

Comment Letter L

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The proposed New Ordinance for Commercial Horse Facilities addresses most issues and concerns, and is well written:::::::::::::::::::::BUT

SHOULD be applicable county-wide, not leaving the back-country vulnerable to MAJOR-USE ABUSE.

In the past, my community was hit with a cattle-feed lot, "authorized" by the county to put 20,000 cattle on thirty-eight acres..... They put 1000 cattle there, before we could catch our breath (literally) and eventually were successful in getting the Board of Supervisors to pass and urgency-ordinance some eight years later..... It was the large-Animal urgency-Ordinance Requiring a Major-Use Permit, so we thought we had protected everyone county-wide. Years later, only to find out that the Animal-Designator had somehow exempted commercial horse facilities from that requirement,,,,,,,so again, my community is now burdened with an unregulated horse-breeding feed-lot facility with some 500+++ mares and uncounted foals, in addition to the other two smaller horse stables.

WHO KNEW, that anyone!!! owned 500 horses ?????? when A Kennel Permit is required for six dogs..... WHO KNEW that the impacts of 500 horses would NOT require a Major-Use Permit??????

Our local Loveacres Horse Ranch is the poster-child for an unplanned/unregulated industrial-sized horse facility that SHOULD have been required to have a Major-use Permit..... Instead, we are having to address each individual issue on a complaint by complaint basis, outside of the proper planning review process.

Please help remedy these omissions. Make the new ordinance applicable COUNTY-WIDE.

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Warner Springs Resident, Laurence Peabody
 March 20, 2013

L-1 The proposed ordinance largely affects the areas where a Major Use Permit is currently required for a horse stable. The animal designators in zoning in the County tend to be more restrictive in the suburban and rural residential areas in the western parts of the County and less restrictive in the eastern back country areas of the County. The back country areas where a permit is not currently required for a horse stable are not proposed to change. Requiring a Major Use Permit for these areas does not meet with project objectives of the project, specifically to streamline the permitting process for equine operations. The permitting process for the back country is already streamlined, by not requiring a use permit, adding the use permit for stables in the back country would hamper the current permitting process.

L-2 When substantial numbers of any animal are located on a property, Animal Control may enforce regarding the humane treatment of the animals whether for private or commercial use. Cattle are regulated separately and not a part of the proposed ordinance changes. Horse breeding facilities are regulated by not only the County, but also the State of California. If there is an animal cruelty issue with the facility in

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	<p>question, Animal Control is able to enforce to address these issues. From a zoning standpoint, if the horses are owned by the property owner(s) for the owner's use only then they are allowed under zoning and it is not considered a horse stable. It is considered a stable if the owner(s) are breeding the horses to sell them commercially, in which case it is a commercial horse stable, but in the back country area in question in Warner Springs, no additional permits are required (see response to L-1).</p> <p>L-3 Making the new ordinance apply the same, Countywide does not meet with project objectives as noted in L-1. Loveacres Horse Ranch in Warner Springs is located in an area with an Animal Designator that does not require a Major Use Permit for a horse stable. Therefore no additional land use permits are required. As noted in L-2, if an animal cruelty issue exists, Animal Control can become involved. In addition, the the State of California may also need to be involved with such high numbers of horses for compliance with State regulations and limitations.</p>
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