mark one of the following:

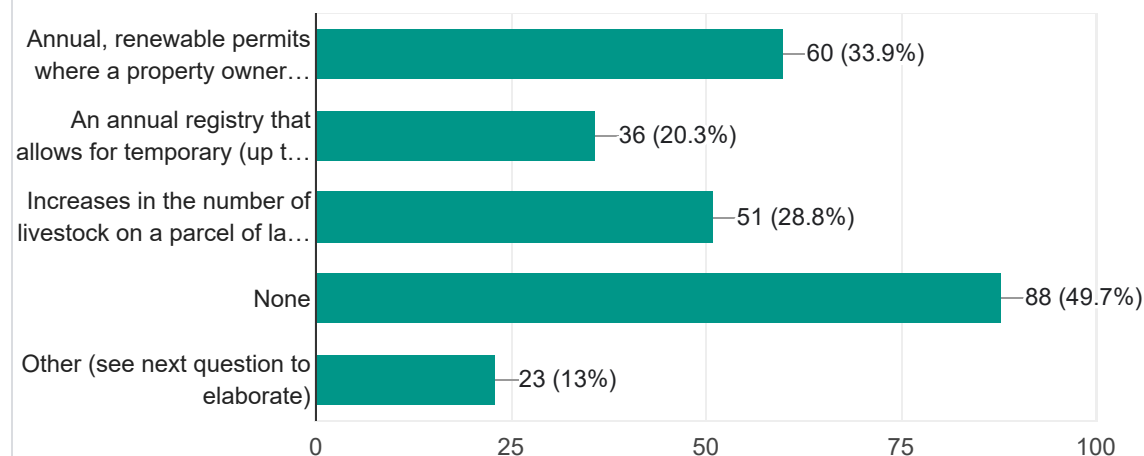
177 responses



The Work Group is exploring some modifications to the animal point counts. The following is a list of scenarios being considered. Please mark all that you feel should be explored.



177 responses



If you indicated "Other" in the question above, please explain. If not, feel free to write "N/A".

177 responses

N/A

Na

N/a

NA

n/a

Na

No points to one's OWN property! Focus on nuisance issues should they arise.

I answered the question

I didn't select other

There should be no points and I do not believe a permit system is not fair to people, especially if you're going to charge a fee. The system needs to be about each individual, if there is a problem then deal with that instead of making everyone limited.

Any permitting process must be defined in such a way that an incoming enforcer can not change the rules for someone already permitted and following the rules.

You should not have to control non resident or guest animals. They are just that. We don't control how many additional vehicles or children or families. What animals I have should not matter.

30 day limit per calendar year should be removed. We dont need micromanagement

No Way should you have annual renewable permits. No way you should have an annual animal registry that allows for temporary (up to 30 day) increases.

I disagree with allowing increases in the number of livestock between the hours of 6am and 10pm because of no annual limit.

Apply a nuisance standard and simplify the entire process. There should be no restrictions on animal counts if nuisance standards are applied. Remove enforcement from Planning and

Development Department.

Nope

Leave as is.

N/

Tighten up on thr nuisances and at that point what animals we have or how many we have shouldn't matter.

N:A

It's your property, you should be able to use it as such.

I feel like the town should have less say in homeowners business.

No limitations but instead if a complaint is made then someone sees if it is valid. If property is clean and animals cared for then leave us alone.

People should not have to get permits to use their land

There should not have to be a permit, registry, or anything to have temporary livestock that sets you over the animal count.

N A

The current point system seems fair

Increase of allotted animals should not be subject to permits/ registry. Base allotment should be increased without additional stipulations.

I don't think we should have to have a permit or anything to increase the number of livestock, as long as people can feed and take care of the animals it shouldn't matter how many or what kind they have.

Who will define excellence? How will do the survey, why risk expansion. If the counts are accepted why allow increase. Does not make sense. The counts are the counts period!

NA

My land i don't need a permit

Move back to the city if you don't like it here. Thx

A permit for the increased count should not be required as there are already codes in place to be able to enforce nuisances and monitor. If There isn't a need to get additional permission to utilize your land in accordance with a code that allows for certain amount of points per acre. we don't need more hassle for the town staff. It is enforceable by other codes that manage nuisance complaints and that is genuinely the only concern other community members would have. Having a permit is duplicating something that doesn't need duplication.

I do not want any further restrictions put on what I can do on my own property. There are already codes in place for neighbors to address nuisances and I feel that is adequate.

N?A

Manure count is silly and will serve no purpose to decrease whatever people complain about (especially smell)
Compost it by mound storing it

Should be 2 large animals per acre. Unlimited small animals. Doesn't matter about residency. Respect your neighbor as far as clean up. Special events should have to be approved by town and permit given.

There is no system of code enforcement to monitor any changes to the current ordinance

Limiting the number of livestock is redundant and overreaching. As we already have cleanliness and nuisance statutes and laws. If a person no matter the number of animals is already under scrutiny through these current laws and codes why are we adding another blanket restriction? If the nuisance of any Number of animals could rise to a level of non compliance why would we restrict those from having more animals if they can operate within nuisance and cleanliness compliance? This would be restrictions based on assumptions rather than performance.

I think this could get over regulated with too many non livestock people shutting down the rural lifestyle. It seems to become all red tape and also a tax burden. Maybe the money that will be spent on regulation should be spent on enforcement of reasonable logical laws (that address the conditions of the animals and the habitat) Possibly expand your code enforcement to include an officer that is in charge of animal neglect rather than animal count.

There should be lower number of total points on in town residential properties. Especially where there are a large number of smaller residential parcels impacted by larger parcels.

We don't need permission to use as our property as we deem appropriate. If we're following the rules, leave us alone. This is similar to gun control in that those who break the law already are not going to register. So who does this really affect? Those who already follow the law.

Stupid waste of resources, time, and our freedom. Enforce what already exists instead of bowing to newcomers with no common sense or understanding of rural life. Continue with the point system so there's something to hold people accountable to. Incorporate a strike system (perhaps 2 unresolved strikes and you're in trouble) where unresolved issues are monitored, cited if necessary and handled through the court. The solution is not to inflict more infringement and control of our rights, rather to protect the rights already granted.

Permits are just a way for the Community Development Department to give special privileges to their friends and ignore other property owners right to the enjoyment of their property. This effectively leads to spot zoning, diminution of neighboring property values, which will lead to compensation law suites filed against the Town. This compensation will have to be paid by Camp Verde tax payers.

N/a

Remove 30 day limit annually on guest animals. Keep 10 day limit to prevent abuse of overnight guest animals.

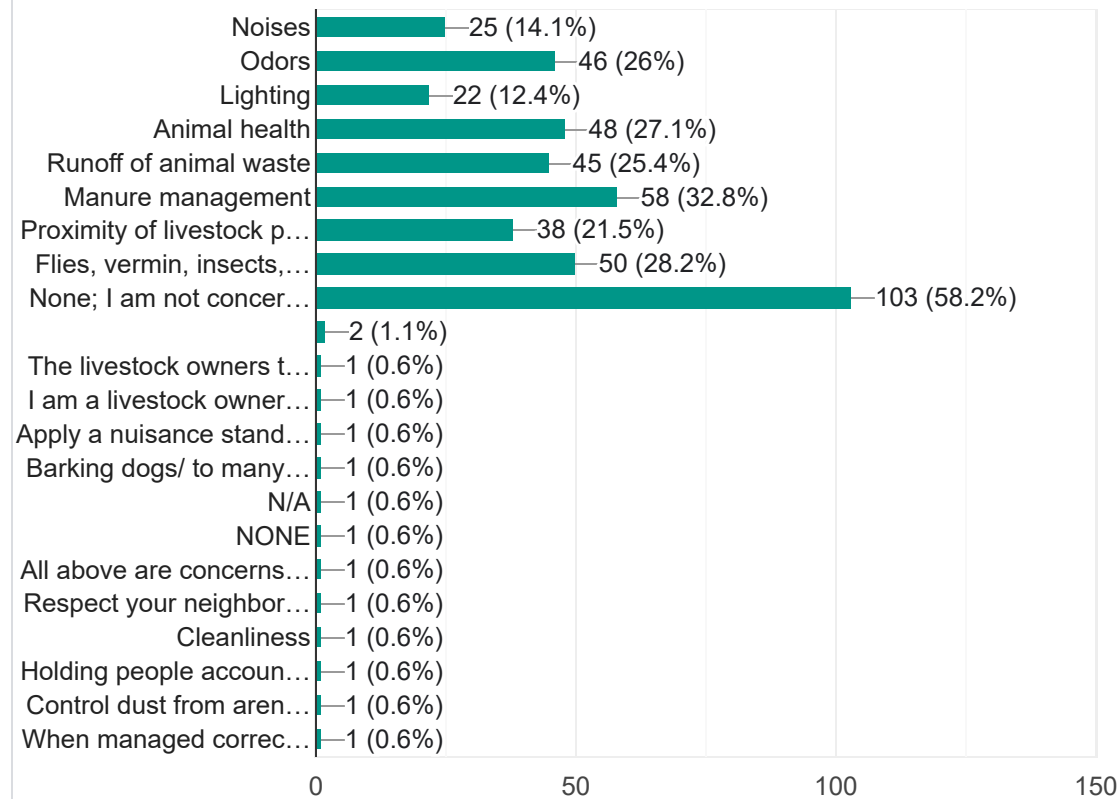
No, no, no on pig breeding operations. A youth project on raising a market pig is okay. No breeding!

None of the above are acceptable

Please check all livestock nuisances you're concerned about.

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Please rank your top three nuisance concerns, with one being your greatest concern. If you responded "None" to the previous question, please respond "N/A" to this question.

177 responses

N/A

Na

NA

N/a

n/a

Manure management

Na

No concerns

Manure management, run off, animal health

Manure .management flies odor

Care maintenance for the quality of life of all animals

Manure, fly an pests, animal health

1 animal health, 2 manure mgmnt, 3 flies

1. Manure management 2. Flies, vermin, insects, and other pests 3.Runoff of animal waste

Flies

1.Proximity of livestock pens to neighboring parcel boundaries; 2.Lighting 3.Flies, vermin, insects, and other pests

Manure management, flies, odors

All of them

1-Manure Management

2-Runoff of animal waste

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3-Flies, etc

4. Animal health

1. Noises

2. Odors

3. Animal health

Our town has witnessed arbitrary and capricious enforcement of code provisions. A “nuisance” standard would remedy this.

1 2 4

1,4,8

1-4-6

1/2/4

1 4 6

None

manure mgt, odors, animal health

Odors, flies and others lighting.

Animal health, manure management, runoff of waste

Animal health; pests; noise

Have pets that you don’t take care of.

Runoff, manure, flies vermin

Poverty,infrastructure, and economic development

Animal Health, Runoff,

Animal health, manure and fly/oest management

none

Health, odor, flies

Only concern I have is when people move to the community and want to change our ways in our town... we need to keep camp verde rural

Proximity and setback; manure management; odors

Animal Health

Manure

Largely concerned that proximity to property line is being discussed. Owners should be allowed to go up to their property line with whatever they want to do

Concerned we are catering to people worried about lights and odors it sounds like they should buy their own island or move somewhere very remote.

N A

Odors, flies, proximity

Animal health, pests, manure

1. Flies, vermin, insects, and other pests 2. Odors 3. Noises

Manure management, run off, flies etc

Move back to the city if you don't like it here. Thx

Animal health, manure management, flies and pests

Animal health, flies, manure management

I don't have any

Respect neighbors

odors

See top 3 answers

Proximity of livestock pens to neighboring parcel boundaries, manure management, flies,vermin,insects and other pests

Health and care of animals

Vermin, manure, animal waste

Jackpot ranch stole a horse and gave it away and refuses to help

Cleanliness - 1, odor - 2

Runoff of animal waste, proximity of pens to neighbors, lighting

1)Animal health 2) runoff from waste 3)proximity of livestock pens to neighbor fences

Greatest concern is over regulation by people who don't have common sense and also no common sense laws..

N/a

Proximity, odor, noise

Odors, runoff of animal waste into water wells, flies

1. Flies, vermin, insects, pests, and odors
2. Proximity of livestock pens to neighboring parcel boundaries
3. Manure Management

In any scenario there will always be someone who breaks the rules. Punish them accordingly rather than infringing on the rights of the masses who already comply. Bow down to the complainers and we may as well stay rolled over and cowering.

Lighting, manure, odors

Too many livestock on small parcels, smell, flies and animal health

1 - Odors; 2 - Proximity; 3 - Flies

1. Manure management, 2. runoff of animal waste, 3. proximity of livestock pens to neighboring parcels.

Manure management, waste runoff, odor

Animal health

We live in the country! Let it stay country!

na

Manure management, night activities, runoff/water safety for wells and waterways

Flies, odors,runoff

Manure management, proximity livestock pens

Final Comments & Future Outreach

Please list any remaining questions or feedback that you would like the team to know.

78 responses

N/A

None

None

NA

We should not be limited.

Enforcement solutions

Please explain how with the current point system as it is, one can have 24pts/2 horses on HALF an acre to ONE acre. BUT one can't have 4 horses on one acre?!?!? But 2 horses can reside on half an acre?!?!?

Also, please explain... How have larger property elotes for more horses BUT horses are still kept in a barn on 1/4-1/2 an acre REGARDLESS the size of the property. One acre or 3 acres, a 6 stall barn is still on a small portion of one's property. All horses reside in this barn regardless of the size of the property!

There should be no point system!

No additions to animal count, Revoke grandfather policies...

No restrictions

There shouldn't be a limit on how many animals you have on your property... It doesn't matter how many animals you have what matters is how you care for your animals.

I am generally opposed to permitting. Spell it out in the ordinance. If permitting is used it again must be clearly spelled out so that new city employee enforcers can not reinterpret the rules. I am opposed to guest horse registration, that is ridiculous. Again spell out the rules in the ordinance. I also believe chronic complainers should be fined or have to pay fees.

Please don't take our rights to own livestock and use our own property away from us.

Find an way to provide info to anyone wanting to buy property about livestock, arenas, river access etc before they buy into areas so they have the knowledge and complaints or issues do not become a problem for leadership/authorities later.

This whole debacle about animal count seems like targeted issues between certain town members with goals to enforce control and political leanings on a longstanding standard of not only this town but the entire country. Livestock ownership is a right not only for food, hobby, entertainment, but also income source. To impose more government control regarding this is targeted toward a class of people or to increase monetary income for the city. There are already in place animal welfare laws and other statutes for sanitary conditions. Any and all issues brought up already pertaining to nuisances exist in a natural setting from wild animals and insects. Unless real animal welfare is a issue which likely 80%-90% of the public is completely ignorant to animal condition or situation really is should be something discussed between neighbors or related parties. Only when the safety of the public is in danger should authorities be involved. The issue should be tabled indefinitely as this are problems solely between private parties. If properly brought to the attention of the populace would incur swift bureaucratic change along with removal of elected members via vote.

Enforcement concerns

Noted previously. Please consider doing away with anonymous complaints. They foster false complaints. Someone who feels their complaint is valid should be accountable for it, and that way we can keep track of serial complainers and lessen draw on code enforcement. Thank you!!!

Who will monitor and enforce the provisions?

As long as animals are healthy and being taken care of properly it should not matter how many "points" they are worth

The animal counts should not be changed

Don't turn us into a ranch. We are a town.

Stop trying to turn a city into a ranch

5 pigs per property is too much maybe 2-3

Stop trying to change what has worked 25 years.

As long as animals are fed and taken care of let it be

We live in a rural town where people should be able to raise livestock. A decrease in the numbers could negatively affect people's abilities to raise animals and feed their families or to earn a living for their families.

Code enforcement....

Nuisance control is more important than the number of animals.

Can we adress the lack of infrastructure and the dirth of economic development in some areas Campverde?

Cost of enforcement has not been addressed

I feel as long as the animals are in a space that they have enough room to roam, feed and water; why bother people with their request of animals and their property. As long as the manure is cleaned regularly and animals are healthy, there should not be a reduction.

The current horse "boarding" situation on Arena del Loma is disturbing to witness. Horses have no shade and barely enough room to move. Some look ill.

Wish you spent as much time on the Event Center as you have on this \$%&*#

We are living the American dream thanks to our property. I'm able to grow our own produce and raise livestock for enjoyment and to feed our family. My husband and I teach have been fortunate to teach our own children and give other children who may not have been given the opportunity exposure to our lifestyle. Our neighbors support us and have been great so we've had no issue. It'd be a shame to see how things will change has the vacant lots around us sell.

Both sides must learn to be better neighbors while still providing a light for our youth twords the future. also understanding that raising kids is tough enough without wondering if your neighbor will file a nuisance complaint against you for your childs laughter....

The PIG allocation is absurd - way too high. The management of pig manure is more complex than all other livestock types combined. The community has lost confidence in Code Enforcement.

Thank you :)

There should not be an animal count. It should be up to the land owner to decide how many animals their land can support. If a complaint is filed , it should be investigated and dealt with accordingly. There should not be a permit or registry for any guest animals on a property. I will not be filing with the town to let them know a friend is bringing over their animals for a few days. It is not necessary for them to know this.

N A

I'm concerned that this agenda is being pushed by outside parties that don't represent the hard working families of camp verde that don't have the time to invest into such forums. Countless number of residents are working multiple jobs, raising kids, and tending to their animals and rural lives with the inability to stand up for their rights to use their own private property. They are the heart and soul of this community and they don't deserve to be trampled on by a few loud voices who have made a career on complaining.

I think you shouldn't act like Nazis! If you don't like livestock don't buy a house next door then cry about it!!!!

I feel having a maintained amount of the animal count and people clean up the manure from the animals to maintain the flies

A lot of work! If no code enforcement what is the purpose. Maybe an animal count tax to pay for a code officer

Leave California in California

How to deal with people that constantly complain. If a complaint is unfounded, the complainer needs to be held accountable for wasting staff's time and resources. ie, taxpayer's money.

We moved to Camp Verde over 20 years ago to raise our children and both attended CVES, CVMS graduated from Camp Verde High school with Honors both kids raised animals for the Verde Valley Fair and learned the responsibility of caring for their animals. Now it appears out of state people have moved in and are complaining and wanting their rules and their ways to control our way of life. So sad that their way of life is like a cancer growing and taking over our small town. Maybe just investigate a complaint but don't regulate for a year if it is not necessary(to much big brother). Often people complaining don't even understand the genetics of a species or breed of animal . I.E. dairy cattle or aging process of an old horse .

Don't let outside opinions affect decisions that will affect everyone.

