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Please read during the public comments section of the Planning Commission Meeting.

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I will start by saying I am against the proposal as it currently stands. Throughout the description of the problem, you read phrases like "creates the potential of hostility between neighbors.", "Continued disputes over commercial animal uses", and "further heightening tension between incompatible commercial and residential uses." Of almost 500 lots in FR/FA zones, the number of people causing the disputes, tension, and hostility can literally be counted on one hand. That's less than 1% of lots in these zones. FR/FA lots are almost exclusively in Hi Country 1 and High Country 2. Both of these communities have HOA boards in place to manage these types of complaints. It is not necessary nor prudent for the county to step in to try to manage HOA politics by passing overly-restrictive county ordinances. Repeated complaints to the MSD from the same few people about one single resident boarding horses in Hi Country Phase 1 is what started this entire mess. As a result, you can see how strongly this ordinance is worded against "boarding" and commercial use in particular. No one is asking to run large-scale commercial operations in these zones. Residents are asking to run small home-based businesses which is totally reasonable in these areas. If this ordinance passes, unincorporated county residents will be restricted to "personal use" of animals. Period. Residents will not even be able to board a horse for a neighbor let alone exchange money for the sale of a colt, offer riding lessons in their arena, board a small number of horses for profit, or offer stud service. It appears the MSD has deliberately withheld the fact that current HOA rules in Hi Country Phase 1 are what has kept the number of animal-based businesses low in the FR Zone, not a lack of desire from residents to operate such businesses. County ordinances should not be justified by HOA rules that could change in the future. Small home-based businesses that offer boarding, breeding, trail riding, and riding lessons are all feasible activities that could be done within an agricultural or forest recreation zone without changing the nature of the zone. Ask yourself what basis other than 'resident disputes' has actually been given for restricting all non-personal use of animals in FR/FA zones. At a minimum "Commercial Use" should be managed by a Conditional Use permit and approved based on size/scale as is currently the case in FR zone. Rather than completely restricting commercial use in FR zone, the county could opt to go for less restrictive commercial uses in the FA zone to avoid patchwork zoning if that's a true concern. Eliminating all non-personal use of animals is not the only solution. Hi County 1 and High Country 2 are some of the only horse-friendly areas left in the county. I feel this ordinance is punitive toward horse owners. Please help preserve the horse-legacy Salt Lake County was founded on by voting against this proposal as currently written.

Thank you for your consideration.