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Re: 2021-08-11 Town Council Regular Meeting, Agricultural

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Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 10:04 AM

To: Samuel Roth [REDACTED]

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Samuel-

Thanks for your comments. We will pass these along to the Town Council.

Thanks!

Tom

On Sat, Aug 7, 2021 at 6:36 PM Samuel Roth [REDACTED] wrote:

Town Council:

Thank you for taking the time to review the regulations regarding agriculture and farm animals; I agree with this effort to streamline and eliminate unnecessary regulations while maintaining a high-quality community.

Both the memorandum and the code reference Springdale's agricultural heritage and indicate support for residents' right to produce their own food in a sustainable, local, and enjoyable manner. Springdale's heritage is agricultural, and long before 2013, every parcel of property in this community enjoyed full rights to agricultural uses.

Of particular importance is Council Member Player's first bullet point in the memorandum finding that much of the regulation is unnecessary and arbitrary. For example, the habitat space requirements appear to be round numbers that are off by more than an order of magnitude from standard guidance, and the broad brush of the zoning map results in an outright ban on agricultural uses as simple as keeping chickens or rabbits on approximately 150 parcels.

The language of sections 10-15D-1 Purpose, and 10-15D-4 General Agriculture and Farm Animal Regulations, is simple, concise, and sets forth the Town's direction as well as support of agricultural uses. Please direct the Planning Commission to prune the regulation down as close as possible to those two productive branches. That'll do.

Samuel Roth
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