

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Section 305 Workgroup Meeting

In Attendance: Mark Rudder, Cheri Wischmeyer, Stephanie Johnson, Trampus Mansker, Linda Wolfe Buchanan, Claudia Hauser, Mary Phelps, Director John Knight, b j ratlief, planner, Town Marshall/Interim Town Manager Corey Rowley

Meeting agenda:

-Introduction

-Ordinance Discussion

-Solidify next meeting schedule and time

Introduction:

Town Planner b j ratlief opened the meeting at 5:38 P.M.

To begin the meeting, Ms. Ratlief passed out some information on animal nuisance management practices. She then made available an e-mail from a citizen, if members were interested, they took a copy.

Ms. Ratlief introduced Mr. Corey Rowley, who is serving as the interim Town Manager who thanked the group for their time, hard work and dedication.

Mr. Knight spoke to the group and thanked them for the progress they've made in the meetings that have been held.

Ordinance Discussion:

An updated DRAFT03 (general criteria, exceptions and youth permits) was shared with the group which incorporated discussion points from the previous meeting.

The following sections were discussed in broad parameters – notes were taken to incorporate many of these ideas into the DRAFT text for the future ordinance:

1. Exceptions to Animal Point System
2. Youth Permits

The group continued to discuss and work through DRAFT language for exceptions to the basic animal point system; how, when and why the Town would want to provide exceptions as well as the Youth Livestock Permit process.

The discussions included:

-Clarification on the timing of when animals may be on properties, exceeding the animal count, for an “activity or event.”

-Whether or not there should be a 2-hour buffer before and after said “activities and events” that allows for bringing and removing animals from the property.

- Guest animals and their permitted timeframe to exceed the animal count on a property.

- Definitions of several terms

- Swine and whether they should be treated equally within the point system; decision, swine will be added back into the animal point system, but will have a maximum number of animals allowed per parcel and with the continued criteria of limited swine to a minimum of 1-acre or greater (prohibited on less than 1-acre).

Youth Permits: Note-these youth permits are only necessary and come into play when a parcel to house/keep animals either is too small to keep livestock, or the youth animal(s) would exceed the allotted number of animals. Therefore, youth permits are only required when an exception is needed/requested to exceed allowed animal points for a property.

-Youth Permits and Temporary Youth Livestock - discussed adding ‘showmanship’ animals into the already permitted market livestock animals.

- Discussed number of swine allowed with a youth permit as well as the maximum swine allowed under such a permit. (if the property already exceeds available points or does not allow animals).

Work Group Decisions:

- Some general word-smithing of previously discussed sections.
- Possibly modifying to have an online registry of guest animals for the permitted amount of time. Can exceed by 200% on less than 2-acres, 100% on 2+ acres up to 30 days annually or 12-month period.
- Swine will be removed from exceptions and put back in the actual point system, capping it to 5 total. Minimum 1-acre parcels. In order to have a breeding pair, you must have two acres. As discussed, this would closely mirror how Yavapai County manages swine.
- Swine for Youth Permits - Limited to a max of 2 per parcel for the Annual Temporary Youth Organization Use Permit(s). (Important to note, in these instances, the parcel being limited would not already allow swine or these swine would be over and above the parcels animal count). If the parcel is of a size where swine would be allowed, then the youth permit exception would be unnecessary.)

Tour of Town residential sites

- A formal group field trip/tour around town will take place after the holidays. The purpose of a workgroup tour/field trip is to provide a common frame of reference when discussing the number of animals and sizes of properties as well as general knowledge of parcel sizes and basic/standard development often found on residential properties.

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th at 5:30 P.M.

Future Meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, January 9th at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 23rd at 5:30 pm
- Tuesday, February 06, at 5:30 pm

Ms. Ratlief asked the Workgroup to continue looking into and adding on to these topics before the next meeting.

Meeting notes were taken and will be uploaded-published to this site:

<https://www.campverde.az.gov/departments/community-development/planning-zoning>

Closing:

The meeting closed at 7:21 P.M.