People with animals should not be constricted by people who have never owned animals and or do not like their neighbor.

Lots of complainers because there's nothing better to do

Animal increases

My number one concern is the lack of code enforcement. Until that issue is resolved I support no change to our current animal point ordinance. Code enforcement is very lax if non existent in town so to adopt more ordinances when the town cannot or will not enforce current code is opening up a pandoras box of litigation

People need to stop trying to change Camp Verde western heritage.

Love thy neighbor! Work with them!

Na

We live in the country. I chose to move here because it was country. Please don't start regulating a bunch of rules or I will move out. I am a tax payer/business owner. I support public school programs and am very active in our community. If people do not like the way things are ran here, don't move here and try to change things. We love our Camp Verde the way it is.

I am, like many a snowbird to the small western town of Camp Verde. I come from a small western town and choose to winter vacation in Camp Verde because of its small town western feel. This is a tight knit family community that still encourages the youth of our lifestyle and nation. This community has raised some of the strongest, independent, hard working God fearing youth I've ever seen, please don't lose this because a young adult can't have livestock to care for and teach them responsibilities and the way of the world. Embrace your youth and those that encourage and teach them and continue your heritage, all this community was built upon. Keep the American dream and way of life alive in Camp Verde, be the leaders of what our nations needs to return to.

There isn't even these kind of restrictions in rural California towns. This is beyond ridiculous. We are not a city we are country which includes animals and all that come with them. Please stop this nonsense

I spend winters in camp verde, family owned an art gallery for many years in Sedona. Because of the political choices being made in this area the western way of life is being destroyed. Sedona which at one time was one of America's top wester art towns attracting high end tourists that supported all the communities close by, choices made there have destroyed business. I hope Camp Verde can wake up and not make same mistakes.

Historically all land use in AZ has been for agriculture livestock production and property owners use of their land. In the 1970's the county ushered in the first restrictions blanket zoning for development. This action alone removed most property owner's rights for use and production of their historic rights of their own land. The county offers AG related operations to apply for permission through an AD Exemption to restore these historic use rights. I'm opposed to any and all measures that reduce these god given and historic rights and force land owners to ask permission for the use of their property whether it be through a permit or a code. I am not opposed to cleanliness and odor laws because these are true actual nuisance perimeters that neighbors should adhere to. Beyond that it becomes a level of draconian restrictions and government overreach in my humble opinion.

Code should include definition of residential arena and community arena. Residential arena for owner's use should have less restrictions than community arena where friends and others use it for "events".

I'm concerned about enforcement. I have a neighbor who has been told by the town that they have code violations. That was 3 years ago and still nothing has been done. People dint take it seriously.

Camp Verde has a unique opportunity right now to stand out as a community that backs up rural living. You will not be able to please everyone but why do things have to change for the non rural folks. Stand for something or we will fall into urban decline. One more thing...fowl must be addressed in the big picture...for example there is a lady in our neighborhood who has 75 peacocks. Do you all think that is a peaceful evening Nosie for the neighborhood? Logic and digression would give an officer the right to stop that.

Adults own property and they should be able to decide how they use that property. While I understand there are a few bad ones here or there they should not be able to ruin the ability of all others to choose what to do with their property. The vast majority of those that raise animals are not going to put their animals in a bad situation. By limiting the use of the property you limit people's ability to raise their own food and teach their family about raising/growing food as well as limiting the enjoyment that they can get from their home.

Under 12 points on 1/4 to 1/2 acre

Violations seem to be common and when offenders are approached with a valid complaint, they become unfriendly therefore zoning must step in to enforce codes. Suggestion, as a rule of thumb,, large livestock DOES NOT belong in populated residential areas.

Please stay the course and do not permit the minority to become the majority. Our town is growing, that's ok. Please maintain what we've always stood for though. For over 150 years this community has remained steadfast in its agricultural roots. For crying out loud, founded as Fort Verde, a cavalry base WITH HORSES AND ALL MEANS OF LIVESTOCK...let us not forget our roots or forsake what we know to be an honest and admirable lifestyle. Thank you for remaining true to what we hold dear.

I moved to CV because I liked the way it was when I first visited this town. I knew about the point system prior to purchasing property and accepted my limitations as it was.

Why? Not a single presentation at the gym answered why this was being jammed down our throats. Creating a workgroup, stacking it with those that have the same agenda as some individuals in the Community Development Department does not add any more legitimacy to these changes than this patently unscientific survey. What benefit does it bring the Town to have animal codes less restrictive than Yavapai County. Who is to gain from this? Most of us living in the town assign a value to living in a town as opposed to living in the county, It's one of the reasons we chose town living over county living. The fatal flaw in these changes is that they are less restrictive than the County, they attempt to diminish the rights of current property owners in the Town of Camp Verde. As a result these proposed changes will reduce the value of perhaps thousands of properties in town. Every property owner bordering a 2 acre parcel will be due compensation by the Town as a result of this land use change. The cost of placating the small but vocal minority demanding these changes will be enormous. Will the economic impact of that risk be included with the Community Development Department's recommendation? The elected officials of our town, the commissioners they appoint, and the managers they hire all need to start focusing on what is best for the Town of Camp Verde as opposed to how to dish out special favors and privileges for their friends and family.

I applaud the attempts of the group to add teeth for some Enforcement of issues, as this is a huge problem already. However, I fear many of the changes being considered create a further nightmare for Enforcement, which is already sorely lacking in Camp Verde.

Enforcement should be addressed

Camp Verde had been a rural town since it was founded. The people who are from Verde Valley. Who grew up there want it to stay the same that's why we chose to live there. The people who are moving in are now trying to change the way things always have been and should be. If they didn't like the town the way it was why did they decide to move here in the first place? Please take this into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you to this group for your work

More concerned with junk cars/ trash

The long-standing animal points system worked well. Use special permits for extraordinary needs. Protect neighborhoods.

Why are we even considering a change. Its fine the way it is

I hate to see the people who manage their animals and property appropriately lose their rights

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To: Town Council and Town Manager

Re: Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance

Camp Verde is a beautifully rich and diverse town with an equally diverse population. The community members who collaborated on and/or support this draft livestock ordinance come from very different backgrounds but are united in their love for Camp Verde and its rural lifestyle.

When drafting this ordinance, the members researched the best available livestock management information, current town ordinances and Arizona law.

Key Goals:

- Ensure all children can participate in livestock and equine organization projects and activities.
- Ensure all residents have equal protection under town codes and Arizona state law.
- Focus on public health and safety, quality of life and property values for all residents.
- Ensure compliance with A.R.S. § 12-1134, the Private Property Protection Act.
- Restore confidence in Code Enforcement by making nuisance provisions more objective.

Summary of Changes Based on our Key Goals:

- 1) The current introductory language of Section 305 was restored to ensure all residents of Camp Verde retain their right to enjoy their property as guaranteed by the state of Arizona.
- 2) Key terms were defined, and Arizona statutes were referenced for clarity and consistency with Arizona law.
- 3) Bison and bison breeding were removed from Table 305.1 out of public safety concerns.
- 4) The number of points for cattle less than or equal to 600lbs was not reduced from 12 points to 6 points due to nuisance concerns, Town Staff recommendations, and potential enforcement problems presented to Code Enforcement.
- 5) The general keeping of swine was limited to one (1) on a minimum two (2) acre parcel with additional provisions to mitigate a repeat of past negative impacts to the community.
- 6) Objective, measurable and observable nuisance provisions were added for transparency and to reduce the burden on Code Enforcement.
- 7) Specified “unweaned” offspring under 6 months of age as it is an observable trait.
- 8) Reinstated the current role and responsibilities of the Youth Advisor from Section 305 for the Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit to reduce the burden of Code Enforcement.
- 9) Added clarification to the Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit.
- 10) Aligned the Livestock Special Use Permit with the current Special Use Application Process and Arizona State Law.

305.1 Livestock Regulations

A. *Purpose and Scope.* Although keeping farm animals in appropriate locations and circumstances is regarded as being consistent with the Town's rural character, the number, size, type or manner in which animals are maintained on any parcel shall not impair the enjoyment or use of nearby properties or violate other legal restrictions to which the properties are subject. Any lot where farm livestock are kept must be not less than one-half acre (21,780 sq ft.) in area except as specified in Section G.

B. *Applicability:* This Section does not apply to agricultural operations conducted on farmland as defined in A.R.S.§3-111 pursuant to A.R.S.§ 3-112.

C. *Permitted Use.* The use is determined by the following criteria:

1. Keeping livestock, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is prohibited on parcels less than one-half (1/2) acre.
2. Parcels equal to or greater than one-half (1/2) acre may keep livestock in compliance with the Livestock Point Count, as listed in Table 305.1.A and 305.1.D. of this Ordinance.
3. Keeping of fowl, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance, is permitted as an accessory use on all parcels within the Town of Camp Verde.
4. Keeping of domesticated animals, as defined in Section 6-1-0 of the Town Code, is subject to all care, maintenance, and nuisance provisions in this Ordinance, Town Code, Chapter 6 and A.R.S. § 13-2917.

TABLE 305.1.A. LIVESTOCK POINT COUNT

SPECIES	POINTS
Sheep, Goats, Alpacas, Emus	3 Points
Llamas, Deer, Miniature Horses/Donkeys, Ponies, Ostriches	6 Points
Cattle, Horses, Mules, Donkeys	12 Points
Swine	24 Points (see additional standards in Section 305.1.E. related to Swine)

D. *Livestock Point Count.* Parcels one-half (1/2) acre to one (1) acre in area may maintain livestock totaling up to 24 points as set forth in Table 305.1.A. Lots of one (1) acre or more may increase the allowable number of points by an increment of six (6) points for each additional, contiguous quarter (0.25) acre. See example in Table 305.1.B. Abutting parcels of the same ownership or legal control may also be included in the livestock point count.

TABLE 305.1.B. EXAMPLE OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED

PARCEL SIZE (ACRES)	POINT COUNT	EXAMPLES OF LIVESTOCK ALLOWED
½ to 1.0	24	2 Horses or 8 Goats
1.25	30	2 Horses or 10 Goats
1.5	36	3 Horses or 12 Goats
1.75	42	3 Horses or 14 Goats
2.0	48	4 Horses or 16 Goats
Note – Point threshold can only be met by meeting the minimum parcel size. For example, a 1.67-acre parcel is allocated 36 points, which is the same as a 1.5-acre parcel.		

E. *Swine*. The keeping of swine shall include the following additional limitations and restrictions.

1. Parcel size must be two (2) acres or more.
2. No more than one (1) swine is allowed on any parcel or lot.
3. Swine breeding is not allowed.
4. Swine must be fed only manufactured swine feed in pellet form and must not be fed refuse or garbage.

F. *Nuisance Provisions*. All nuisance and sanitation mitigation measures in this Ordinance and Chapter 6 of the Town Code shall apply to livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals on any parcel.

1. *Maintenance of Livestock Areas*: All livestock pens, stalls, corrals, shelters, cages, areas, composting bins/piles, places, and premises where livestock, fowl, and domesticated animals are held or kept, must be maintained to prevent the accumulation of manure, garbage, filth, refuse, rubbish, trash, or other noxious materials. These areas must also prevent the proliferation of flies, insects, vermin, rodents, and the creation of foul odors, stagnant water, which are deemed a nuisance, as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance and A.R.S. § 13-2917.

2. *Setbacks for Livestock Enclosures*: Livestock enclosures such as pens, stalls, shelters, cages or similar structure(s) for confining livestock on a temporary or permanent basis must meet the same setbacks as the primary dwelling unit on the parcel. Yard or pasture areas that allow livestock to roam freely outside defined enclosures are exempt from the setback requirements.

3. *Manure Management*: Livestock manure must be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures at least twice weekly and more frequently as necessary to prevent the creation of a nuisance as defined in Section 103 of this Ordinance and A.R.S. § 13-2917.

a. When stored on the property, manure must be stored in covered containers. Manure on pasture land must be removed and stored in a covered container or covered manure mound, mulched or disced into pasture lands at least once weekly to avoid build up.

1. Manure stored in mounds is a public health hazard and is allowed only with the following provisions:

- a. Parcel size must be five (5) acres or more.
- b. A barrier must be placed between the manure and the ground, and a cover must be kept on the mound at all times to prevent odors, fly breeding and run off.
- c. Only one manure mound is allowed per property and total mound storage can be no more than five (5) cubic yards.
- d. Manure mounds must be at least 75 feet from any property line.
- e. Manure mounds must be closer to the owner's primary residence than any property line.

2. Manure stored in containers must meet the setback requirements of the primary dwelling unit and containers must be kept clean, in good repair, and continuously covered.

3. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prohibit the use of livestock manure on any farm, garden, lawn, or ranch for horticultural purposes on any size parcel as long as use does not pose a nuisance as defined.

4. *Prohibition of Off-Property Runoff*: Provisions must be implemented to ensure that no runoff from livestock waste flows onto neighboring properties, public streets, rights-of-way, drainage or irrigation channels, ditches or surface water systems.

G. Exceptions to Livestock Point Count.

1. *Animal Husbandry.* Unweaned offspring (under six (6) months of age) of livestock on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted livestock on a parcel.

2. *Administrative Reviews to Exceed Livestock Point Count.* The following permits allow an increase in the livestock point count subject to the following criteria and restrictions.

a. Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit.

1. Application is made annually for the purpose of keeping market and/or breeding livestock for educational projects for youth enrolled and actively participating in a formally recognized educational youth organization.

2. The Town of Camp Verde recognizes the following as educational youth organizations for the purpose of a Youth Livestock Organization Permit:

a. 4H/Clover Buds,

b. FFA/PALS (Future Farmers of America/Partners in Active Learning Support), and

c. Organized Youth, or other formally recognized youth educational programs.

3. Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permits may be allowed under the following scenarios:

a. The Youth Livestock project(s) will take place on a parcel that allows livestock, but the project would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel as a result of the project per Table 305.1.A.

b. The Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit would allow one market or breeding animal per youth conducted on a property less than one half acre, or for swine on less than two acres, for a period specified by a start and stop date not to exceed ten months in duration.

1. One additional market swine project will be allowed with each additional one-half acre, not to exceed five (5) per parcel.

2. Swine will be limited to one (1) market swine project per youth exhibitor.

3. Swine must be fed as specified by the formally recognized livestock organization and must not be fed refuse or garbage.

4. Swine breeding is not allowed.

c. A complete application for the Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit shall be submitted to the Community Development Department who shall determine whether the application meets the criteria set forth in this Ordinance. There will be no charge for the permit.

d. An application shall bear the signature of the Youth Advisor of the formally recognized educational youth program acknowledging that the project is a valid youth project, and the signature of at least one parent or guardian, as well as the signature of the youth acknowledging and accepting complete responsibility for the project.

e. If the Youth Advisor agrees in writing to accept all enforcement responsibility for his/her members, no review will be required by the Community Development Director unless a complaint is filed.

1. In September, the Youth Advisor must register with the Community Development Department agreeing to this commitment.

2. The Youth Advisor will provide the following documentation to the Community Development Department by December 1st:

- a. A roster with the name, address and project type for all active members under their supervision
- b. Property owner's signed permission to conduct livestock activity on the subject parcel.
- c. Property owner's signed permission to conduct inspections by Community Development Department staff as necessary.
- d. Parent's signed statement of responsibility.
- f. A sign must be posted on the property where the Youth Livestock project is being conducted, indicating membership in a specific Youth Livestock Organization, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock.
- g. If all requirements are met, a permit will be issued to the applicant and must be available to town government staff, including but not limited to, the Code Enforcement Officer, Animal Control Officer, or a designee of the Community Development Director upon request.
- h. A youth member is anyone who is an active member in one of the formally recognized youth educational clubs listed above and is under the age of twenty (20).
- i. If the youth does not reside on the same property as the subject livestock reside and are cared for, the host property must not exceed the allowed number of livestock per the Animal Point Count Table 305.1.A.

b. Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit.

1. Application is made annually for a Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit for the purpose of keeping horses and livestock to participate in equestrian activities including but not limited to, rodeo, mounted shooting, reined cow horse, cutting, dressage, or any other equestrian activity within a formally recognized organization that has a youth membership/competition component. No more than one permit can be issued on any parcel or lot. A property may qualify for a Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit under the following scenarios:

- a. The youth reside on a parcel of land that is more than one-half (1/2) acre, but the livestock needed to successfully participate would exceed the number of livestock allowed on the parcel according to Table 305.1.A.
- b. The Temporary Youth Equestrian Organization Permit would allow for no more than a 50% total increase in the maximum number of livestock allowed on the parcel where the youth and livestock reside per Table 305.1.A.
- c. The Town of Camp Verde requires proof of membership in a formally recognized equestrian organization for the purpose of a Youth-Equestrian Organization Permit.
- d. A youth member is anyone who actively participates in a formally recognized equestrian organization and is under the age of twenty (20).
- e. A complete application must be received by the Community Development Department.
- f. The permit, with the Community Development Department approval sticker and the year issued, must be kept on the property where the permit has been issued and available on request to Community Development Department staff.

g. A sign must be posted on the property where the Temporary Youth Equestrian Activity is being conducted, with a Community Development approval sticker, including permit number, address, issue date and expiration date, number of students (youths) and number of livestock. The sign shall be provided by the Town of Camp Verde.

H. *Livestock Special Use Permit.* Any parcel where livestock is allowed may apply to increase the livestock count no more than fifty (50) percent of the number of livestock allowed according to Table 305.1.A. and subject to the following criteria.

The Livestock Special Use Permit cannot be applied for if the property has already been issued a Temporary Youth Livestock Organization Permit or Temporary Youth-Equestrian Organization Permit.

1. *Criteria.*

- a. Parcel size must be a minimum of one (1.0) acre.
- b. No citations or notice of violations of Section 305.1 have been issued within the previous twelve (12) month period prior to date of application received.
- c. No unresolved complaints regarding Section 305.1 at the time of application submission.
- d. Livestock pens must have setbacks of at least thirty feet (30') from any property line or the same setback as the primary dwelling unit on the parcel, whichever is greater.
- e. A Livestock Special Use Permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance.

