

September 20, 2018

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Dear David:

As you are aware, the recent public hearings related to Special Permit #10825 included a call for review of our current County Zoning Code regarding to Commercial Feedlots from both public testifiers and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission. With these requests in mind, this letter reflects a vote by the Lancaster County Board directing the Planning Department to:

- Review the County Commercial Feedlot zoning regulations for all animal types
- Review regulations in other communities and agencies including the Nebraska Department of Agricultural Livestock Siting Assessment Matrix
- Establish a Working Group of operators, neighbors and government agencies to review and advise on potential changes to the existing Lancaster County regulations regarding commercial feedlots
- Provide for public input on any potential changes

We would like to discuss the establishment of the committee and the membership along with the charter for the task force at an upcoming staff meeting.

In addition, we would like the Planning Department to prepare a memo and/or presentation for the Board regarding the potential to create financial penalties related to non-compliance with provisions of all Special Permits included in the zoning code. If you have a preferred method for accomplishing this review, please advise. This topic should be viewed apart from the commercial feedlot zoning review.

We are grateful to you and your staff for your work through the SP10825 process. Thank you for your continued service to Lancaster County.

Sincerely,

Todd Wiltgen, Chair – on behalf of the
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners

cc: Tom Cajka, Lancaster County Planner
Steve Henrichsen, Planning Department
Jenifer Holloway, Lancaster County Deputy Attorney