

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MULTISPECIES LIVESTOCK TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE, COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING
THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING
MODIFICATIONS TO THE AG1, AG2 AND RR ZONING DISTRICTS IN SISKIYOU
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the existing agricultural use definitions in AG1, AG2 and RR zones do not permit hog or poultry operations except with a conditional use permit;

WHEREAS, certain widely accepted hog and poultry management practices have evolved whereby hogs and poultry are managed in a manner so as to reduce negative environmental and off site impacts customarily associated with commercial confined hog and poultry operations;

WHEREAS, allowing for certain pastured hog and poultry operations will support Siskiyou County producers and its agricultural economy by providing production, marketing and revenue opportunities without the significant time, uncertainty or financial expenditures necessary to obtain a discretionary land use entitlement;

WHEREAS, the modifications proposed herein are intended clearly outline permissible hog and poultry activities but are not intended in any way to affect existing regulations pertaining to cattle or other livestock;

WHEREAS, the existing agricultural use definitions in AG1, AG2 and RR zones also do not permit the raising of FFA, 4-H or similar student projects;

WHEREAS, expressly allowing for certain FFA, 4-H or similar student projects will support Siskiyou County youth education and experiences with the broader objective to benefit the Siskiyou County agricultural economy by encouraging local youth to become involved in agriculture;

WHEREAS, all existing environmental health and safety and other county, state and federal regulations will continue to apply to livestock activities described below; and

WHEREAS, the proposed addition of other limited livestock operations as an allowed agricultural accessory use will not change any standards necessary for the protection of agricultural lands nor is it intended to conflict with agricultural zoning or existing agricultural uses in Siskiyou County, the Siskiyou County General Plan or the Scott Valley Land Use Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Multispecies Livestock Technical Advisory Committee recommends the Planning Commission consider adoption of a resolution incorporating the following modifications to the existing Siskiyou County zoning code and recommend the Board of Supervisors formally adopt the same:

Proposed Use Modification:

Agricultural uses, including, but not limited to tree, vine, row, field crops, growing and harvesting of trees, livestock farming and animal husbandry, but not including dairies, commercial feedlots or commercial poultry or hog raising operations¹ provided that Pastured hog and poultry operations shall also be permitted as of right. Raising livestock as part of a FFA, 4-H or other similar student project is permitted in AG1, AG2 and RR districts.

"Pastured" means keeping livestock under active management on pasture, rangeland, or woodlands during the vegetation growing season so that animals have daily outdoor access to growing vegetation and so that ranging and foraging areas do not accumulate excess manure or become excessively de-vegetated. Livestock in Pastured operations are held in alternative areas during periods other than the growing season and also temporarily for unusual circumstances such as extreme weather, the health of the animal, or as may be necessary consistent with sound husbandry practices. Such alternative areas shall include adequate spatial requirements for each animal and shall be located and managed in a manner so as to minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, excess manure, dust, odor and other off site impacts. Liquification of manure is prohibited in Pastured operations.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted on motion by MARK KLEVER and second by NIKI HARRIS at a regular duly noticed meeting of the Siskiyou County Multi Species Livestock Technical Advisory Committee on May 17, 2018 by the following vote:

Ayes: MARK KLEVER, JACOB BALL, NIKI HARRIS, BRIAN HEFFERNAN, CRAIG Thompson

Noes: NONE

Absent: GARETH PLANK, CARISSA COOPMAN-RIVERS, JIM SMITH

Abstain: _____

Siskiyou County Agritourism Technical Advisory Committee


Craig Thompson, Chair

WITNESSETH:
By: 

Print Name: BRIAN HEFFERNAN

Title: COMMITTEE MEMBER

¹ Existing AG1/AG2 zoning language