2. *Process.*

- a. The Community Development Department shall provide an application form and a checklist of items that must be submitted for the application to be considered complete. The Town Council shall set a reasonable fee that must be paid at the time of application. A complete application must be submitted to the Community Development Director.
- b. The code enforcement officer must inspect the property within 2 business days of the submission of the application. If the property does not meet current codes or standards, a notice of violation will be issued, the application process will be discontinued, and the property is not eligible for a Livestock Special Use Permit for 12 (twelve) months.
- c. The Community Development Department must research the applicant and their property for current and past complaints, citations and notice of violations. A report must be completed by the Community Development Department staff for Town Council review prior to the public hearing.
- d. The public review process for the Livestock Special Use Permit will follow the requirements for Use Permits in Section 601 of the Planning & Zoning Ordinances with the exception that only a Town Council public meeting must be held. The Town Council will be the decision-making authority on whether the Livestock Special Use Permit is granted.
- e. The Town Council's determination is subject to appeal to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals.
- f. While this permit is in effect, an inspection must be performed within 2 business days any time a livestock related complaint is received.
- g. Any notice of violation or citation while this permit is in effect may result in the revocation of the Livestock Special Use Permit.

3. *Validity.* Permits are valid for twelve (12) months from the date of issuance and automatically expire unless renewed as specified below.

4. *Renewal.* Special Use Permits may be renewed by the Community Development Director under the following circumstances.

- a. A renewal application is received prior to expiration of the original permit.
- b. A renewal fee of fifty percent (50%) of the original application fee is paid at time of submittal.
- c. There were no citations or notice of violations of Section 305.1 during the period the Special Use Permit was in effect.
- d. No unresolved complaints at the time of application submission for renewal.
- e. An inspection performed by the Community Development Department staff prior to Town Council review and renewal of the permit finds no violations of Section 305.1 of this ordinance.

I. *Revocation.* Temporary Youth-Livestock Organization Permits, Temporary Youth-Equestrian Organization Permits, and Livestock Special Use Permits may be revoked at any time upon citation for violation of 305.1.

1. *Appeal.* Denial or revocation of Temporary Youth-Livestock Organization Permits, Temporary Youth-Equestrian Organization Permits, and Special Use Permits is appealable by the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, as outlined in Section 602.B. of the Planning and Zoning Ordinances.

Section 103 Key Definitions relevant to Section 305.1

ABUTTING PARCELS. Parcels which are directly touching and have common parcel boundaries. (Parcels across a public right of way or other easement shall not be considered abutting).

AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS. Agricultural operations conducted on farmland that are consistent with good agricultural practices and established before surrounding nonagricultural uses are presumed to be reasonable and do not constitute a nuisance unless the agricultural operation has a substantial adverse effect on the public health and safety. A.R.S. § 3-112.A.

AGRICULTURE. The production, keeping or maintenance, for sale, lease or personal use, of plants or animal useful to man, including the breeding and grazing of any or all of such animals; or lands devoted to a soil conservation or forestry management program. This includes farm stands for the temporary or seasonal sales of agricultural products grown on site or grown on other properties owned or leased by the farm operator.

ANIMAL. Any non-human mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, or fish.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. The act of breeding and caring for livestock.

CONTIGUOUS. Bordering or adjoining, meeting, or joining at the border or surface.

CORRAL. A pen or enclosure for confining animals.

FARMLAND. Land devoted primarily to the production for commercial purposes of livestock or agricultural commodities as defined in A.R.S. § 3-111.

FOWL. Chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea and peacocks.

DOMESTICATED. Domesticated means bred or trained to need and accept the care from human beings, usually creating a dependency, losing its ability to live in the wild.

LIVESTOCK. Animals such as swine, horses, mules, donkeys, ponies, sheep, goats, cattle, alpacas, llamas, deer, and large poultry such as emus and ostriches.

LOT. A parcel of land established by plat, subdivision, or otherwise permitted by law, having its principal frontage on a dedicated street or street easement. A half-street dedicated from such parcel shall be qualification for street frontage.

NUISANCE. Has the meaning set forth in Town Code Article 10-2. It is a nuisance and is no less a nuisance because the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted is unequal, for anything to be injurious to health, indecent, offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property that interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

PERMITTED USE. A use that is allowed in a Zoning District by reason of being listed among the “Permitted Uses” in the District and is subject to restrictions applicable to the District.

PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCES: The most recent version of the Planning and Zoning Ordinances of the Town of Camp Verde, Arizona.

SETBACK. The minimum distance between a structure and property lines of a parcel of land or other established reference point.

UNWEANED: Still nursing; only drinking mother’s milk.

References

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October 30, 2024

Arizona Statute References

Listed below are a few of the laws that protect both agriculture and the public's rights.

A.R.S. § 13-2917

13-2917. Public nuisance; abatement; classification

A. It is a public nuisance, and is no less a nuisance because the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted is unequal, for anything:

1. To be injurious to health, indecent, offensive to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property that interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by an entire community or neighborhood or by a considerable number of persons.

2. To unlawfully obstruct the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, river, bay, stream, canal or basin, or any public park, square, street or highway.

B. It is a public nuisance for any person to sell, offer to sell, transfer, trade or disseminate any item which is obscene as defined in section 13-3501, within two thousand feet, measured in a straight line, of the nearest boundary line of any of the following:

1. Any building used as a private or public elementary or high school.

2. Any public park.

3. Any residence district as defined in section 28-101.

C. The county attorney, the attorney general or the city attorney may bring an action in superior court to abate, enjoin and prevent the activity described in subsections A and B of this section.

D. Any person who knowingly maintains or commits a public nuisance or who knowingly fails or refuses to perform any legal duty relating to the removal of a public nuisance is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor.

A.R.S. § 3-111

3-111. Definitions

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

3. "Farmland" means land devoted primarily to the production for commercial purposes of livestock or agricultural commodities.

A.R.S. § 3-112

3-112. Agricultural operations; nuisance liability; damages; state preemption

A. Agricultural operations conducted on farmland that are consistent with good agricultural practices and established before surrounding nonagricultural uses are presumed to be reasonable and do not constitute a nuisance unless the agricultural operation has a substantial adverse effect on the public health and safety.

B. Agricultural operations undertaken in conformity with federal, state and local laws and regulations are presumed to be good agricultural practices and not adversely affecting the public health and safety.

Bison References

Bison were removed from the Community Collaboration Draft Livestock Ordinance because of their unpredictable nature, size and strength, making them potentially dangerous in small numbers and spaces.

BISON CHARACTERISTICS

Bison are curious, intelligent, territorial, dignified, playful and tremendously strong. The nature of the animal requires they be treated with respect and caution. They are wild animals. While not mean, they will not hesitate to react if they feel threatened.

Bison are very protective and have a very strong herding instinct. They stay in cohesive groups and it takes learned knowledge to separate one from the herd. They are protective of their young and will position themselves between a perceived threat and their calves. One or two isolated bison will not thrive.

Handling them slowly and gently is the safest approach for both the animal and the handlers.

Even in farming /ranching environments, bison have retained their natural survival instincts. They can weather storms that are known to kill entire herds of cattle. By facing into the wind their hair lays down and that is all the protection they need. As summer arrives they shed their winter coats and they relax in the sun with noses turned into the breeze. The animal loves water and will demonstrate their excellent swimming abilities given the opportunity.

As massive and bulky as they appear, many people perceive the animal to be slow and awkward. In reality, bison can outrun and out-maneuver most horses. If on the run, they can easily break through fences, gates and most corrals. They can be unpredictable and may charge if they perceive danger. They are also capable of pivoting on either their front or hind feet with incredible speed.

Minnesota Bison Association. (2023, July 25). *Raising Bison - Minnesota Bison*

Association. [https://mnbison.org/raising-](https://mnbison.org/raising-bison#:~:text=While%20not%20mean%2C%20they%20will,separate%20one%20from%20the%20herd.)

[bison#:~:text=While%20not%20mean%2C%20they%20will,separate%20one%20from%20the%20herd.](https://mnbison.org/raising-bison#:~:text=While%20not%20mean%2C%20they%20will,separate%20one%20from%20the%20herd.)

The Key to Raising Backyard Bison

Understand the animal

Bison farming requires something of a different mindset than other types of livestock.

Undomesticated, bison simply don't care much for being handled. **When crowded, they become tense and more inclined to panic than other livestock.** For instance, compare the way horses are generally controlled by handlers. Cattle are often controlled and maneuvered from a distance, directed and guided by corrals and by humans.

Bison are a step beyond this; they require even slower and more careful handling to keep them calm, and some farmers recommend interfering with their daily life as little as possible, which means keeping handling to a minimum.

Understand the space requirements

Bison need room. **Don't think you can simply make a go of bison farming on a small-scale hobby farm with a half-acre lot. While the exact acreage needed will depend on the quality of your land, you may need to figure on several acres per head, so a herd of twenty bison could easily demand sixty acres of grazing land or more.**

Understand the proper infrastructure

Don't assume that you can just bring home a herd of bison to your farm and turn them loose in your preexisting infrastructure. **Bison require fencing that is stronger and taller than what you probably already have in place.**

The National Bison Association recommends that bison fencing be at least six feet tall, as bison are athletic jumpers. You'll also likely need a system of bison-safe corrals and chutes in order to work with them when you do need to perform veterinary care or other routine handling needs. It's critical to remember that even bison raised in a contained setting are not truly domesticated; some recommend installing bison fencing that can be climbed easily by human handlers.

The key to raising backyard bison. (n.d.). Concordwilshire. <https://acreagelife.com/hobby-farming/the-key-to-raising-backyard-bison>

GETTING STARTED WITH BISON RANCHING

CONVERTING FACILITIES TO ACCOMMODATE BISON

The two areas that require the most significant adaptation to handle bison are fencing and animal handling facilities. Bison are larger, more agile and more skittish compared to cattle. *Their larger size allows them to simply shove their way through fencing, and adult bison can jump up to six feet high.* Therefore, they require appropriate facilities and infrastructure that can accommodate those differences.

Fencing

It is important to understand that very few fences will prevent a sufficiently motivated bison from getting through it. Their large size and ability to jump normal-sized fences mean a three-strand, barb-wire fence good enough for cattle should not be expected to deter or hold bison. Thus, the objective is to utilize fencing and handling techniques designed to reduce the desire for a bison to want to go through the fence and to deter that desire if necessary.

As a rule of thumb, keeping the fence line at the eye level of bison (5–5.5 feet) may deter attempts to cross it. For barbed wire fences, three-to-five strands of high-tensile wire should suffice and may make for straight-forward renovation of existing cattle fencing. For woven wire fencing, 48-inch woven wire topped with two-to-three strands of high-tensile barbed wire may contain bison, while deterring access to pastures by predators (however, this may also unintentionally limit pronghorn, elk and deer access). Electric fencing can also be effective given good grounding and adequate charge capacity on the lines.

Handling facilities

Like fencing, handling facilities need to be robust enough to handle bison. Compared to cattle facilities, this requires higher pens, fences and panels, with an average height of at least seven feet. Sorting pens need to be larger; chutes need to be larger, and squeeze chutes must be custom made to accommodate the larger width and weight of bison. Specialty squeeze chutes and other handling equipment is available from several manufacturers or can be custom built.

More so than cattle, planning handling facilities to reduce animal stress is critical for bison herds. Placing chutes, alleys and pens with good forward visibility and blocked visibility of humans will allow bison to progress through the facility readily. Excessive stress during handling and leading can lead to animal and human injury, damage to the facilities and potentially animal death.

Getting Started With Bison Ranching. (n.d.). SDSU

Extension. <https://extension.sdstate.edu/getting-started-bison-ranching>

Bison Production

If possible, before purchasing any bison, observe several herds and visit farm sales and auctions. The best strategy is usually to start small and grow. Raising bison is similar, but not identical, to raising beef cattle. **Bison are larger, stronger, and more excitable than cattle and thus require special fencing and handling facilities.** Because bison are still considered a wild animal, you should plan a strong corral-chute system appropriate for your location and expected herd size.

Allow for the same amount of pasture per bison as is required for cattle in your area, usually 2 to 3 acres per cow and calf in the eastern United States. **In addition, know the state laws concerning liability and trespassing because your herd is likely to draw the attention of the public. You should check with your insurance provider before purchasing your first animal as bison are considered an attractive nuisance and require a specialty insurance product. This type of insurance policy may be more expensive than a traditional farm owner's policy.** More information on farm liability risk and agricultural business insurance can be found in "Agricultural Alternatives: Understanding Agricultural Liability" and "Agricultural Alternatives: Agricultural Business Insurance."

Bison raised for agricultural purposes are currently in the same category as cattle under state and federal law, but they are slaughtered under the regulations for exotic animals. Before purchasing your bison, you must understand these distinctions. Contact a lawyer for clarification of local ordinances and regulations. Bison are not domesticated animals and must be handled with caution if they get loose.

Fencing and Housing

Bison require no outside shelter and they will turn to face storms and may appear to become dormant during heavy snow fall. They will lie down during heavy snow and let the snow cover their bodies. Predators are also of little concern as the herd will defend themselves. They will circle the predator and drive it from their domain.

Because bison can jump fences and break through almost any barrier, a strong containment system is essential. Fences around the pasture should consist of eight high-tensile wires, three of which carry a high voltage of electricity, or equivalent fencing. A corral-chute system with no sharp turns or corners and with sides 7 to 8 feet high is recommended. The system should include catwalks, feed bunks, water, lighting, tractor access, plenty of space for each animal, and spring-loaded, locking slam gates. The squeeze chute should have a crash gate and palpation cage. A crowding circle, alleyway(s), and sorting pens are also necessary.

Ideal land for bison would have boulders, rocks, rugged areas, woods, and thickets, but the only requirements are adequate pasture and a water source. Running water is preferable, but a pond will suffice. If you satisfy a bison's food and water requirements, it will stay within the fenced area. Otherwise, almost no barrier can stop a hungry bison.

Harper, J. K., PhD. (n.d.). *Bison Production*. [https://extension.psu.edu/bison-](https://extension.psu.edu/bison-production#:~:text=Because%20bison%20can%20jump%20fences,crash%20gate%20and%20palpation%20cage.)

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Cattle Points References

Reducing the point allocation for cattle under 600 pounds had no basis in science or fact and the provision would be difficult to enforce. Data gathered from a smart phone application would not be admissible in court.

A False Equivalency

A 600lb steer is not to a full-size bovine what a miniature horse is to a full-size equine.



Doubling the amount of cattle allowed on properties by cutting their points in half is not currently part of Table 305.1A, and we want to ensure this is not part of the final ordinance. Reducing the points of roping steers would be an enormous increase in allowed livestock on properties with no basis in science or fact.

Cattle are ruminants, which results in manure with a higher moisture content than manure of the same size horse. Cattle manure is typically around 88% liquid and 12% solid, meaning the solid content of fresh cattle manure is roughly 12% of its total volume. Most of the liquid is unable to be removed from properties and manure that is wet is odorous. In contrast, horse manure is approximately 60% water and more easily removed from properties.

Small roping steers (less than 600lbs) defecate just as frequently as roping steers greater than 600lbs and their manure is as high or higher in moisture content as larger cattle. Doubling the amount of roping steers would provide twice as many opportunities (twice as many cowpies) for flies to breed and would be more odorous.

Cattle manure attracts fly species that are more detrimental to humans and livestock than other fly species. Preferred material, and likely the only material, for face fly egg-laying is fresh cattle manure, which makes face flies a primary concern in mixed-use facilities (those with horses and cattle) or at horse farms that are near cattle facilities. Adult flies can travel several miles while searching for new hosts. Diseases carried by face flies include pink eye and eye worms.

Point allocation in Table 305.1 is not just about the size of the animal, it is also about the potential nuisance factor for each species. Swine, for example, are 24 points, as their manure has a slightly higher moisture content (91% as opposed to cattle's 88%) and therefore their manure, like cattle manure, is more odorous.

The argument has been made that Corriente cattle weighing up to 600lbs should be treated the same as a miniature horse. The average weight of a miniature horse is 250 lbs., about 1/5 the weight (or 20%) of the average sized horse of 1200 lbs. In contrast, a 600lb steer/cow is over 1/2 the weight (or 55%) of the average full grown Corriente steer.

This provision would not be enforceable. After conducting extensive research and consulting multiple veterinarians, we were unable to find either an application or other method of determining livestock weight that would be easy, objective and transparent for code enforcement while reassuring to the general public.

- Application data would not be admissible in court should the situation result in a hearing or litigation.
- Applications have not been developed for all media. There was an application which potentially could work, but it was only for Androids, and there was no other that actually used “just a photograph.” This application also used an external device which raised safety concerns for both humans and livestock.
- The applications that do exist estimate weight using a measuring device or would calculate weight based on measurements entered into the software.
- The applications did not have enough reviews to post and accuracy was difficult to determine.
- Using an application put an unrealistic burden on code enforcement and has the potential to be subjective or even just the appearance of subjectivity.
- It is not realistic to take measurements or to drive cattle into a shoot for weighing every time a complaint is filed.
- Doubling the amount of cattle, along with any combination of the Youth Permits or Livestock Special Use would diminish property values as protected by A.R.S. § 12-1134.

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Summary of Research of Smartphone Applications Estimating Cattle Weight Using Photographs

At first glance, there seems to be multiple applications which can accurately calculate the weight of livestock using a photograph taken by an application on a smartphone, however, all the ones we were able to find required external devices, user input of measurements and/or posed safety concerns for both the animals and humans. If someone states there is an application that accurately calculates the weight of livestock simply by “taking a photograph,” please ask for a demonstration. Any data gathered from any application claiming to give an accurate estimate of livestock weight using photographs would not be admissible in court.

Beefie by Agroninja

This Hungarian application requires users to purchase and attach an external laser meter to calculate weight from photographs on Androids 5.1+ smartphone systems. Although it claims to be 95% accurate, we could find only one review and no data presented to prove that was an accurate estimation of results. In addition, on multiple sites which allowed downloads of this application, including Softonic and Digital Trends, they stressed there were safety concerns using the application and users would need to exercise caution not to point the laser at cattle or human eyes.

eWeigh by ILRI

The eWeigh is a Bluetooth weigh indicator that connects to weigh bars or load cells to calculate weight and transmits this data to your smartphone or tablet, where the animal data is stored and analyzed. Users are also able to input the HG of the animal, and the application is able to calculate an estimate of weight based on the input.

Cattle Weight Calculator by adorsho praniSheba (2.4 stars)

This application uses the measurement tools in some smartphones or users can input measurements like girth and length to estimate the weight of cattle or goats. It states the application is for estimates only and for accurate measurements to “contact a livestock professional.”

Weighrite by True North Technologies

An application that calculates livestock weight by communicating with new or existing weighbars.

Live Cattle Weight Calculator by BepariTeam

An application that estimates an animal’s weight from users’ input of the animal’s roundness and width in centimeters.

Cattle Weight Calculator by Controlenonet

Users input measurements and the application calculates the approximate weight of the animal.

