



## REDWOOD COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE

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Dear Redwood County Resident or Property Owner,

The following is a summary of changes made to the proposed Redwood County Zoning Ordinance Amendment. These changes were made in response to input received from members of the public at an open house that was hosted in Wabasso on March 28, 2018. The revised ordinance in its entirety will be brought to the Redwood County Planning Commission later in 2018. This meeting will be posted to the Redwood County website, and printed in the Redwood Gazette.

If you have specific questions about how the proposed changes might affect you, please call the Redwood County Environmental Office at 507-637-4023 and ask to speak to Scott or Nick. You may also reach us via email at [environmental@co.redwood.mn.us](mailto:environmental@co.redwood.mn.us). We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

The Redwood County Environmental Office

## Summary of changes made after the open house held on March 28, 2018

### Feedlots

1. Setbacks for which a reduction is available for OFFSET ratings of 97% or above were expanded and placed in a separate setback chart.
2. Provision added to calculate the odor OFFSET rating of open-stall swine gestation barns based on a pit size of 14 square feet per pig. This is to ensure that open-stall barns have the same or similar rating as crate-based gestation barns with the same number of animal units.
3. Provision added to calculate the odor OFFSET rating of deep-pit cattle barns based on the size said barns would be if constructed as loose-housing style barns (using 60 square feet per head).
4. Changed well and ditch setback to provide for a single setback distance for all feedlots, with guideline that extra care should be taken when siting a category 4 or 5 feedlot within 2000 feet of a municipal well. The setbacks for wells and ditches will remain the same as they are under the current ordinance.
5. Added provision allowing feedlots operating subject to a variance, to increase animal units up to 200 over the number permitted by the variance.

### Extraction and Mining

1. Defined an extraction "site" as all excavation occurring on the same legally described property or parcel, and/or all contiguous excavation on two or more different properties.
2. Clarified that a Conditional use permit is required if more than 10,000 yards of material is to be excavated from a site over the lifetime of the site.

### Application of contaminated soil and organic waste

1. Changed focus of the ordinance from organic waste, to agricultural by-products used as soil amendments.
2. Added language allowing the land application of septage and sewage, pursuant to state laws.

### Conditional Use Permits (CUP)

1. Increased the timeframe after issuance of a CUP in which an applicant must begin construction or begin the proposed conditional use from 1 year, to 18 months.
2. Decreased the amount of time a conditional use can be abandoned before its permit is considered null and void from 1 year, to 6 months.

### Tree and shrub setbacks

1. Added language allowing the replacement of dead or dying trees within legally existing tree lines and groves that do not meet the new setback requirements.