



Voting Results & Comments

Workshop II

Saturday, July 25, 2009



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AVICULTURE

The questionnaire allowed voters to choose as many as they felt appropriate

Maintain existing regulations	18	29.51%
Require all new aviaries to obtain a special use permit, which will require Town Council review	37	60.66%
Require all existing aviaries to obtain a special use permit after a certain amount of time (will be phased in over time)	17	27.87%
Make aviaries a prohibited use	3	4.92%
Require all new aviaries to be at least 10 contiguous acres in size with substantial setbacks for shelter and cages	27	44.26%
Require buffering in the form of walls and landscaping for all aviaries	43	70.49%
Require all cages and shelters to be in a completely enclosed building, if legally permissible	24	39.34%

TOTAL VOTING SHEETS

61

AVICULTURE Additional Comments:

- 1 Warnings should be issues. If no compliance, then fine
- 2 Should be assumed as commercial scale, not personal pets
- 3 Consider and enforce necessary buffering of noise and smell
- 4 Require all new aviaries to be at least 30 contiguous acres in size
- 5 Consider and enforce necessary buffering of noise and smell
- 6 Concerned about noise
- 7 Whatever it takes not to disturb your neighbor
- 8 Require a special permit for aviaries over 50 birds; regulate on noise level
- 9 200 on 2 acres is way too much. Unlimited on 5 acres is unacceptable
- 10 Must get approval from neighbors
- 11 Noise Ordinance for birds and dogs
- 12 One size does not fit all
- 13 A finch or canary is different than a McCaw
- 14 Need to put some teeth in the bird ordinance
- 15 Birds grown for sale as pets are NOT agriculture

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TYPE 1 KENNELS (PRIVATE)

The questionnaire allowed voters to choose as many as they felt appropriate

Maintain existing regulations 30 61.22%

IN THE CURRENT CODE, HOBBY BREEDERS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MINIMUM 50 FOOT SETBACK FOR ALL OUTDOOR RUNS OR NON-ENCLOSED STRUCTURES; WHEREAS, A REGULAR DOG OWNER IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A 25 FOOT SETBACK

Maintain existing regulations 18 36.73%

Require all outdoor runs or non-enclosed structures to have a minimum 50 foot setback, regardless of being a regular dog owner or hobby breeder 17 34.69%

Require all outdoor runs and non-enclosed structures to meet the structural setbacks of the house 10 20.41%

TOTAL VOTING SHEETS 49

KENNELS Additional Comments:

- 1 No new kennels (Type II and Type III)
- 2 Any kennels need to have a noise buffer and/or screening
- 3 Limit # of dogs to 20 per 5 acres
- 4 Revise code to allow private grooming and small scale kennels
- 5 Need to address shelter animals / rescue animals and kennels/boarding
No restrictions if property is used for kennels as long as they are not a nuisance to the
- 6 neighbors or poses a danger
- 7 Please limit pets (dogs and cats) to 10 to 15
- 8 Disallow dog kennels
- 9 Should be no requirements for individual dog owners
- 10 Fenced property should be all this is required for kennels
Enclosed boarding of dogs should be allowed subject to noise ordinance and comply
- 11 with animal care and control regulations
- 12 Regulate sound levels
- 13 Require setback for hobby breeders to be 150 feet
- 14 All should be allowed to keep pets
- 15 Keep all kennels commercial
- 16 Need blanket exception for personal pets of residents (kennels)

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MULCHING

The questionnaire asked participants to select as many as they felt appropriate

The concern surrounding commercial mulching operations is in regards to:

I have no concerns	21	34.43%
Chipping noise	34	55.74%
Stockpiling dead landscape material for chipping	21	34.43%
Truck or car traffic mulch pick up and delivery	19	31.15%
Manure related activities, such as stockpiling manure and mixing mulch with manure	26	42.62%

The concern surrounding small scale mulching on individual residential properties is in regards to:

I have no concerns	38	62.30%
Chipping noise	18	29.51%
Stockpiling dead landscape material for chipping	12	19.67%
Manure related activities, such as stockpiling manure and mixing mulch with manure	18	29.51%

Should commercial mulching be permitted to include storage, mixing or other processing of manure (choose one):

Yes	30	49.18%
No	22	36.07%

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What restrictions, if any, do you think should be placed on mulching operations?