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Swine References

When swine were allowed previously, it became a contentious community issue which took years to resolve. Some of the minutes from past public meetings have been included in this section.

- Sows are able to have multiple litters per year; each litter can be up to 20 piglets.
- Swine are able to transmit many diseases directly to humans, which is why they are not allowed in many municipalities.
- Swine manure is 83% moisture, therefore more odorous than most other livestock, and more attractive to flies.

Pig Manure

Pigs are often considered to be more of a nuisance than other livestock because of their smell. They produce a variety of odorants, including ammonia, hydrogen sulfide and hundreds of VOCs. The amount of manure a pig produces depends on the pig's size and diet, but on average, a pig produces:

- **1.3 gallons per day:** This includes wash water and is the average amount produced by pigs at around 60 farms.
- **9.8 pounds per day:** A 200-pound finishing pig produces about this amount of manure per day.

Factors that can impact manure production include:

- **Diet:** Increasing the amount of fiber in a pig's diet, such as DDGS, increases fecal output.
- **Body mass:** Manure production rates increase exponentially with body mass.

Pig manure is 90% water and 7% volatile solids. It can produce 4.8 cubic feet of biogas daily. However, it's not recommended to use pig manure alone because it has a high nitrogen content and low amounts of carbon.

<https://www.nationalhogfarmer.com/manure/does-hog-size-impact-manure-production>

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12. **Public Hearing, discussion, consideration, and possible approval of Ordinance 2008-A348, an ordinance of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Camp Verde, Yavapai County, Arizona amending Section 108D of the Zoning Ordinance to define the criteria for raising swine within the Town, to add definitions for commercial livestock activity and livestock breeding activity, to change the Use Permit process for youth livestock activity on parcels smaller than ½ acre, and to add language for setback requirements for livestock activity as was previously stated in Section 109.**

A motion by Garrison to approve one swine only for one-half acre or less was seconded by Hauser who then withdrew her second; motion failed for lack of a second.

Staff was directed to move forward as soon as possible on the adding the recommended nuisance provision to the Town Code and bring it back to Council; staff is directed to work with Cody Carter on the details as discussed and bring it back to Council.

Buckel said that pursuant to direction from Council she has worked with the Youth Advisor, Cody Carter, on changing the language somewhat and streamlining the process for Temporary Youth Organization Use Permits, and the changes discussed by Council at the last meeting have been incorporated into the document referred to as 2nd Council Draft. Buckel explained that the Town Attorney has recommended changes to the Town Code for enforcement of violations, and she briefly outlined the difference between a civil hearing before the Magistrate and a criminal citation that would be heard in Superior Court. The recommended change would be to remove the nuisance language from the Zoning Ordinance and include it in the Town Code since the Code Enforcement Officer is limited in what he is able to enforce regarding violations of the nuisance prohibitions.

The Council discussed at length with Buckel the recommended changes to Section 108, together with input from Youth Advisor Cody Carter on the procedure arrived at from the meetings with Buckel on the Temporary Youth Organization User Permit process, as well as the recommendations made by the Town Attorney, all of which are noted in the final Summary below. During the discussion the option of accommodating several children in one family wanting to raise swine was addressed at length, countered with the argument that a choice should have to be made in order to comply with the generally preferred limit of one swine.

To clarify the issue of removing the nuisance provisions from 108, as had been recommended, the Town Attorney explained as follows, summarized in part: The Town Code, not the Zoning Code, needs more amplification on the power of the Town to enforce prohibitions on a nuisance as a criminal misdemeanor, whether related to the raising of swine, or noise. Simply referring to it in the Zoning Code would have no effect on concerns regarding rodents, vermin or noise. Nuisance provisions should be set forth in one portion of the Town Code, not solely in the Zoning Code; "nuisance" deals with actions whereas zoning deals with use of properties, setbacks, etc. The Code Enforcement Official can make a determination as to whether or not the Code is being complied with and can order remedies, but cannot go in and threaten the property owner with removal of the swine. The Magistrate can issue fines, or a jail sentence; he cannot lock the doors and keep the swine from smelling up the neighborhood, only a court can do that. The nuisance issue can be left in Section 108, but citizens should not be led to think the enforcement officer has the power to force compliance; he can only note the discrepancy. The nuisance issue remaining in 108 will have to be revisited later when the nuisance provision is included in the Town Code.

FINAL SUMMARY of changes and additions as recommended and discussed:

Changes recommended by Attorney:

- (1) Language in Paragraph 6.c.: "...shall have the authority to determine a

reduction in the number and removal of the animals is necessary to comply with this Section 108."

(2) Remove Paragraph **6.d.**

(3) Language in Paragraph **6.e.:** "...has the authority to determine that removal of the animals under circumstances where they constitute a health or safety hazard to human beings is necessary to comply with Section 108."

Per Cody Carter: Add **5.i.:** "More than one swine may be added with a petition filed with the Community Development Director by November 1st of the project year through the local Youth Group Advisor, providing that there is enough space to observe setbacks and space requirements for raising of the market swine project. No more than one swine project will be allowed per student."

Revised per discussion with Attorney): Paragraph **5.e.5)** The ultimate decision on whether the activity is considered to be in compliance with this Section 108 shall be made by the Community Development Director or designee.

Suggested during discussion: Paragraph **5.e.3.)** – "A sign must be posted on the property with the year and date where the livestock activity will be conducted, indicating membership"

PUBLIC INPUT

(Comments from the following individuals are summarized.)

Susan Danner believes that swine should continue to be allowed as long as it does not interfere with the neighbors' rights to enjoy their property; breeding of swine should not be allowed in a residential neighborhood, unless one swine per household for 4-H or FFA project; Town Code should be enforced more quickly.

Ira Piper insisted on a limit of one swine, four months, and then get rid of it.

Vivian Raines said that permits should not be issued for any activity that has the potential to become a nuisance; the neighbors bear the brunt of the problems that arise, including decrease in property values and health issues; the Enforcement Officer should have clear-cut authority..

Loren Eldridge asked why all three kids in one family have to raise pigs; they can just share or choose a different animal.

Sue Peterson requested that the Council seriously consider the point system; a lot of families will be affected now by what is happening with the point system and it is unfair since there are obvious violations existing. *Buckel discussed the points with Ms. Peterson briefly.*

Leonard Krautbauer questioned whether the activity next door to him would be grandfathered in. *Buckel responded that it would not since it was never authorized to begin with.*

There was no further public input.

A poll of the Council requesting each member's preference for limiting and/or regulating the number of swine allowed is set forth in brief as follows:

Garrison: One swine.

Smith: One swine, plus conditional use process for additional one, with two maximum.

Kovacovich: One swine, and then let Youth Advisor decide; and if more land, then no problem.

Hauser: One swine; permit for a second one.

Elmer: Number determined on whether it is going to work.

Gioia: One swine regardless of size of property.

Kovacovich: One swine, and then let Youth Advisor decide; and if more land, then no problem.

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Buckel reminded the Council of the burden placed on staff through the Use Permit and neighborhood hearing process. Buckel outlined the areas that she felt the Council was still having difficulty with, including dealing with numbers and special exceptions, and pointing out that the Temporary Use Permit is only required where the property is less than one-half acre, or involves points. Basically, the questions are: Allow more than one swine? Allow excessive numbers of animals for 4-H projects only? Who determines the number, either by recommendation or the Use Permit process.

It was finally generally acknowledged that without agreement on the entire working process as discussed, no decision could be made at this time; staff will work with Cody Carter on the details discussed and bring back to Council for further review.

13. **Discussion, consideration, and possible direction to staff concerning citizen complaints about Zellner's Woodyard. Complaints include, but are not limited to noise, vermin, fire danger, and zoning issues.**

Staff was directed to follow through with the fact-finding as outlined; notify all parties as soon as possible; research past Minutes to determine what previous Councils have done and said on the issue; implement a rapid process to identify the scope of legal and illegal non-conforming uses; allow for a response from Zellners' attorney, and then come back to Council with a recommendation.

Councilor Smith explained that this issue arose as the result of a citizen complaint, and it was deemed important enough to bring before the Council. A petition with 45 signatures was submitted by Clinton Gray, together with some data that is being reviewed. Further steps will be taken by staff to investigate the status of the legal non-conforming operation, when that occurred, and whether expansion beyond the original site has taken place, including using aerial photographs. Both the community and Council will be kept informed of the resulting findings. Town Manager Scannell further explained that the intent is to try to resolve the problem with a fair and objective assessment of both sides of the issue.

Mayor Gioia read into the record the petition received from **Clinton Gray** that outlined the reasons supporting the citizens' complaint, including excessive noise, trash, dust, and traffic from the operation of the woodyard. **Mr. Gray** said he represented the neighbors and property owners who had signed the petition, and stressed the problems outlined in the petition, including the expansion of the operation over the years since 1984. The Council noted the documents that Mr. Gray has collected, copies of which will be supplied to Planning & Zoning; staff will also research further documents to trace the establishment and subsequent operation of the woodyard to date, as well as research possible deficiencies in the existing Fire Code.

Daryl Manhart spoke on behalf of the Zellner family, objecting that the recent citizen complaint was brought to Council without notifying that family. Mr. Manhart said the family feels they have resolved these issues several times in the past already, and he hopes no action will be taken at this meeting tonight. He added that he looks forward to working with Town staff to resolve the issues brought forward by Mr. Gray, issues with which the Zellner family does not agree. Mayor Gioia apologized that the family had not been notified, and briefly discussed that issue with staff.

Responding to the complaint that the Zellners were not notified in advance that this Agenda item was scheduled to be addressed, Town Attorney Sims explained that the public has the right to raise issues, but that this item is not intended to be a public hearing where property owners' rights will be impacted; it is simply an agenda item to raise the issue, possibly get advice from the Attorney at an Executive Session on the legal ramifications. Staff can then present facts at a

In response to questions from Smith, Town Manager Lee responded that the agreement provides for payment of \$1 per month, a purchase price that will recoup all the cost of shipping and handling plus the \$300 requested by Council, and all maintenance costs; the agreement also includes liability and property insurance.

5. **Call to the Public for Items not on the Agenda.**

Staff was directed to look into both Code Sections 108 and 109 to determine possible conflict, P&Z will review and then make a recommendation to Council.

Leonard Krautbauer expressed concern about what he considers a hog farm next door to his property; he estimates the number of pigs at over 50 at one time and the odor is offensive. Mr. Krautbauer would like to get rid of all the pigs in the Town of Camp Verde altogether, except for one hog for each 4-H person.

Susan Danner said she is another close neighbor and would like the Council to do something about the pig problem; the smell is disgusting and there should be a limit to the number of pigs allowed.

Eric Schweitzer also complained about the neighbors with the pig farm who let their rabbits run loose and breed and multiply into a neighborhood nuisance.

Gary Blair spoke on behalf of the pig situation and said he understands what the owner is up against, but also understands that only two pigs are allowed for each FFA or 4-H member.

Vern Johnson outlined his history growing up in the area and participating in 4-H, and stressed the importance of children being involved in 4-H and FFA; the pigs are very necessary for locally and economically supplying animals for the 4-H and FFA projects.

Greg Terry, referred to his sons as being the owners of the hog farm, and that it is a 4-H breeding project. Mr. Terry also outlined the benefits to all the children who are active in 4-H and FFA. Mr. Terry said he notified the neighbors of his plans to bring in pigs to breed and supply piglets for the children to choose for their projects. He believes that Ordinance Sections 108 and 109 are in conflict and need to be updated regarding ownership of swine and/or farm animals.

Norma Garrison said that she understands that the issue of Sections 108 and 109 will be discussed tomorrow at the P&Z meeting; maybe it can be resolved at Planning & Zoning.

There was no further public input.

6. **Presentation by Gwen Gunnell, Director, Camp Verde Adult Reading Program (CVARP), regarding CVARP activities and the Adult Literacy Week, and possible approval of a proclamation declaring February 18-24, 2007 as Arizona Adult Literacy Week.**

On a motion by Gioia, seconded by Hauser, the Council unanimously approved the Proclamation declaring February 18-24 Adult Literacy Week.

Gwen Gunnell distributed badges and brochures to the members on the Adult Reading Program with its current theme of "I Am In Love With Learning." Ms. Gunnell pointed out that the Governor has proclaimed Adult Literacy Week, gave a report on the 19-year history and past excellent results of the Camp Verde Adult Reading Program, and the benefits of important ongoing projects. Ms. Gunnell thanked the Town of Camp Verde for participating in issuing a proclamation as well.

There was no public input.



Zoonotic Diseases of Swine

Zoonotic Disease Etiologic Agent	R	Transmission	Clinical Signs in Swine		Clinical Signs in People	
			Prevention for Swine		Prevention for People	
Ascaris suum (Roundworms)		Ingestion: eggs in environment, on pigs, in manure, on fomites; contaminated plants, feed, water	Incubation period: 1-10 days Gastrointestinal: (young pigs) pendulous abdomen Respiratory: expiratory dyspnea ("thumps"); chronic paroxysmal cough Reproductive: delayed estrus, poor conception rates	Clean and disinfect; remove manure; deworm pigs; wash sows prior to putting in farrowing crate; wean pigs early (2-4 wks); all-in, all-out; rotate and till pastures	Incubation period: 7-14 days Respiratory: cough, due to larva migration Gastrointestinal: diarrhea; vomiting; abdominal pain, intestinal obstruction in children	Wash hands; wear gloves; wash fruits, vegetables; don't fertilize with pig manure; don't let children play in contaminated soil; don't drink untreated water
Brucellosis <i>Brucella suis</i>	A H	Direct contact: reproductive tissues/fluids Ingestion: contaminated feed, water Fomites	Incubation period: varies Reproductive: abortion, stillbirths; retained placenta; placentitis; orchitis; epididymitis Musculoskeletal: arthritis; lameness; spondylitis Cutaneous: abscesses	Clean and disinfect; prevent exposure to wild and feral swine; obtain animals from <i>Brucella</i> -free sources; screening; isolate/cull infected animals; establish separate area for birthing; remove, destroy aborted fetuses, placentas	Incubation period: 2-4 weeks, up to 6 months Flu-like: headache; fever; fatigue; chills; aches Chronic: waxing, waning fever; bone, joint infections Reproductive: epididymo-orchitis; seminal vesiculitis and prostatitis; abortion or premature birth	Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, mask, eye protection, coveralls); cover wounds; don't touch your face; handle infected animal tissues with gloves
Campylobacteriosis <i>Campylobacter jejuni</i> , <i>C. coli</i>	H	Ingestion: feces; reproductive tissues; contaminated soil, water Direct contact: infected animals Fomites	Incubation period: 3-25 days Asymptomatic in most Gastrointestinal: enteritis, diarrhea	Clean and disinfect (including AI equipment); remove manure; prevent overcrowding; vaccinate (animals may still be carriers); isolate aborting animals; remove, destroy aborted fetuses, placentas	Incubation period: 1-10 days Gastrointestinal: mild to severe GI distress; fulminant or relapsing colitis; fever; headache; muscle pain; children/vulnerable people most at risk for diarrhea	Wash hands; wear gloves; control rodents; keep children/vulnerable people away from animals or feces; avoid consuming undercooked meat, raw dairy, untreated water; wash fruits and vegetables; disinfect kitchen surfaces
Colibacillosis <i>Escherichia coli</i> STEC-Shiga-toxin producing <i>E. coli</i> VTEC-Verotoxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> EHEC-Enterohemorrhagic <i>E. coli</i>	H	Ingestion: contaminated soil, food, water Direct contact: feces Fomites	Incubation period: varies Gastrointestinal: (piglets) diarrhea	Clean and disinfect; remove manure; vaccinate pregnant animals to reduce shedding; provide colostrum; minimize stress at weaning/diet changes; prevent crowding; all-in, all-out	Incubation period: 1-16 days with most signs in 3-4 days Gastrointestinal: watery diarrhea; hemorrhagic colitis; nausea; vomiting; abdominal pain; cramping Systemic: hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS); fever	Wash hands; wear gloves; keep boots outside the home; launder dirty clothing separately; prevent manure from leaching into groundwater; don't consume raw dairy; cook meat thoroughly, especially ground beef; don't cross-contaminate; isolate infected people

R=Reportable Disease; A=for animals, H=for humans

Zoonotic Diseases of Swine, continued

Zoonotic Disease Etiologic Agent	R	Transmission	Clinical Signs in Swine Prevention for Swine	Clinical Signs in People Prevention for People
Cryptosporidiosis <i>Cryptosporidium</i> spp	H	Ingestion: oocyst-contaminated food, water, soil Fomites	Incubation period: 3-5 days Asymptomatic Gastrointestinal: (neonatal calves, lambs, kids, piglets) watery diarrhea; tenesmus; anorexia; weight loss Clean and disinfect (organism is resistant); remove manure; prevent overcrowding; provide colostrum; isolate sick animals; prevent/treat other infections	Incubation period: 2-3 days to 2 weeks Gastrointestinal: mild to severe profuse, watery diarrhea; abdominal cramps; anorexia; nausea; gas; malaise Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, coveralls); don't drink untreated water; wash fruits, vegetables; don't cross-contaminate; avoid young, sick animals if vulnerable
Cysticercosis/Taeniasis <i>Taenia</i> spp.	A	Ingestion: gravid proglottids in pastures; contaminated food, water or soil	Incubation period: months to years Asymptomatic Gastrointestinal: unthriftiness; poor appetite; diarrhea Neurologic: neurological signs Ocular: eyelid nodules; visual impairment Clean and disinfect; remove manure; deworm farm dogs and cats; remove and destroy dead stock; do not use river water for animals; keep animals away from human feces	Incubation period: variable; 8 weeks to years Gastrointestinal: proglottids in stools; nausea; gas; diarrhea; constipation; abdominal pain; poor appetite Neurologic: (neurocysticercosis) seizures; increased intracranial pressure; headaches; blindness Wash hands; do not defecate in fields, pastures, waterways; treat infected people; don't eat raw or undercooked meat; cook meat to proper internal temperature
Dermatophytosis/Ringworm <i>Microsporum</i> spp., <i>Trichophyton</i> spp.		Direct contact: infected animals; skin lesions Fomites	Incubation period: 2-4 weeks Cutaneous: alopecia, scaling, crusts, erythema Clean and disinfect, specially shared equipment; quarantine and test new animals; isolate and treat affected animals; prevent exposure to rodents; do not overcrowd	Incubation period: 1-2 weeks Cutaneous: pink to red, scaly, slightly elevated skin lesions; follicular papules, pustules, or vesicles at the borders Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, coveralls); clean, disinfect equipment; treat infected animals; treat infected people
Erysipelas <i>Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae</i> Erysipeloid in people		Direct contact: animals, fluids Ingestion: contaminated soil, feed, water; cannibalism (poultry) Mechanical vectors: biting insects	Incubation period: 1-7 days Acute: fever; prostration; red-purple spots on ears, skin; dyspnea; death Subacute: red-purple diamond-shaped skin lesions Chronic: joint swelling, lameness, dyspnea; death Clean and disinfect; remove manure; control rodents; vaccinate (pigs, turkeys); cull symptomatic pigs; destroy infected carcasses	Incubation period: 1-7 days Cutaneous: acute localized cellulitis; painful red/purple firm swelling, usually on hands and fingers; generalized disease possible Wash hands; wear gloves; cover wounds
Giardiasis <i>Giardia duodenalis</i> or <i>G. intestinalis</i>	H	Ingestion: cysts in contaminated food, water, soil Direct contact: infected animals; grooming (self or others)	Incubation period: 3-10 days Asymptomatic, young more affected Gastrointestinal: (cattle, sheep, goats, swine) pasty to fluid, mucoid diarrhea; weight loss or failure to gain Clean and disinfect; remove manure; change bedding frequently; do not overcrowd; provide colostrum; do not use surface water as your water source	Incubation period: 1-45 days; signs usually within 1-2 weeks Gastrointestinal: mild-severe, acute-chronic diarrhea Systemic: anemia; anorexia; weight loss Wash hands; wear gloves; don't drink untreated water (treat or filter fresh water prior to drinking); treat infected animals; prevent contact with feces;



