

PETITION TO STOP UNLIMITED ANIMALS IN TRADE LAKE

We've all worked extremely hard, racked our brains, carried our signs and at last we think we figured it out. If the current zoning in Trade Lake that is A, Exclusive Agriculture District, unlimited animals, is changed to A-2, Agriculture - Residential District, limited animals, the CAFO won't have anywhere to site.

Below is a **Sign Petition Now** button that all **TRADE LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS and RESIDENTS** who don't want properties with unlimited numbers of animal units locating in Trade Lake should sign.

The PETITION is a request to the Town of Trade Lake's Supervisors to ask the County to change Township zoning that is now A to A-2.

Please take one minute to sign.

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Why should Trade Lake Township request a zoning change?

On June 18, 2019 the Trade Lake Town Board sent a letter to the Burnett County Board officially notifying the County that the residents of Trade Lake were overwhelmingly in opposition to the establishment of a 6000+ animal unit industrial hog farm in Trade Lake. Such a commercial operation is contrary to many of the goals identified in Trade Lake's Year 2030 Comprehensive Plan, which was drafted back in 2010. Specifically, the authors of the Plan identify preservation of the "the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural resources element" as the most important element in the Plan:

The Town is concerned with preserving surface water and groundwater quality, preserving woodlands and wildlife, protecting rural character and scenic views, limiting noise and light pollution, preserving agricultural lands, preventing conflicts between agriculture and rural housing development, preventing conflicts over mineral resources, and preserving historic and archeological sites. Some of the strongest points of consensus on the public opinion surveys were related to these resources and include: protecting groundwater, wetlands, and waterways; protecting forests and wildlife habitat; protecting farmland and productive soils; supporting the agriculture industry; protecting rural character; and protecting historical sites and structures.

Town of Trade Lake-Year 2030 Comprehensive Plan, p. 5-1.

Burnett County is currently considering revisions to the Burnett County Land Use Ordinance. Key provisions in the proposed ordinance limit the number of animal units to 500 for all "zoning districts" except "A" (also referred to as "Exclusive Agriculture Districts"). A-2 districts (Agricultural-Residential Districts) allow the same uses as A Exclusive Ag, with the

exception of the number of animal units allowed.* In A-2 districts the number of animal units is capped at 500 (with a conditional use permit). The number of animal units allowed in Exclusive Agriculture Districts is unlimited!

*(Sec. 30-171: The following are the permitted uses in the A-2 Agricultural-Residential District:

(2) Agricultural land uses, buildings and activities, including the growing of field crops, dairying, livestock-raising, poultry farming, hog-raising, and so on. As permitted under section 30-116 A Exclusive Agriculture District, up to a maximum of 250 animal units.)

Burnett County's land use ordinance disproportionately affects Trade Lake because it is 1 of only 2 Townships in the County with significant acreage currently zoned A Exclusive Agriculture. What that means is that Trade Lake is going to be a target location for any CAFOs that seek to locate in Burnett County. So rather than honoring the concerns expressed by the residents of Trade Lake, the County is considering an ordinance that will funnel CAFOs into our neighborhoods.

One solution to this problem is to petition the County to re-zone the A Exclusive Agriculture property in Trade Lake to A-2. Such a rezoning will not limit any of the current agricultural uses by property owners in Trade Lake but would limit the number of animal units to 500.

THANK YOU!

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