



Columbia County Planning Commission
114 South 2nd Street, Dayton, WA 99328
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, October 11, 2021 at 5:30 PM

Zoom link:

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- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call and Establish Quorum
- 3) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. August 9, 2021
- 4) Public Hearing
 - a. None
- 5) Old Business
 - a. Continued discussion CCC 18.135.030 Animal Units
- 6) New Business
 - a. None
- 7) Commissioners Reports
- 8) Planning & Building Department Update
 - a. Update on current projects
- 9) Comments from the public and items not present on the agenda.
- 10) Adjournment
 - a. Next regular meeting: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.



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Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 13, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
 - a. Chair Chuck Reeves called to order the regular meeting of the Columbia County Planning Commission at 5:34 p.m. The meeting was held in the Planning Department conference room and was also available via the Zoom platform.
- 2) Roll Call and Establish Quorum
 - a. Commission members: Chuck Reeves, Jay Ball, and Bill Carter were present in person. Peter Paolino and Jason Towery were excused.
Staff: Clint Atteberry, Building Official
Commissioner: Ryan Rundell via Zoom.
Public: None present.
- 3) Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. August 9, 2021
 - i. *Carter motioned to approve the meeting minutes; Ball seconded.
None opposed, motion carried.*
- 4) Public Hearing
 - i. None
- 5) Old Business
 - i. None
- 6) New Business
 - a. Discussion regarding CCC 18.135.030 Animal Units
 - i. Atteberry shared that there have been inquiries regarding putting animals on lots of less than one acre and would like the planning commission to discuss the current code.
 - ii. It was pointed out that current code provides for deviations from the animal unit requirements with a temporary permit for educational purposes.

- iii. Reeves noted that there are state regulations that control confined animal operations.
- iv. Further discussion regarding animal units was tabled for future meetings

7) Commissioner Reports

- a. None

8) Planning Manager Report

- a. None

9) Comments from the public and items not present on the agenda.

- a. None.

10) Adjournment

- a. *Reeves adjourned the regular meeting of the Columbia County Planning Commission at 6:43 p.m.*
- b. Next regular meeting: Monday, October 11, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Planning Department conference room.

October 11, 2021

Charles G. Reeves, Chair

Date

Attest:

Dena Martin, Planning Manager

Date

18.135.030 Animal units. 

A. The following shall be considered as one animal unit (a.u.); for the purpose of this code “offspring” born on the subject site to permitted animal shall not be considered in excess of the a.u. limit for a period of one year except for weaned litters or as may be specified below:

1. One horse equals one a.u.
2. Two cows equal one a.u.
3. *Repealed by Ord. 2013-01.*
4. One sow and litter equal one a.u.
5. Four feeder pigs equal one a.u.
6. Five sheep equal one a.u.
7. Twenty-four chickens equal one a.u.
8. Other animals based on similarities to the above list as determined by the planning director.

B. Any deviation from the above-listed animals and/or animal units per acre shall be permitted when authorized in accordance with the requirements of Chapter [18.80](#) CCC, Conditional Uses. The planning director may issue a no fee temporary activity permit to allow the raising of animals where normally restricted for the purpose of youth education, showing and sale of animals at authorized public sales and fairs. ~~Where permitted swine raised for home consumption shall require a nonfee temporary activity permit issued by the planning director.~~

Commented [CA1]: There is not a “no fee temporary activity permit” described in the conditional use chapter. Do we want to develop one or remove it from this section?

C. The area on which family dwellings and accessory buildings, excepting animal shelters and limited to a minimum of one-half acre, are located shall not be included in the acreage required for an animal unit.

Commented [CA2]: This provision was written prior to the code enforcement code that covers odor nuisances created by animals.

D. Temporal Averaging. The number of animal units permitted on a property may be averaged based on the period of time for which the animals are kept on the property subject to a temporary activity permit issued by the planning department and consistent with subsection (G) of this section and with CAFO standards.

Commented [CA3]: This is covered in the CAFO standards and is a common practice in Columbia County

E. The limit to the number of animal units per acre shall be as specified in a particular zone district chapter except that on any individual lot of five acres or less not associated with larger parcels under the

Commented [CA4]: There are no zoning district specific regulations currently. Would there be an interest in adjusting the units per acre in AR-1 and AR-2 to allow for animals on smaller parcels?

same ownership where the aggregate is greater than five acres, there shall be a limit in all zoning districts of one animal unit per acre where animals are permitted.

F. Animals shall be cared for, raised, grazed and confined according to normally accepted animal husbandry practices, and consistent with the county right to farm regulations, to restrict excessive odor, noise, or unsanitary condition so as not to result in:

1. A direct or indirect maltreatment of the animals;
2. Creation of a hazard to public health or to sensitive environments;
3. Negative impact on neighboring farming operations including creation of a danger to health;
4. A nuisance that prohibits neighboring residents the enjoyment and use of their property;
5. The grazing, care and feeding of animals shall be in compliance with all adopted state of Washington rules and regulations as specified in the RCW and WAC;
6. Animal organic wastes shall be managed and confined so as to not produce an accumulation that negatively impacts the environment or the reasonable use and enjoyment of neighboring properties beyond that as anticipated in the county's right to farm regulations;

G. Violations of subsection (F) of this section shall be acted on according to CCC Title [19](#). [Ord. 2013-01 § 3 (Exh. C); Ord. 95-01 § 25; Ord. 90-02 § 25.]

Commented [CA5]: Is there interest in adding a subsection to allow for animals on a lot of less than one acre but larger than one half acre?

Commented [CA6]: Do we need to add a comment addressing animals housed in a barn or stall situation?