Zoonotic Diseases of Swine, continued

Zoonotic Disease	R	Transmission	Clinical Signs in Swine	Clinical Signs in People
Etiologic Agent			Prevention for Swine	Prevention for People
Japanese encephalitis Flavivirus	A H	Vectors: <i>Culex</i> mosquitoes Reproductive: semen; transplacental possible	Asymptomatic Reproductive: Most common in naïve pigs; birth of stillborn or mummified fetuses; abortions; orchitis; infertility Neurologic (piglets): weakness; tremors; convulsions; death shortly after birth	Incubation period: 5-15 days Asymptomatic - Childhood disease in endemic areas (Asia, Western Pacific) Flu-like illness: fever; chills; myalgia; severe headache Neurologic: confusion; behavior changes; loss of consciousness; coma; difficulty moving; hemiplegia; quadriplegia; cerebellar disorders; neck pain and stiffness; mild to severe convulsions; transient Parkinson's like signs; severe encephalitis (esp. children under 15 yrs. of age); neurological deficits in half of survivors Gastrointestinal: (children) nausea; vomiting; abdominal pain; +/- diarrhea Reproductive: miscarriage if infected in first pregnancy
Leptospirosis <i>Leptospira</i> spp. - Sheep can serve as maintenance hosts of Hardjo serovar Weill's disease in humans	H	Direct contact: infected urine; contaminated water; aborted tissues Ingestion: contaminated feed, water Inhalation: aerosolized urine, water	Clean and disinfect; vector control; vaccines in endemic areas (Asia; Western Pacific); house animals in screened facilities; keep screens in good repair; minimize exposure to wild birds Incubation period: 7-12 days Reproductive: abortion; decreased fertility; stillbirth; weak offspring Systemic: (piglets) fever; icterus; anemia; death; Neurologic: (piglets) meningitis	Vaccination (endemic areas); prevent mosquito bites (insect repellants; protective clothing; permethrin-treated clothing and gear; bed nets); keep window screens in good repair Incubation period: 7-12 days Acute/septicemic phase: fever, chills; conjunctival suffusion, headache; myalgia; nausea; vomiting Immune phase: anicteric (common) or icteric forms; aseptic meningitis; stiff neck; headache; kidney failure; pulmonary hemorrhage; edema; dyspnea; death
Mange/Acariasis <i>Sarcoptes scabiei</i> var suis Scabies		Direct contact: infested animals Fomites: contaminated bedding	Clean and disinfect, especially breeding/birthing areas; vaccinate; control rodents; prevent contact with reservoirs; provide safe, clean water for drinking; avoid contaminated water sources/ flood waters; quarantine and test new animals; prevent contact between cattle and swine Incubation period: 10-60 days Cutaneous: rough, scaly skin; pruritus; alopecia; crusted skin Clean and disinfect; power spray mite hiding places; quarantine and treat new or affected animals; prevent exposure to rodents and wild birds	Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, mask, eye protection, coveralls); cover wounds; control rodents; avoid wildlife; avoid contaminated water (like floodwaters); drain standing water if possible Incubation period: <24 hours to 4 days Cutaneous: severe pruritus on arms, chest, abdomen, thighs Wash hands; wear gloves; treat infested animals; remove wild bird nests from buildings; keep bird housing areas clean



Zoonotic Diseases of Swine, continued

Zoonotic Disease Etiologic Agent	R	Transmission	Clinical Signs in Swine		Clinical Signs in People	
			Prevention for Swine		Prevention for People	
Staphylococcosis including methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)		Direct contact: skin wounds; feces Fomites Inhalation: aerosols (dust)	Incubation period: variable Cutaneous: wound infections, abscesses Reproductive: mastitis; metritis	Incubation period: variable; 4-10 days Cutaneous: skin, soft tissue infection; necrotizing fasciitis; staphylococcal scalded skin syndrome Gastrointestinal: acute gastroenteritis (food poisoning); nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; abdominal pain; +/- fever; headache; blood, mucous in vomit, stool Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, mask); cover wounds; avoid touching animal wounds, secretions; do not share personal items (towels)		
Rabies <i>Lyssavirus</i>	AH	Direct contact: infected animal saliva (bite, droplet on mucous membrane, aerosol, broken skin)	Incubation period: 10 days to 6 months Paralytic: progressive paralysis; dysphagia; hypersalivation; ataxia; ascending paralysis; death in 2-6 days Furious: tremors; restlessness; aggression; ascending paralysis; death in 4-8 days; violent excitatory phase Clean and disinfect; remove manure; do not overcrowd; isolate infected animals; isolate infected animals	Incubation period: a few days to several years, most commonly 1-3 mos. Neurologic: headache; fever; pain at inoculation site; anxiety; confusion; agitation; inability to swallow; hydrophobia; generalized paralysis; death Wash hands; wear PPE around exposed animals (gloves, eye protection, coveralls); avoid saliva; get rabies vaccine if high-risk; cover wounds		
Salmonellosis <i>Salmonella</i> spp. ser. Typhimurium ser. Enteritidis (humans)	H	Ingestion: contaminated feed, water Direct contact: infected animal, feces Fomites Reproductive: vertical (poultry) Mechanical vectors: flies	Incubation period: varies; less than 1-2 days if severe Gastrointestinal: severe enteritis +/- blood; young most affected Reproductive: abortion Systemic: septicemia; CNS signs; (piglets) pneumonia Clean and disinfect, especially equipment, buildings; remove manure; practice good biosecurity; control vectors; reduce stress; prevent overcrowding; quarantine new animals; isolate and treat, or cull carriers; all-in, all-out	Incubation period: 6-72 hours Gastrointestinal: acute diarrhea (+/- blood); abdominal pain; nausea; vomiting; dehydration Flu-like: fever; muscle pain; headache; malaise; chills Systemic: (immunocompromised most at risk) bacteremia; septicemia (especially ser. <i>Choleraesuis</i>) Wash hands; wear gloves; wash and/or peel fruits and vegetables; cook meat to proper internal temperature; do not drink untreated water		
Streptococcosis <i>Streptococcus suis</i>		Direct contact: infected animals Inhalation: aerosols Fomites Ingestion: contaminated feed, water Mechanical vectors: flies (<i>S. suis</i>)	Incubation period: varies; toxic shock within hours Reproductive: mastitis, metritis, placatitis; abortion Respiratory: purulent lung lesions; pneumonia Musculoskeletal: polyarthritis Neurologic: meningitis, ataxia, high mortality Systemic: septicemia Clean and disinfect; remove manure; control flies; minimize stress; keep wounds clean; practice good animal husbandry; use good hygiene when milking (dip teats, keep milking machines clean, wear gloves); keep hair around udder short	Incubation period: hours to 3 days Flu-like: chills; fever; malaise; upper respiratory disease Gastrointestinal: nausea; vomiting; abdominal pain Systemic: septicemia; endocarditis; glomerulonephritis; meningitis (especially <i>S. suis</i>); septic shock Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, coveralls) when handling animals; clean, cover wounds; don't consume raw dairy		



Zoonotic Diseases of Swine, continued

Zoonotic Disease Etiologic Agent	R	Transmission	Clinical Signs in Swine		Clinical Signs in People	
			Prevention for Swine		Prevention for People	
Swine influenza Influenzavirus A Most common: H1N1, H3N2 variant H1N2	AH	Direct contact: nasal discharge Fomites Inhalation: droplets and aerosols from coughing/sneezing	Respiratory: fever; anorexia; dry cough; labored breathing; nasal discharge; conjunctivitis Reproductive: abortion	Respiratory: fever; chills; myalgia; upper respiratory symptoms; sore throat; lethargy; headache Gastrointestinal: (especially children) poor appetite; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea	Respiratory: fever; chills; myalgia; upper respiratory symptoms; sore throat; lethargy; headache Gastrointestinal: (especially children) poor appetite; nausea; vomiting; diarrhea	Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, mask or respirator, coveralls); don't touch your face; get the flu vaccine every year; avoid sick animals, wild birds; do not eat or drink around animals; cook meat and eggs properly; do not cross-contaminate
Toxoplasmosis <i>Toxoplasma gondii</i>	H	Ingestion: soil, plants, water, or feed contaminated with cat feces Reproductive: vertical	Incubation period: not known Reproductive: congenital infection; abortion; stillbirth; mummification Neurologic: encephalitis Respiratory: pneumonia; cough; dyspnea	Incubation period: 5-23 days Flu-like: fever; malaise; myalgia; lymphadenopathy Ocular: chorioretinitis; vitreous inflammation Reproductive: abortion; stillbirth (1 st trimester) Con genital: chorioretinitis; hydrocephaly; encephalitis; visual and learning disabilities later in life	Incubation period: 5-23 days Flu-like: fever; malaise; myalgia; lymphadenopathy Ocular: chorioretinitis; vitreous inflammation Reproductive: abortion; stillbirth (1 st trimester) Con genital: chorioretinitis; hydrocephaly; encephalitis; visual and learning disabilities later in life	Wash hands; wear gloves; do not clean if pregnant; cook meat properly; wash and peel fruits and vegetables; do not drink untreated water
Trichinellosis/Trichinosis <i>Trichinella</i> spp. (Parasitic nematode/roundworm)	AH	Ingestion: raw or undercooked meat (pork, wild boar, wild game meat, horse meat) containing encysted larvae Reservoirs: rodents; wildlife (bears, game animals)	Asymptomatic: detected during meat inspection	Incubation period: 8-15 days Asymptomatic Gastrointestinal: nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; pain Flu-like: fever; myalgia; fatigue; weakness; headache; chills; cough; joint pain	Incubation period: 8-15 days Asymptomatic Gastrointestinal: nausea; vomiting; diarrhea; pain Flu-like: fever; myalgia; fatigue; weakness; headache; chills; cough; joint pain	Wash hands; cook meat properly; freeze pork <6 in. thick for 20 days at 5°F to kill parasites; curing, smoking may not kill larvae; clean processing equipment after use; inspect home raised meat prior to eating
Trichuris suis (Whipworms)		Ingestion: egg-contaminated soil, feed, water; (people) Ingestion: contaminated food, water, soil	Incubation period: 2-3 weeks Gastrointestinal: diarrhea; weight loss; anemia; death may occur in piglets < 3 mos.	Incubation period: 2-3 weeks Gastrointestinal: diarrhea; vomiting; abdominal pain; intestinal obstruction, anemia, slow growth in children with high worm burdens	Incubation period: 2-3 weeks Gastrointestinal: diarrhea; vomiting; abdominal pain; intestinal obstruction, anemia, slow growth in children with high worm burdens	Wash hands; wear gloves; wash fruits, vegetables; do not fertilize with pig manure; do not let children play in contaminated soil; do not drink untreated water



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Zoonotic Disease	R	Transmission	Clinical Signs in Swine	Clinical Signs in People
Etiologic Agent			Prevention for Swine	Prevention for People
Vesicular stomatitis <i>Vesiculovirus</i>	A	Direct contact: skin lesions, vesicles; saliva, nasal secretions Fomites Vectors: black flies, sand flies, others?	Incubation period: 3-7 days Asymptomatic Cutaneous: fever; papules, vesicles in/on oral cavity, udder, teats; prepuce, interdigital space, coronary band; inflammation; edema; pain Musculoskeletal: lameness Clean and disinfect, including milking equipment; milk animals with lesions last; minimize stress; control vectors; quarantine new animals; isolate infected animals; avoid hard, abrasive feeds to prevent mucosal injury; rule out foot-and-mouth disease	Incubation period: 1-6 days Flu-like: fever; headache; myalgia; malaise Cutaneous: (rare) vesicles Gastrointestinal: nausea; vomiting; diarrhea Wash hands; wear PPE (gloves, coveralls); clean and cover wounds
Yersiniosis <i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>		Ingestion: fecal-oral; undercooked or raw pork, chitterlings/chitlins can be higher risk; fecal contamination of drinking water Direct contact: infected animals; animal feces	Asymptomatic Gastrointestinal: diarrhea in weaned pigs; mild fever; poor appetite Clean and disinfect; manure management	Incubation period: 4-7 days Gastrointestinal: acute diarrhea; nausea; vomiting; fever; abdominal pain; (young children) pseudoappendicitis; pharyngitis; mesenteric adenitis; (children) bloody diarrhea Musculoskeletal: reactive arthritis Cutaneous: rash "erythema nodosum", more common in women Systemic: (infants, immunocompromised) septicemia; myocarditis Wash hands; wear gloves when handling infected animals or feces; prevent cross-contamination from raw meat to surfaces or other foods; cook meat to proper internal temperatures; avoid consuming untreated water



Manure Management References

Providing barriers over and under manure storage will reduce fly breeding and odors as well as prevent leaching and run off. Wet manure is more odorous than dry manure and the heat generated in covered manure storage, especially in compost, will effectively kill all eggs, larvae or pupae.

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR MANURE MANAGEMENT ON SMALL FARMS

By Sydney Young Riggi, Susan Truehart Garey and Dr. Amy Shober

Manure Storage

Manure contains nutrients that are essential for plant growth. Proper manure storage helps retain plant-essential nutrients in the manure for future use after land application. The goal of manure storage is to keep the manure dry. Nutrients are less likely to leach from dry manure, and dry manure will be less appealing to flies. The best method to keep manure dry is to keep it in a designated storage area. Building a manure storage area does not have to be an expensive endeavor. Some options include:

- Jersey barriers or pressure-treated lumber in a “U” shape with a tarp or roof over it
- A concrete, compressed clay or stone dust pad with a tarp or roof over it
- A dumpster with a lid or cover for pickup by a manure hauling service

If manure is stockpiled on the ground, it should be covered to keep it as dry as possible. The stockpile should be surrounded by a good stand of grass that will act as a filter strip. Manure stockpiles should adhere to these setbacks:

- 100 feet from any body of water or drainage ditch
- 100 feet from any public road
- 200 feet from any residence not located on your property
- 200 feet from any domestic well
- 300 feet from a public water supply

Stockpiling manure outside uncovered is only recommended for poultry litter. When stockpiled correctly, poultry litter forms an exterior crust that sheds water. Other types of manure and bedding do not form a crust and will act like a sponge to absorb water. As such, it is recommended to cover manure. Covering manure keeps the manure dry, which makes it easier to handle, conserves plant nutrients and reduces insect pest populations.

Spreading Manure

Ideally, manure is land applied to meet the fertility requirements of the plants being grown. Before spreading manure on any field or pasture, it is recommended that both manure and soil samples are taken for analysis. Once those analysis results are received, a custom fertilizer recommendation based on the soil sample results can be made. The fertilizer recommendation will provide guidance on how much manure and/or commercial fertilizer will be needed to meet the fertility needs of the crop. Soil samples can be analyzed by the University of Delaware Soil Testing Laboratory or a private laboratory. Manure and compost samples can be analyzed at the Delaware Department of Agriculture or a private laboratory.

Questions to ask prior to spreading manure include:

- Does the crop being planted or growing need an application of manure?
- Has the manure spreader been calibrated recently?
- What will the weather conditions be prior, during and after spreading?
- Are there water bodies (including ditches), wells and roads that should be avoided?
- Are there neighboring properties that should be avoided?

In Delaware, under the Nutrient Management Law, manure and fertilizer cannot be land applied between Dec. 7 and Feb. 15 because plants are not actively growing and cannot take up nutrients. If nutrients are applied during this time, they are more likely to runoff and enter a water body.

Flies and Odor

Manure attracts flies and gives off odors. Good management can minimize both of these annoyances.

Fly populations can be minimized by:

- Keeping manure dry
- Removing manure from the farm or land applying before the fly breeding season begins
- Cleaning up muddy areas, feed spills, or old decaying hay where flies can breed
- Turning manure or compost piles regularly
- Considering a biological control (parasitic wasps) or chemical control

Odor from manure can be reduced by:

- Keeping manure dry
- Avoiding storing manure in wet, wooded or flood-prone areas
- Locating manure storage area away from neighbors
- Planting a windbreak around the manure storage area
- Composting(not simply stockpiling) to reduce odor and volume
- Having manure picked up frequently if it will not be land applied

Practical advice for manure management on small farms.

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Manure Storage 101



Which option is best for your farm?

*Acceptable
method to store
manure on small
farms*



Stockpiling

- Piling the solid manure and soiled livestock or horse bedding in a convenient location
- Using a plastic tarp to cover the stockpile will help to reduce odor and flies

Dry Stack

- Key components of a dry stack facility are the impervious floor and three walls used to contain the manure
- The cost for this type of facility can be moderate

*Most common and
most practical
method of manure
storage for small
livestock or horse
operations*



*Gaining in
popularity*



Composting

- Composting reduces the amount of available nutrients, kills pathogens, reduces the odor and reduces the volume of manure and bedding
- The cost of this method of storage can be moderate to high depending on the complexity of the facility

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Storing manure on small farms – Solid Storage

Stockpiling manure is essentially piling solid manure and soiled livestock or horse bedding in a convenient location that align with the recommendations in the Manure GAAMPs. It is an acceptable method to store manure on small farms. The base soil of the pile must be compacted and sealed to prevent manure nutrients from leaching into the soil profile. Clay soils are an excellent base for piles

as opposed to sandy soils which allow nutrients to leach through. The loading area should be firm to prevent rutting in wet periods (rainfall events or spring thaws). There should be a very slight slope (1-3%) to allow the pile to drain toward a vegetated filter strip. Using a plastic tarp to cover the stockpile will help to reduce odor and pests. It also reduces the concern for leaching as it prevents rainwater from contacting and soaking through the pile. Compared to all other storage methods, stockpiling is the lowest cost option.



Fig. 1. Use of a tarp to cover stockpile. Photo credit: Virginia Cooperative Extension.

Dry stacking manure is the most common and most practical method of manure storage for small livestock or horse operations. The key components of a dry stack facility are the impervious floor, and three walls used to contain the manure. A poured concrete floor is an excellent example of an impervious floor. The floor should be slightly sloped for drainage towards a vegetated filter strip or sump. The walls of the facility should be a minimum of four feet high and small farm owners should consider the outward pressure on the walls from piled manure. The walls can be poured concrete, cinder block, horizontal or vertical timbers. It is also critical to secure anchoring for the facility below the frost line. The cost for this type of facility can be moderate.

Horse Stable Manure Management

Insects

It is always easier and more effective to prevent fly breeding than it is to control adult flies. Eliminating the habitat required by the larvae to hatch and grow significantly reduces fly populations. Because flies deposit eggs in the top few inches of moist manure, minimizing moist manure surface area is one reduction strategy. Eggs can hatch in as little as 7 days under optimal temperature and moisture conditions. Fly breeding season starts when spring temperatures get above 65°F and ends at the first killing frost in the fall. Under ideal breeding conditions, it has been calculated that one fly can produce 300 million offspring in about 60 days! Few flies will develop if manure is removed from the stable site or made undesirable for fly breeding within a maximum 7-day cycle.

Keep manure as dry as possible, below 50 percent moisture, to make it less desirable for egg deposition. Spread manure out in thin layers during field application or field dragging, or keep out precipitation by roofing or tarping the permanent holding area and covering any dumpsters or temporary manure storage. Cleaning up decaying organic material is essential to fly control. Filth flies lay eggs in any decaying organic matter, including spilled feed, manure left in stall corners, grass clippings, and manure piles. Store small amounts of manure in containers with tight-fitting lids. Cleaning up spilled grain will not only suppress filth fly populations but will also reduce feed sources for mice and rats. Further information is available in *Pest Management Recommendation for Horses* (see Additional Resources).

Manure Storage

The stall waste will have to be stored somewhere whether temporarily or long term. Keep stored manure in a fly-tight area during the warm months or manage to prevent fly breeding and protect from rainfall and surface runoff. A well-built storage pad or container aids in waste handling and minimizes pollution potential from the pile. The pad can be as informal as a level, well-packed surface with a wood or masonry backstop (Figures 6, 7, 8) or a covered structure with impermeable flooring. If topography permits, a below-grade storage container is a less objectionable structure as it keeps the manure contained to a small area, is out of view, can be covered, and is easily filled using gravity to dump waste into it (Figure 9). One side should be at ground level for emptying. Longer-term manure storages are often more substantial structures than short-term storages. Large quantities of manure require a storage designed with wide door(s), a high roof, and strong construction to allow cleanout with power equipment. Construction features are shown in Figure 10. Additional details of large manure storages are available in the *Livestock Waste Facilities Handbook* (see Additional Resources). Manure for commercial pickup can be stored in a container or dumpster. With any large or small manure storage, a tarp or other cover is recommended to minimize leachate production from rainfall.

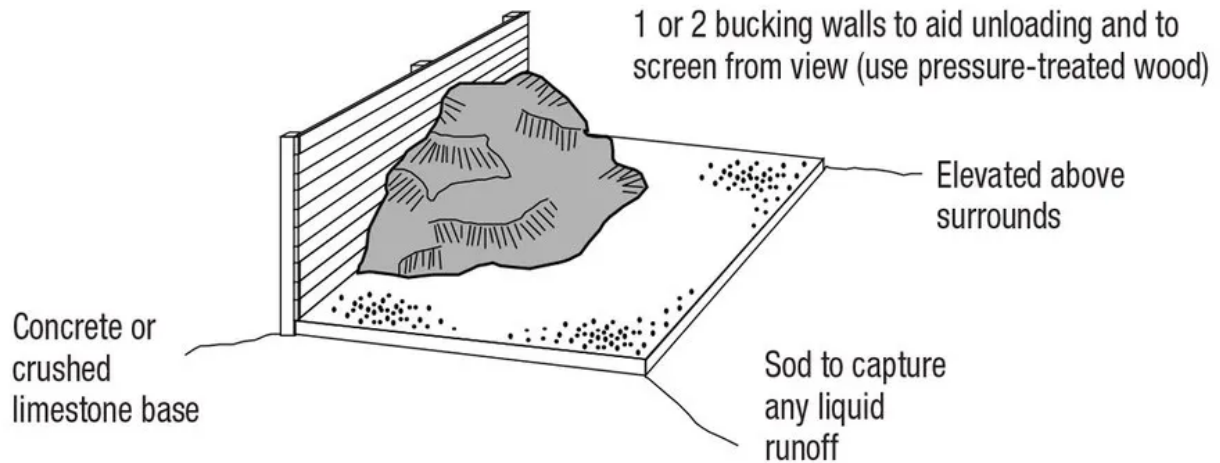


Figure 6. Simple manure stockpile pad with backstop, which is suitable for a small stable. Use a tarp or other cover to minimize leachate production from precipitation.

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October 31, 2024

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council:

FROM: Cheri Wischmeyer

RE: Proposed Amendments to Section 305 of the Town's Planning and Zoning Ordinance

I am submitting the following comments about the proposed draft that was prepared by the Community Development Department staff as a previous member of the Manager's Work Group that discussed and reviewed the Animal Ordinance (305) and as a citizen of the Town of Camp Verde.

I have spent a great deal of time reviewing all of the comments that were submitted to the Town, the surveys that were returned, and the minutes of the P&Z meetings relating to this topic.

In addition, I attended all of the P&Z Commission meetings on this topic and actively participated in providing feedback. It was clear that the P&Z Commission had a wide range of opinions on what should and should not be in the ordinance revisions. Ultimately, after much debate and discussion, they were unable to reach a decision on how the ordinance should be written and it was passed on to the Town Council for review.

I have also conducted a great deal of research on this topic (to include review of articles by subject matter experts and historical Town records) and was privy to the presentations by local veterinarians, subject matter provided by the Community Development Department staff and other members of the Manager's Work Group, as well as participated in property tours around Camp Verde. I have also spoken to a great many citizens of our Town on this matter as I worked to gather a full understanding of not just what the Town citizens wanted, but what was in the best interest of the entire community.

Camp Verde, by its very nature and history is a rural, western community. With that said we are also a Town that is growing and with that comes the need for rules to protect our citizens.

Additionally, being a rural, western community does not mean that we don't need to be mindful and respectful of our neighbor's rights to enjoy their property without excess noise, light, smell, or vermin. There must be a balance between what was in the past and what we now are. That is why there is a need to place clear, objective, measurable information in the ordinance where everyone knows what is expected and the consequences of not complying with the written laws. It is my opinion that a reference to where these consequences may be found within the ordinance must be made within the livestock ordinance.

I have reviewed the document that the Town's Community Development staff wrote and presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and would like to present the following opinions relating to the document.

- Community Development Department staff opted to remove the 6 point smaller cattle. I think this is a wise decision since the enforcement of this would be burdensome to the Code Enforcement Division. Additionally, this change would allow for a significant increase in large animals on properties. For example, a 5 acre parcel that is currently allowed 10 large animals could potentially have an increase of up to 20 of the smaller cattle. If you take into consideration the other additional allowances such as youth, equestrian and special use permits the number could be much higher yet.
- The Town Attorney recommended adding section 305.1.B which covers protections for agricultural operations on farmland, but nowhere in the document is the definition of agricultural operations or farmland included as defined in Arizona statute. I recommend that the Town include definitions from the state statutes that clearly identify when agricultural operations on farmland apply. Arizona statutes

clearly identify when the exemption applies and it should be covered in our ordinance to avoid confusion at a later date. I believe that all sections of this ordinance need to be clearly measurable to aid our citizens in understanding and complying with our rules.

SWINE AND BISON

Breeding bison or swine should not occur in a municipal setting. Below is additional information about swine and bison to support the assertion that breeding of these two genres is not appropriate for a municipal setting.

- Community Development Department staff is recommending that any rules relating to the breeding of bison and/or swine be removed. These two animals were the topic of much discussion during the Manager's Work Group.

Swine:

- Swine was also a very highly contested topic with the general public's comments. The Town has already lived through a major "Swine Gate" in 2007 and 2008. A review of Town records has demonstrated that a significant number of people were upset about a swine operation where "up to 50 pigs at a time" were on a neighboring property.
- The historical minutes from 2007 and 2008 clearly indicate that the majority of council (including two from farming families) wanted to limit the number of pigs to one per parcel.
- Ultimately sometime around 2008 the number of pigs allowed was changed to reflect one (1) pet or butcher pig per parcel.
- The current Community Development draft document shows the allowance of swine on a 2 acre or greater parcel of land with an increase after the first 2 acres of one swine per acre based on the 24 point allocation in the point table of the document. The maximum number of swine is five (5) per parcel, a 500% increase over what was previously allowed.

- Additionally, the restriction on swine breeding that the Manager's Work Group placed has been removed by the Community Development Department staff.
- If we allow pig breeding, and we allow even one pig per parcel, that pig (if bred) could have anywhere from 10 to 20 piglets. Taking this further, the proposed code allows for up to five pigs on a parcel of land that is five acres or larger. This means a huge number of pigs on a property at any given time, anywhere from 55 to 105 pigs on five acres if all 5 pigs were bred. The proposed code does not set any limitations on how many pigs can be bred. This is not good for the property, the pigs, or the neighbors.
- A six month pig (no longer a piglet) if allowed to be left on the property for the full six months that is allowed by the code, could weigh upwards of 280 pounds and are market ready according to online research.
- Pigs also wean at a much younger age (6-8 weeks) and allowing them to remain on the property would be the equivalent of a pig farm and far exceed the intended animal counts. "Piglets are typically weaned between 19 and 22 days of age in North America, but can be weaned as early as 14 days. Some piglets are weaned as early as 17 to 20 days, while others are weaned between 21 and 34 days." This information was taken from an internet query on "when are piglets weaned".
- The Manager's Work Group had indicated no pig/swine breeding was allowed, except for a 4H/FFA Youth Permit. This would allow an individual to breed a specific type of pig for the purposes of providing our youth with the necessary piglets to participate in youth programs.
- We had been advised by Ms. Bolton that a specific type of pig is used for the youth projects.
- We also required that the piglets be removed from the property no later than three months after birth. This prevented a breeder from having a litter of swine that were not purchased for youth projects on his/her property and exceeding the approved animal count.

- In reviewing both the Community Development Department staff version and the Manager's Work Group version, the restriction on the age of swine was removed; however there is a notation that indicates "Except for swine and bison, offspring (under six (6) months of age) of livestock on premises are not counted toward the number of permitted livestock on a parcel." It does not define when those animals need to be removed or counted in the provisions of the ordinance.
- Pigs smell if not properly maintained. 4H and FFA projects have specific guidelines as well as a designated youth advisor to oversee diet and pen and manure management. A pig in a private setting may be feed refuse or a poor diet, resulting in foul odors and vermin. While one can say that this goes back to nuisance, why would the Town place the Code Enforcement Officers in a position to have to monitor a large number of swine in a residential community?

While I am not opposed to a pet pig or butcher swine, I do not feel that an increase or pig breeding is a wise idea based on historical Town data and internet research. It is my opinion that the swine limitation should be limited to a pet pig or butcher swine per parcel, regardless of the parcel size.

Bison:

Bison should not be allowed within the confines of the Town limits for the following reasons.

- Review of data from reliable sources indicates that the raising and/or breeding of bison should meet very specific requirement standards. The fencing requirements for bison are much more stringent as a bison leaning on a regular cattle fence is enough to knock it down.
- Additionally, an adult bison can make a standing six foot jump and therefore most fences will not keep in a determined bison. Fencing

should be at or above eye level, heavy duty and specific to criterion for Bison housing.

- Research also showed that Bison need to be maintained in a herd setting for the well-being of the animal and that each animal requires several acres to thrive. Bison are roaming animals and those that are enclosed in small corrals or pens will be more likely to look for greener pastures.
- Bison can run faster than a standard horse and therefore if they do escape, they are much more difficult to corral. They also are easily spooked and when this occurs they can be a danger to horses and humans.
- Bison mothers will protect their babies (as will any animal), but the difference is the size and unpredictability of bison. Allowing bison breeding may place the Town at risk of additional liability if someone is injured.
- On the other side of the six months that are allowed for young animals to remain with their mother, a bison calf will be approximately 12-14 months old before they are fully weaned. If we apply the six month restriction and allow for bison breeding, we are placing the calf at risk. This is another reason to restrict bison breeding within the Town boundaries.

NUISANCE PROVISIONS

Manure Management:

The entire Manager's Work Group was united in the need to have stronger, more objective and measurable nuisance guidelines. Throughout our process, there was a collaborative effort to make this section of the code strong to ensure that not only are the animals well cared for, but that neighboring properties are protected from a variety of nuisance issues.

- The Community Development Department staff has reduced the strength of this section significantly, using phrases such as “as

frequently as necessary” rather than sticking with the twice weekly requirement for manure pick-up as defined by the Manager’s Work Group.

- This section only applied to pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures.
- The draft “Work Group Version” shows “Livestock manure shall be removed from pens, stables, yards, cages, and other enclosures as frequently as necessary to avoid the creation of a nuisance and at least twice weekly.”
- The Community Development Department staff’s version is subjective, rather than objective and measurable.
- Additionally, manure stored on property was able to be disked and/or mulched into pasture lands. This would cover the larger parcels of land that some members of the Planning and Zoning Commission were concerns about: therefore the statement that the “twice weekly” removal condition was removed due to a variety of parcel sizes is not applicable.

Manure Mound Storage:

The Manager’s Work Group spent a great deal of time on manure mound storage. There were some that felt we should not allow this at all, while others felt we needed to make some provision for mound storage.

It is my opinion that manure mound storage should be limited to the five acre minimum with the 200’ buffer on all sides. If a property is unable to comply with the restrictions they would not be able to have mound storage, but other alternatives have been made available to them.

- Originally, while the Manager’s Work Group discussed this, the Acting Town Manager, Gayle Mayberry, suggested that perhaps we should use a 200’ setback from all property lines. She indicated that this would be approximately a 5 acre parcel of land, alleviating the concern for smaller parcels having manure mounds closer to neighboring property lines.

- There was a significant amount of discussion surrounding the concerns that narrower parcels that met the 5 acre limit would not be able to meet the 200' setback. While the group did not have 100% consensus, a majority consensus felt that we should leave the 200' setbacks from all property lines, allowing only properties that could meet the requirement to have manure mound storage. The others could mulch or disc the manure into their pasture lands.
- When the Community Development Department staff's version returned to the Planning and Zoning Commission, they had revised the requirements to only 30' setback from any property line, allowing for parcels of land that were much smaller to have 5 cubic feet of manure piled on their property; much closer to their neighbor's property lines than originally requested by the workgroup who spent almost a year addressing these issues.

EXEMPTIONS TO LIVESTOCK POINT COUNT

Swine and Bison Breeding

- I have previously addressed the Community Development Department staff's choice to remove the restrictions imposed by the Manager's Work Group for swine and bison breeding.

Administrative Adjustment Permit

During the Manager's Work Group discussions, we determined that there was a need to reward those individual who had met a "gold standard" or high level of property and animal management by allowing them to increase their animal count. It is my opinion that if individuals have had previous problems within the past twelve months, or are currently violating the Town's livestock ordinance they should not qualify for the "gold standard" permit.

We also determined that there needed to be specific criterion put in place to ensure that this increase did not pose a nuisance to surrounding property or to reward those individuals who had not historically maintained their property in compliance with existing codes and standards.

After extensive discussion the Manager's Work Group decided to propose an Administrative Adjustment Permit. During those discussions, there was concern voiced by some members of the workgroup that the level of confidence with the Community Development Department staff's handling of complaints and permit issuance may be a problem for community acceptance of the proposal.

During the Manager's Work Group tours and individual research, there were observed many properties that felt their property met the "gold standard", only to demonstrate that they were already violating the animal count as established by the Planning and Zoning Ordinance, Section 305.

- Currently the proposed plan allows for Community Development Department staff to issue an "Administrative Adjustment Permit." The Manager's Work Group discussed this process at length and felt that this "gold standard" should only be issued to individuals who had demonstrated a history of a very high standard of property management and animal care. It was not to be issued if:
 - Any violation had been issued within the twelve months preceding the application.
 - Any violations existed at the time of the application. This would include:
 - Any violations observed at the time of the inspection which would result in the permit not being issued and the applicant would not be eligible for another application for twelve month following the date the violation occurred.
 - Livestock pens shall have a setback of at least 30' from adjacent parcels.
 - Required application for a special use permit if more than 200% of the neighbors within 300' oppose the application.

- There was discussion during the public hearing that was held at the Planning and Zoning Commission indicating that members of the community did not have confidence in the proposed process (mirroring the concerns that were voiced by some of the workgroup committee at the time this process was discussed) and that they would be more comfortable if this permit followed the same criterion that is utilized for a special use permit such as items that are covered on the checklist included with a special use permit application:
 - Completed application
 - Posting of property and advertisement
 - Outreach to citizens within 300 feet of the applicant property to allow for in person and written concerns
 - Community Outreach Meeting
 - Public Hearing with opportunities for both verbal and written input from all members of the community. (This type of permit could possibly be held only before the Town Council for approval since it will be an annual permit).
 - Renewals may not need to be heard by the Town Council
- During the review by the Community Development Department staff the proposed code was rewritten to include:
 - Changing any violation issued to “unresolved issues”
- The problem with changing the wording to “unresolved issues” means that a person who is applying for the application has already demonstrated that they have had issues with compliance.
- The purpose of the permit is for those who meet a “gold standard” and if there is a history of noncompliance within the previous twelve months, the applicant has not demonstrated a history of very high property management and animal care.
- Additionally, this wording encourages individuals who have violations and want to increase their animal count to resolve the issues just to be awarded the Administrative Adjustment Permit.
 - There have been reported instances of complaints being filed with the Community Development Department. Their process is to:

- Notify the property owner of the complaint
- Schedule an appointment for an inspection
 - This notification and scheduling of inspection at a later date allows for the property owner to resolve the issue prior to the inspector's arrival
 - Does not ensure future compliance since the complaint is notated as unfounded.
- A history of poor property and animal management should not be rewarded by allowing an individual to have more animals on their property. It is critical that if these types of permits are to be issued, the applicant must have demonstrated that they have and will continue to live up to the “gold standard” that this permit was intended to reward.

Definitions:

Another revision that was noted on the staff report indicated that the definitions for this section will be moved to Section 103 of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

The Manager's Work Group felt that it was imperative to include any relevant definitions within the animal code. This allows for individuals who are wishing to review what is and is not acceptable to easily find and understand the terms that are used within the particular section of the ordinance. We intentionally included these terms within the proposed livestock regulations of the zoning regulation and hope that the Council will see the benefit to making it easy for citizens find and understand the definitions contained therein.

The Arizona Revised Statutes has a definition section for each specific regulation section. While this may be repetitive, it allows for ease of use by citizens and prevents them from having to page back repeatedly.

Another issue with the definitions is that many times the Town's definitions do not mirror the Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS). There have been several times during recent Council deliberations when it was suggested by Council that they would like to see these definitions mirror the state's to avoid conflict and confusion. A couple of examples within the Planning and Zoning Ordinance are:

- Farmland
 - The Town's definition is "A parcel of land used for agricultural purposes"
 - The ARS definition in A.R.S. 3-111.3 is "land devoted primarily to the production for commercial purposes of livestock or agricultural commodities."
- Agriculture
 - The Town's definition is "The production, keeping or maintenance, for sale, lease or personal use, of plants or animals useful to man, including the breeding and grazing of any or all of such animals; or lands devoted to a soil conservation or forestry management program. This includes farm stands for the temporary or seasonal sales of agricultural products grown on site or other grown on other properties owned or leased by the farm operator."
 - The ARS definition of Agricultural Operations is defined in A.R.S. 3-111.1 as "all activities by the owner, lessee, agent, independent contractor and supplier conducted on any facility for the production of crops, livestock, poultry, livestock products or poultry products or for the purposes of agritourism."
- Agritourism
 - The Town's definition is "the act of visiting a working farm, ranch, agricultural or horticultural agribusiness operation for the purpose of enjoyment, education or active involvement of visitors to experience a rural lifestyle. Visitors may participate in events and services related to agriculture which may take place on or off the farm or ranch, and that connect consumers with the heritage, natural resource or culinary experience they value."

This may include but not limited to; farm stands or shops, U-pick, on-farm classes, fairs, festivals, pumpkin patches, wineries, barn dances, corn maze, hunting, fishing, guest ranches, agricultural tours, wildlife viewing or bird watching, wine tasting.

- The ARS definition in A.R.S. 3-111.2 is “means any activity that allows members of the general public, for recreational or educational purposes, to view, enjoy or participate in rural activities, including farming, ranching, historical, cultural, u-pick, harvest-your-own produce or natural activities and attractions occurring on property defined as agricultural real property pursuant to section 42-12151 if the activity is conducted in connection with and directly related to a business whose primary income is derived from producing livestock or agricultural commodities for commercial purposes.”
- A.R.S. 42-12151 defines agricultural real property as “In this article, unless the context otherwise requires, "agricultural real property" means real property that is one or more of the following:
 - Cropland in the aggregate of at least twenty gross acres.
 - An aggregate ten or more gross acres of permanent crops.
 - Grazing land with a minimum carrying capacity of forty animal units and containing an economically feasible number of animal units.
 - Land and improvements devoted to commercial breeding, raising, boarding or training equine, as defined in section 3-1201 or equine rescue facilities registered with the department of agriculture pursuant to section 3-1350.
 - Land and improvements devoted to high density use for producing commodities.
 - Land and improvements devoted to use in processing cotton necessary for marketing.
 - Land and improvements devoted to use in processing wine grapes for marketing.

- Land and improvements devoted to use in processing citrus for marketing.
- Land and improvements devoted to use as fruit or vegetable commodity packing plants that do not cut or otherwise physically alter the produce.
- Land and improvements owned by a dairy cooperative devoted to high density use in producing, transporting, receiving, processing, storing, marketing and selling milk and manufactured milk products without the presence of any animal units on the land.
- Land of at least five acres and improvements devoted to algaculture. For the purposes of this paragraph "algaculture" means the controlled propagation, growth and harvest of algae.
- Land and improvements devoted to agritourism as defined in section 3-111."

These are only a few of the conflicting definitions that have been identified in the Town's Planning and Zoning Ordinance which could cause confusion in what is or is not allowed within the ordinance.

CONCLUSION

In Conclusion, the livestock ordinance that is located within the Planning and Zoning Ordinance is a complex document that has far reaching implications. As the Town Council considers what direction will be taken in the best interest of the Town and **ALL** of its citizens, I encourage them to consider the issues I and other citizens have brought forth before making a final decision.

The Council has a difficult decision in front of them to weigh the historical rural, western community with the future growth of the Town and how any of the proposed changes will affect the entire community. Having worked on this document for the last twelve months, I don't envy you the necessity of making a final decision.

Thank you for your time in reading my thoughts on this very critical issue.

Public Comment included in the October 3, 2024 P&Z Agenda Packet

Fwd: P&Z meeting

From Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>
Date Thu 9/26/2024 12:53 PM
To Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>

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From: Jill Irvin [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 9:12:35 AM
To: Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>
Cc: John Knight <John.Knight@campverde.az.gov>
Subject: P&Z meeting

Good morning,

When I was speaking with John last night there were two things I wanted to address. The first I did speak to him about, but he seemed confused so I thought I should explain it in more detail.

The current livestock ordinance states: "Keeping of farm animals in appropriate locations and circumstances is regarded as being consistent with the Town's rural character. However, the number, size, type or manner in which animals are maintained on any parcel shall not impair the enjoyment or use of nearby properties or violate other legal restrictions to which the properties are subject." This essentially paraphrases an Arizona Statute.

The draft livestock ordinance states: "The purpose is to provide rules and regulations for the keeping of livestock so that the livestock do not become a nuisance, hazard, and/or health problem to the *adjoining* neighbors *and* the general public." Adjoining was not defined but is included under the definition of contiguous (on the definition page of the draft ordinance), which is defined as "bordering or adjoining." At the very least, "and" needs to be replaced with "and/or" or just "or." You could also use the words "neighboring properties," which is legally defined as "properties in the vicinity."

Or better yet, just restore the state statute. Because we used that phrase (and Arizona statute) when we filed nuisance complaints against our neighbor's excess animals, it does appear as if the removal of the state statute targets my husband and me, as well as any neighbor (ADL) who has filed a nuisance complaint against a property with which they do not share a border. And because the town is now actively seeking to increase animal count as a result of our nuisance complaints, using a work group consisting of 4/7 members including the neighbor we filed nuisance/excess animal complaints against and 3 of his friends who spoke publicly in favor of his excess animals prior to being "appointed to the work group", and then of course, appointing one of those same friends onto the P&Z Commission... In my opinion, the best thing to do in this instance is simply to restore the state statute.

The second thing I wanted to talk to John about (which I forgot, and then ran out of time) was the "survey." Two residents said that "70% of the individuals surveyed wanted an increase in animal count." We actually have no way of knowing if that is true. I don't even know that many people in CV and I know a number of people who did not see their surveys in the raw data. They were not counted and I already told John this. In my opinion, you have a responsibility to

tell everyone that, not only was the survey flawed, surveys reflecting the opinions of only 1% of the total population of CV was received and not everyone's survey was received and counted. We were also told that some residents filled out multiple surveys and still others wrote the incorrect zip code. You need to inform P&Z and Town Council members that you have no way of knowing if the survey results are even remotely accurate and they shouldn't be considered when making a decision. It is misleading to allow this narrative to continue. You may also be able to work with the survey company to get some of your money back as a result of surveys which were submitted but not received. Since my comments were omitted, I am happy to work with them. Others may be as well.

Finally, I remain perplexed as to why, with so many properties being adjacent to the beautiful Verde River and Clear Creek, the environmental impact of this additional manure, specifically manure mounds, is being ignored. Uncovered manure mounds leach into waterways and ground water. I have read so many scientific studies that state manure should be in covered containers and I'm just not sure why the health and well being of our ground and surface water is being ignored. In my opinion, the Verde River is what makes our community so beautiful and so unique and we use this precious resource to irrigate our properties. Why are we risking its (and our) health?

John, I wish you well in your next endeavor. We didn't agree on everything, but we did appreciate how quickly you always responded to our questions and comments.

Take care,
Jill

Public Comments included in the September 5, 2024 P&Z Agenda Packet

Fwd: Manure/Mulch Piles Input for Consideration

Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>

Wed 8/21/2024 2:17 PM

To: Cory Mulcaire <cory.Mulcaire@campverde.az.gov>

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From: Tanner Bryson [REDACTED]

Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2024 12:04:06 PM

To: Miranda Fisher <Miranda.Fisher@campverde.az.gov>

Subject: Manure/Mulch Piles Input for Consideration

Hi Miranda.

I am writing this email to inform you and whoever may be in the decision making capacity regarding proposed changes to the animal count and some of the new regulations that are also being proposed. I was made aware of a strict mulch/manure size storage and regulation that may potentially put good, larger operations in jeopardy with code compliance (Nashwa Farms, Jackpot Ranch, Arena del Loma, Camp Verde Arena Association, other local larger horse training facilities, etc). In my opinion, the size of the "pile" should be calculated and coincide with the number of animals permitted with the property. To make the manure size regulation the same for an owner of 3 animals as compared to someone with 100 animals is not conducive to a fair playing field. 100 animals can obviously produce daily an amount of manure that would put that operator in a non-compliance situation with codes on a daily basis. If a 30 or 60 day manure/mulch storage situation is the standard then the pile size should be calculated by the number of animals on property. I'm just passing this info if changes and a transition are made, hoping to avoid future snags or shortfalls of a code adding to frustration by code enforcement and tax payers trying to comply with such codes. The idea is to reduce code violations, not create more.

I hope this makes practical sense. If you have any questions, just reach out. Call or email. I would appreciate it if you could CC or pass this info to all the powers that be that will be making this decision.

Regards,

Tanner Bryson



Camp Verde, AZ 86322



No pigs

Rita Fambrough [REDACTED]

Sun 8/18/2024 1:23 PM

To: animalordinance@campverde.az.gov <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

I respectfully ask that no pigs be allowed in residential neighborhoods. The animal count is just perfect the way it currently is. No need for any changes to accommodate a select few. Rules are rules and no council should make the changes. They have done enough damage already with motocross, lack of enforcement and constant nepotism.

8-19-24

To:

Camp Verde Town Manager, P and Z Commissioners, Department Heads and Town Council. I would like this comment included in the written public comments regarding the proposed livestock ordinance

My husband and I have been residents of Camp Verde for the last six years and residents of the Verde Valley for the last 25 years. We purchased our 1.26 acres on Mustang Lane in the Town of Camp Verde in 2018. When we purchased our property we did our due diligence and were well aware we were allotted 30 livestock animal points. We felt this was very generous considering we only have 1.26 acres. We come from long history of farming, raising beef cattle, growing and selling hay, and our children were raised in 4H. We farmed large acreage. When we started looking at buying property in Camp Verde we were very surprised and pleased that we could house ANY livestock in a town residential setting. We knew our limitations on the number of livestock we could have and at the same time we wanted to be respectful to our neighbors with owning livestock in a residential setting. We knew that we would have to haul manure off site and we know the ramifications of overcrowding livestock on small parcels and how that can effect an entire neighborhood. It's common sense for anyone that has ever owned livestock. Livestock come with smells, noise, dust and manure and lots of it :). So challenges arise with owning livestock in a residential setting.

In April of 2023 I read on social media there was a movement in Camp Verde to increase the current animal count. I had questions,so I started asking questions. I visited the property of a resident that approves of changing the current animal count. I wanted to be informed of some of the reasons residents want to change the current system. My visits to other properties and conversations with local livestock owners has been eye opening to say the least.

Camp Verde has had a very simple and successful animal point system for over 20 years. This issue didn't even become a point of contention until new residents moved into town and wanted more animals that the current count allowed. My argument has been and still stands. Did the unhappy new property owners know about the current animal point system prior to moving to Camp Verde? If they didn't, why not? If they did, why did they go over the count when they knew what the rules were?

Our property was also included on the Towns Working Group tour this past spring. The tour was very beneficial to everyone, ourselves included. We welcomed them and thank them for their time serving on this committee.

In my opinion it seems as if we are considering changing an entire system that was working for many many years to appease a few people over the good of the whole. We must ask ourselves, who will benefit from these changes?

We bought our property under a set of conditions and rules. We followed those rules, as should everyone. The town has a responsibility and obligation to protect our property rights, not just the rights of a few. The town also has an obligation to enforce any and all restrictions through fair and strong enforcement.

My questions regarding the current proposed change:

First and foremost:

1. If the count gets increased, who will enforce the change? Will a permanent Code officer/ag officer be hired for this work alone? Code enforcement is of utmost importance for this ordinance to be successful. If there is no code enforcement or monitoring the town will be opening themselves up a pandora's box of problems.
2. Why is the point assignment for cattle being changed? A cow or steer under 600lbs is only assigned a value of 6 points? And the value for a 600lb or more cow or steer is 12 points?? Who is going to weigh the cattle and when? A 400lb cow or steer makes just as much manure as a 600 lb steer. A property owner on 2 acres could, in essence, have twice as many 100lb up to 600lbs of cattle.
3. I do agree with the change of status on adding horses to the youth section of the new ordinance. The current ordinance has no allowance for youth horses and only mentions market animals.
4. We also ask that any permanent decision on any changes to the current ordinance be put off until after the November election and the new council is seated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sylvia Strobel

Dave Bradford

[REDACTED]
Camp Verde, AZ 86322

NO! No Increase In Animal Count!

Jon [REDACTED]

Fri 8/23/2024 8:51 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

Absolutely NO to the increase in animal count! This would devastate our home and property values! This is nothing more than Camp Verde's corrupt town government doing political favors that would ONLY benefit their friends and family, it's nothing more than political favors!

NO! no Increase in animal count!

John Cox

Fri 8/23/2024 8:58 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

No increase in animal count! It will destroy our home and property values!

Animal Ordinance

Mandy Petrie [REDACTED]

Sat 8/24/2024 10:06 AM

To:Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

The animal ordinance needs charge, I support the count increase.

Resident of CV for 43 years

Mandy Petrie

Regarding the proposed changes to the Town of Camp Verde's ordinances regulating animal densities in rural residential neighborhoods

Stephen Magoon [REDACTED]

Sat 8/24/2024 6:01 PM

To: AnimalOrdinance@campverde.az.gov <AnimalOrdinance@CampVerde.AZ.Gov>

Regarding the proposed changes to the Town of Camp Verde Ordinances affecting the keeping of animals on residential properties; As the proposal from the Community Development Department come before you I would ask each of you to ask the following questions in your working sessions and in your hearings:

1. Why are we changing these ordinances?

When I attended the open house presented by the CDD there was nothing presented to answer that question. Whenever initiating any change management in any large organization, the first question I have always answered is "Why". Why are we making this change? How will it benefit the community as a whole? What problem are we solving?

I have asked this question repeatedly and have never received a satisfactory answer. The only answer I have been given is that there were a lot of requests coming from the community to make these changes. Ask, what percent of our citizens are asking for this change? Was there any legitimate polling done? How do we know this demand is not just coming from a small but vocal minority within our community?

As the CDD struggles to answer these questions please do not accept trivial answers such as "We counted up the responses to our web survey". That survey was in no way a legitimate survey or poll. The sample size was miniscule and did not at all represent a random sampling of our population.

Do not accept disingenuous answers such as "it's for the children, for 4H and FFA". Ask, over the past 25 years that our current ordinances have been in place exactly how many 4H or FFA activities has the CDD had to curtail as a result of an animal count violation?

2. How were these new animal densities in rural residential neighborhoods arrived at?

Twenty five years ago when the current codes were developed the Town of Camp Verde enlisted national experts in the fields of Large Animal Veterinary Medicine and animal husbandry. These experts along with Town officials and members of the community spent over a year analyzing ordinances across the country, environmental studies, and data regarding humane animal husbandry practices before submitting their recommendations on the simplest most effective method by which to fairly regulate animal densities in our rural residential neighborhoods. Ask, what change in large animal physiology or in animal husbandry practices were presented, by what experts armed with what data precipitated the necessity of making the proposed changes to our current codes?

3. Will these new ordinances be easier or more difficult to enforce?

Our current codes use a point system to control the number of animals on a residential property and by proxy control the nuisance that may result from high animal densities. Counting the number of animals on a particular acreage is simple. The new codes will require our code enforcement officers to determine the number and age of children in a household, the age and weight of the animals on the property, the amount of manure stored on the property, how far it is set back from property lines, how it is stored and the frequency it is removed. They will not only have to determine the species

of the animals present but what specific breed they may be. Ask, how assessing each of these variables to make a compliance determination is easier on our already understaffed and overburdened code enforcement division than our current point system? Ask, how requiring the citizens of our community keep track of all these variables is less of a regulatory burden than our current point system.

4. How do these new ordinances compare with the rest of the communities in the Verde Valley or with Yavapai County?

Our current codes are in line with the rest of the communities in the Verde Valley and are in fact slightly more lenient than even the county. Ask, what will be the long-term effect on the Town of Camp Verde as a result of allowing far higher animal densities on rural residential properties along with codes that are much more difficult to enforce. Ask, how were these affects assessed? What studies were done and how rigorous were they? Were experts consulted and to what degree?

5. What are the legal ramifications of this land use change?

A.S.R.S 12-1134 states "If the existing rights to use, divide, sell or possess private real property are reduced by the enactment or applicability of any land use law enacted after the date the property is transferred to the owner and such action reduces the fair market value of the property the owner is entitled to just compensation from this state or the political subdivision of this state that enacted the land use law."

Ask, was an assessment done to determine the number of property owners that would be seeking compensation resulting from the diminution of their property values as a result of these proposed land use changes? Ask, what average percent of current value could be claimed as diminution of value per property? Ask, if certified property appraisers or other real-estate professionals were consulted in this assessment? Ask, what the costs to the Town defending itself from such claims might entail. Ask, what might the total compensation be? Ask, how the Town would pay such claims, would new tax revenues and sources be required?

6. Finally, ask why the state protected right to the quiet enjoyment of one's property has been removed from our ordinances?

Ask, does the Town of Camp Verde feel that such rights are no longer deserved or that they can strip away rights guaranteed by the state? Ask why in a rural residential neighborhood, in a small town, the desire of one property owner to overburden his or her land, create nuisance and diminish the value of the property around them supersedes the rights of all of his or her neighbors to quiet enjoyment of their property?

These proposed changes to the Town's ordinances and codes represent the most significant changes to the Town of Camp Verde's ordinances in decades. It is incumbent on the Town's executive branch, members of the Town Council and their appointed commissioners to exercise all due diligence, to ask all of the tough questions, to demand rigorous answers and to not take the extraordinary actions outlined in these proposed changes without getting satisfactory answers to each and every question I have outlined above and the many more that I haven't.

Livestock Ordinances Change Proposals

m.g. laman [REDACTED]

Sun 8/25/2024 11:28 AM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

I would like to see the current ordinances and counts to be retained and enforced.

The current counts are suitable for residential areas. I am have been a horse owner here in CV for 17 years. My limitations are appropriate for my sized property as is the management of manure, flies, etc. I have never had a complaint.

If current ordinances for livestock, noise, dust, views of properties from other properties(storage, machinery,parking, weeds,etc) were consistently enforced most issues could be handled without adding/ changing regulations.

People that wish to conduct larger events that add traffic, noise, animals should only be allowed in appropriately zoned areas of town. They should not try to be squeezed/ manipulated into small residential properties.

Thank you. Marianne Laman

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Animal ordinance

salchar47 [REDACTED]

Sun 8/25/2024 3:16 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

Keep the plan we have and move on.

Enforce it fairly with everybody.

No more splitting hairs for your favorite person.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

No Animal Count increase

J Derrick [REDACTED]

Sun 8/25/2024 3:55 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

No! Any increase to animal count will destroy our home and property values!

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Animal Count

Ish Martin [REDACTED]

Sun 8/25/2024 5:39 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

NO CHANGE ON CURRENT ANIMAL ACCOUNT. The Proposed Animal Count is discriminatory against people without children. It is also discriminatory to senior citizens.

If they make changes, they need to add more rules ie: Each animal's birth must be recorded and registered
Each animal must be weighed monthly and registered
Otherwise, they will not know how many animals people have and what they weigh.
All rules must be enforced equally.

Eileen Martin
[REDACTED]

Camp Verde, AZ 86322

Animal Ordinance = NO CHANGE

Jerry G Martin [REDACTED]

Sun 8/25/2024 5:53 PM

To:Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

NO CHANGE !

Jerry Geronimo Martin

[REDACTED]

Camp Verde, Arizona 86322-7626

[REDACTED]

Animal Count

BRENDA POWELL

Sun 8/25/2024 7:39 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

1 attachments (204 KB)

Animal count.pdf;

NO CHANGE ON CURRENT ANIMAL COUNT. WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NO ENFORCEMENT NOW. WE COUNTED UP THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS THAT COULD BE ON ONE ACRE WITH THE NEW CODES PROPOSED AND THAT IS WITH SEVERAL CHILDREN AND SPECIAL PERMITS AND IT IS LAUGHABLE. CAMP VERDE CANNOT ENFORCE THE MESS RIGHT NOW. WHAT ARE YOU PEOPLE THINKING??? I AM SICK AND TIRED OF THE VIOLATORS PUTTING THE BLAME ON PEOPLE THAT LIVE BY THE CODES ON LAND WE PAID FOR. THEY ARE STEALING OUR RIGHTS, AND THE TOWN IS STANDING BY THESE PEOPLE, ENCOURAGING THEM WITH COMMITTEES AND ALLOWING THIS RUCKUS TO CONTINUE. I AM VERY SURE ALL OF THIS WILL HAVE LEGAL RAMIFICATIONS TO TOWN OF CAMP VERDE AND BITE THEM IN THE REAR. YOU MIGHT ASK YOURSELVES IF YOU ARE SOLVING A PROBLEM OR CREATING AN EVEN BIGGER ONE. YES, I AM YELLING, PROBABLY TO NO AVAIL. PLS SEE ATTACH;

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Brenda Powell - Realtor®

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Real Estate Collaboration Specialist-Divorce

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There is no cap on the number of livestock allowed on ½ acre, as it is defined by the number of children who get permits for that property, even if they do not reside at that location.

Under the draft livestock ordinance, any family living on **1 acre or more** “may maintain animals totaling up to 24 points” and could have the livestock below (or a combination equaling 24 points)

Unlimited livestock under 6 months of age

2 head of livestock each worth 12 points: (some cattle, mules, donkeys, deer, horses) per acre OR

4 head of livestock each worth 6 points (some cattle, ostriches, lamas, miniature horses, ponies, Sicilian donkeys) per acre OR

6 head of livestock worth 3 points (sheep, goats, alpacas, emus) per acre

AND a 50% increase per acre via an Administrative Permit.

AND a 50% increase per acre for every youth in an approved club up to 20 years of age.

There is no cap on the number of livestock allowed on 1 acre or more. The number of allowed livestock is defined by the number of children who get permits for that property, even if they do not reside at that location.

The current livestock ordinance needs to remain as written, for the safety, comfort and health of the livestock and the general public.

August 22, 2024

Re: Animal Ordinance Change

Camp Verde Council Members, Zoning Committee and Staff,

When I moved here 15 years ago I was told the governance of this community had a kind of "Good Old Boys" way of governing. It is not what you know but who you know.

My opinion is most people moving into this area like the rural setting, space, the people and a laid back way of life. No city hustle or bustle. The opportunity for the residents to have animals on their property is another favorable condition. But that does need some limits, especially in residential areas where neighbors are near. The current Town Animal Ordinance allowing animals was studied, discussed, approved and has worked for many years. If it is not broke don't fix it... Changing the number of animals a property is allowed is going to open another BIG can of worms. We have enough problems to address and finalize without starting another issue. Enforcing the ordinances and laws in place seems to be too much to handle so why add another problem to be enforced. This is where the "Good Old Boys" come in quite handy and should not. The whole population of our community should be considered.

Please consider the number of people in this community that are happy with the current Animal Ordinance and are opposed to changing that Animal Ordinance. This is your responsibility as an elected official and community committee members. If you make it enforce it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nikki Miller



Draft Livestock Ordinance Concerns

The current livestock ordinance has been successful for over 20 years because the number of livestock allowed on residential properties was appropriate for the acreage. Historically, public records indicate there have been very few nuisance complaints when the allowed number of livestock were maintained on any property. However, when the number of livestock on a property exceeded the allowed amount, nuisance complaints increased. This was true of all species, but especially true of excess cattle and swine. Ironically, the livestock ordinances are currently being changed in response to nuisance complaints regarding excess animals on a neighboring property. To “correct” this issue, the town is now attempting to radically increase the number of livestock allowed which will in turn radically increase the nuisance factor, but not just for the residents who filed the nuisance complaints, for the entire community.

The reduction in points for “smaller” cattle (roping steers) and the addition of swine (including breeding) have no basis in science. Cattle manure has a higher moisture content and attracts fly species more detrimental to both livestock and human health than an equine of the same size. Swine manure is more likely to transfer diseases to humans than other types of manure. Many municipalities do not allow swine or swine breeding in residential neighborhoods for that reason. The nuisance provisions, including allowing manure mounds to go uncovered with no provisions or setbacks for wells or surface water, are not best practice for manure management. Municipalities concerned with public health and ground or surface water contamination require all manure stored on residential properties to be in covered containers.

And while adding health, hazard and nuisance concerns for the community, the draft ordinance as written, also removes health, hazard and nuisance protections for a significant portion of Camp Verde’s population. Protection is only given to those residents on “adjoining properties AND the general public.” The draft ordinance goes further to remove the right of residents to the quiet enjoyment of their property, which is contrary to state law.

Finally, the new draft ordinance places a significant burden on code enforcement officers with a cumbersome and subjective permit system. Code enforcement officers will be required to check the birth dates of youth, their club status, whether the additional livestock obtained via permits were acquired for their intended use, as well as the lineage, age and weight of any current livestock on the property. While the current ordinance mitigates nuisance issues by simply allowing code enforcement officers to count animals, because of the extreme number of livestock allowed in the draft ordinance, nuisance will be hard to measure and almost completely subjective. Residents who live near an overstocked property will have no protection or control over their property values or quality of life.

A direct comparison of allowed livestock numbers highlights the significant land use change from the current ordinance to the draft ordinance:

Under the *current* livestock ordinance, any family living on ½ -1 acre “may maintain animals totaling up to 24 points” and could have the livestock below (or a combination equaling 24 points)

2 head of livestock each worth 12 points: (cattle, mules, donkeys, deer, horses) OR
4 head of livestock each worth 6 points: (ostriches, llamas, miniature horses, ponies, Sicilian donkeys) OR
6 head of livestock each worth 4 points: (sheep, goats) OR
8 head of livestock each worth 3 points: (alpacas, emus, pygmy goats)
AND 1 pig or market animal per child with a youth permit.

Under the new draft ordinance, although the total number of points allowed have not changed, points allocated for some species have been reduced and additional livestock are allowed via club membership and/or permits.

An unlimited number of livestock (“offspring”) under 6 months of age of livestock on premises are allowed on any parcel ½ acre or larger. Which parent is present on the premises or how that will be proven is not specified.

Deer and some cattle (roping steers) points are reduced by 50% and are now 6 points instead of 12 points.

Goats and sheep points are reduced 25%, from 4 points to 3 points.

“Administrative Permits” which allow a 50% increase in livestock are available on all properties 1 acre or more without any opportunity for neighboring properties to express their concerns regarding the additional animals.

Pigs which were not previously allowed, are 24 points, and pig breeding is now allowed in residential neighborhoods. A breeding pair and a litter could reside on any property via a youth permit. There is no date or age specified when the piglets must be removed.

Livestock are now allowed in areas where they are currently prohibited.

Membership in *any* “formally recognized youth educational program” qualifies as a reason for a permit allowing 50% more livestock.

Youth permits increase livestock 50% per permit on any property ½ acre or larger, even if youth do not reside on that property.

There is *no limit* on the amount of youth permits allowed on any property and with the addition of unlimited livestock under 6 months of age, there is *no limit on the number of livestock on any property.*

Under the *draft* livestock ordinance, anyone living on ½ acre “may maintain animals totaling up to 24 points” and could have the livestock below (or a combination equaling 24 points):

Unlimited “offspring” under 6 months of age of livestock on premises AND
1 head of livestock each worth 24 points: (bison, swine) OR
2 head of livestock each worth 12 points: (some cattle, mules, donkeys, horses) OR
4 head of livestock each worth 6 points (some cattle, ostriches, llamas, deer, miniature horses/donkeys, ponies, Sicilian donkeys) OR
8 head of livestock worth 3 points (sheep, goats, alpacas, emus)
AND a 50% increase for each youth permit.
There is no limit on the number of livestock allowed on ½ acre, as there is no limit on the number of livestock under 6 months of age and there is no limit on the number of youth permits for any property, each of which increase the total number of allowed livestock by another 50%.

Under the *draft* livestock ordinance, any family living on 1 acre or more “may maintain animals totaling up to 24 points” per acre and could have the livestock below (or a combination equaling 24 points per acre):

Unlimited “offspring” under 6 months of age of livestock on premises AND
1 head of livestock each worth 24 points: (bison, swine) *per acre* OR
2 head of livestock each worth 12 points: (some cattle, mules, donkeys, horses) *per acre*
OR
4 head of livestock each worth 6 points (some cattle, ostriches, llamas, deer, miniature horses/donkeys, ponies, Sicilian donkeys) *per acre* OR
8 head of livestock worth 3 points (sheep, goats, alpacas, emus) *per acre*
AND a 50% increase *per acre* via an Administrative Permit.
AND a 50% increase *per acre* for every youth permit.
There is no limit on the number of livestock allowed on ½ acre, as there is no limit on the number of livestock under 6 months of age and there is no limit on the number of youth permits for any property, each of which increase the total number of allowed livestock by another 50%.

The waste generation, water consumption, potential water contamination and nuisance factors for an unspecified/unlimited number of livestock on every parcel ½ acre or larger in Camp Verde is staggering. Cramming this many livestock onto small residential properties seems inhumane. I requested the scientific information on which these changes were based, as well as any environmental impact studies considered, and I was told there were not any. I was also told new software would need to be purchased, and when I inquired about the cost, I was told that a decision had not been made as to which software would be used and therefore, they did not know the total cost of the new ordinance. I would think the cost of implementing this new ordinance would need serious consideration as the town is already experiencing a significant budget shortfall.

I grew up on a farm. We bred pigs and cattle, among other species. I was in 4-H, and my mother was a 4-H leader. I fully support youth organizations and want to ensure any youth who wishes to participate in these organizations has the opportunity to do so. But this draft ordinance goes far beyond supporting area youth by allowing an unlimited number of livestock less than 6 months old, reducing points for deer, sheep, goats and roping steers, and adding an “administrative permit” which increases the number of allowed animals again by 50% on any parcel 1 acre or larger. This draft ordinance is full of loopholes and creates more problems than it solves, both for town government and for residents. As written, the ordinance is ripe for abuse while stripping away protections for residential properties and neighborhoods. The land use change is significant, and the cumulative effects of this ordinance will change our residential backyards into commercial livestock and/or commercial breeding livestock operations. If the changes to the existing ordinance are truly just to benefit our youth, then adjustments to our current youth livestock permit system to allow our youth more livestock is all that is needed.

In addition, Camp Verde has a beautiful Equestrian Center which was created specifically for our youth, yet it appears to not be functioning as intended or to meet the needs of our youth, as evidenced by the “asks” in this ordinance. Perhaps the money, equipment and land invested in that arena, as well as its purpose, need to be revisited. I, and many others, would fully support an expansion of the current arena to allow more youth benefits and activities.

Animal Count

i [REDACTED]

Mon 8/26/2024 5:43 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

[REDACTED]

I wish to voice my concerns regarding the new animal count ordinance that is being foisted on the residents of Camp Verde.

1. there is little or no improvement to the current rule, and as the old folks used to say "If it aint broke don't fix it" we need enforcement of the current rule not a new rule.
 2. I don't know who is pushing this nonsense, but we are spending time and money on something that we should be ignoring.
- Leave the rule alone.

Thank You

TC Noble

animal ordinance

Candice hardin [REDACTED]

Mon 8/26/2024 7:09 PM

To:Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

Dear Town Ordinance directors:

I am a property owner in Camp Verde, I have a pregnant dairy cow, a few cats, and 8 chickens. I own 2.42 acres in two separate and not adjoining parcels. I am concerned about narrowing existing animal counts as I found them reasonable. The lax, non-enforcement of current codes presents a majority of problems I imagine people want addressed. I do not want the animal use ordinances for which I purchased my properties for to be altered. I purchased the land with the understanding that codes would protect my right to have the number of livestock I had planned to raise, eat and enjoy.

I do, however, believe animal waste needs to be addressed in this town. I drive past the old arena site on Arena deLoma and see heaps of horse feces acting as a wall around their street sides. Its clearly antagonistic to their neighbors. I would take it that way if I lived to the side or front of them. Maybe they have a fecal wall around the back of the property too. They sometimes move this, but the well manured pens of the horses that are never mucked out and below grade for water collection and mud retention serve as the same odor emitting device and eyesore. I have seen on windy days, masses of feces and urea tainted straw blow into the neighboring properties across the street, along with the corral and parking lot dirt creating such a cloud as I cannot see when driving past their frontage. I feel so horrible for the people who live across and around them who invested their lives into those properties. Their view is of piles of horse crap, the odor of the rarely mucked out 10x10 stalls is abhorrent...I think the town has dealt terribly with that property and enabled its owners. I don't care what the site hosted before, it doesn't justify the terrible operation of a horse hotel, trailer parking lot and all-hours cowboy flop house that it is today.

I like horses, I like people who have horses...but nobody wants to run the risk that when you buy a home, a new neighbor may legally create an 6' high tower of fecal matter on their property line like my friend's neighbors do. These neighbors pf my friends' use the fence my friends installed as a backstop to their manure heap and the back of their horse corral. Since they acquired 3 horses on less than one acre a year and a half ago, they have not removed the feces dump, it has only grown. The flies are awful at my friends' house, the wind blows the stench into their bedroom windows and they have to provide stabilization for their fence to prevent its collapse. The fence is only 5 years old and was installed properly by yavapai fence.

Waste removal is vital to the provisions for livestock.

I personally pick up all my cow's feces and remove them to a pile that I dispose of once a month. It doesn't smell. I don't want to smell it. I don't want others to smell it. I intend to compost some waste into a small garden compost heap eventually, but that would be a nominal and insignificant amount that would cause no odor.

I ask that you do not alter our best ordinances but that you do enforce what we have. I also ask that manure be addressed firmly.

Lastly, I do not feel that enabling any one person to make code enforcement determinations on their own. This creates a really authoritative situation whereupon an opinion of one individual becomes law. I would hate for one officer to have that power, I would hate for the town to hire someone and hand off all accountability to them...this would require their character to be fantastic, discernment to be exceptional, experience extensive etc... and no bias to exist. This would necessitate the hiring of a perfect person to weigh in on matters with

extreme variability and require assessments that are black and white, not scaled for the point in question. Giving one officer the final say is a really stupid-power trip creating-dictator in the making prospect. I take huge issue with that for the sake of everyone subject to one person's opinion!!!

Thank you,

Candice Hardin



Animal Ordinance

Noah [REDACTED]

Mon 8/26/2024 10:03 PM

To: Animal Ordinance <animalordinance@campverde.az.gov>

To the city ordinance commission:

I believe the current count system is a good one. I purchased my properties with these zoning and ordinances in mind. One pig per property that does not count against the point system seems practical and appropriate. People should maintain a clean pasture and either dispose of manure or properly compost it. If people maintain a clean and tidy pasture they should be allowed to have additional animals through a permit which is easy to obtain but requires documentation. Cows weighing less than 600 pounds should count as 6 points... they eat less, poop less and are less burdensome on the land. I would appreciate if the ordinances weren't always up to be altered. Our rural area has historic reasons for animal use and we should not continually change the rules for animals or properties. Perhaps your ordinance changes should have a set time period: like 15 years or 20 years whereupon they cannot be changed or amended and land use and consistency is maintained. On the same hand, new developments of site-built homes should be located away from rural properties so no issues arise with neighbors who have animals being affected by those who don't and prefer neighborhoods without them.

Thank you,

Noah Hardin

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Camp verde