Setback from property line and volume	1	1.72%
Undo noise from commercial mulching, manure odor & water quality	11	18.97%
Mulch should be available for sale to the residents of the Town	1	1.72%
Can live with existing town code regulations	1	1.72%
Restrict operations between 9 and 5	12	20.69%
No regulations; just neighbor approval	3	5.17%
No mulching on Sundays	1	1.72%
Traffic impacts on dirt roads	3	5.17%
Ban on any new operations except onsite use at nurseries	1	1.72%
No Commercial Mulching; it belongs it strictly agriculture, not here	3	5.17%
Limit number of Commercial Mulching operations	1	1.72%
Allow residential mulching but regulate commercial mulching	1	1.72%
Screen in eyesores with appropriate landscape buffers	5	8.62%
Small-scale should be fine	1	1.72%
Material should be moved regularly; not stored	6	10.34%
Location due to truck size should be on paved roads	3	5.17%
Limit on volume produced	3	5.17%
Limit percentage of cedar chips from horse stalls	1	1.72%

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RETAIL NURSERIES

The questionnaire allowed voters to choose as many as they felt appropriate

Maintain existing regulations	32	72.73%
Limit all ingress and egress to paved east and west roadways	5	11.36%
Increase minimum lot size requirement for nurseries in residential districts from 1 acre to 2 acres	3	6.82%
Increase minimum lot size requirement for nurseries in residential districts from 1 acre to 5 acres	12	27.27%
Increase minimum lot size requirement for nurseries in residential districts from 1 acre to 10 acres	2	4.55%

TOTAL VOTING SHEETS

44

RETAIL NURSERIES Additional Comments:

Grandfather existing retail nurseries	3
New retail nurseries are subject to conditional use approval	3
Mobile home acceptable for office use as long as its not used as a residence	15
Sod retail sales only on major east/west roadways	2
Change setbacks to 10-20 feet	2
Check out pesticide usage as it affects ground water	10
Do not regulate retail nurseries at all	3
Let retail nurseries exist on all major roads (A,B,C,D,E to Okeechobee & Southern)	1
No prohibitive laws against starting a retail nursery	4
Should be allowed to sell sod with no limitations	4
Trucks should be acceptable from 7am to 7pm	1
Mandated by State Regulations, do not regulate retail nurseries	7
Do not allow any retail nurseries	1
Limit ingress and egress to paved east/west roadways & FOLSOM	2
Prefer no retail or restricted only	1
Container setbacks 25 feet minimum	2
Add plants to the definition of retail nurseries	16
Eliminate any minimum lot size requirements	6
Eliminate any buffering requirements	4
Change the entire retail nursery code to only apply any lot larger than 5 acres	2
Should be allowed to have a mobile home for yard workers	6
Should inspect mobile homes used as offices	5

TOTAL COMMENTS*

100

** Please note that not every participant had additional comments and some participants made multiple comments*

WHOLESALE NURSERIES

There was no voting that occurred on Wholesale Nurseries at workshop II. There was feedback received as to what the community desired in reference to the existing codes regulating Wholesale Nurseries. Please note that not all participants commented and many participants made multiple comments.

COMMENTS:

Definition: The cultivation and wholesale of horticultural specialties such as flowers, shrubs, sod and trees intended for ornamental or landscaping purposes

- 1 Add the word PLANTS after sod 17

Wholesale nurseries less than 10 acres are permitted; over 10 acres requires special approval

- 1 Change to Conditional Approval 5
2 No acreage requirement, allowed on any size parcel 13
3 All existing nurseries should be grandfathered 15
Change the acreage requirement to 20 acres or less are permitted and anything over 20 acres required a
4 conditional approval 4
5 Allowed with review only 2
6 Over 10 acres should NOT require special approval 18

Sales from a wholesale nursery are limited to exporters, distributors, landscape contractors, retailers and other businesses

- 1 No limitation imposed 8
2 Add language to include owners selecting plants in conjunction with landscape contractor/installer 14
3 Add language to include individuals working with businesses that have landscaping licenses 6
4 Eliminate from code 15
5 Should be able to sell to drive up homeowners 4

Wholesale nurseries may be operated in conjunction with a residence, if nursery is in district that permits residential use

- 1 NO COMMENTS

An office is permitted as an accessory use, provided it is not a mobile home

- 1 Eliminate this part of the code 14
2 It is inappropriate to state that the office is permitted as long as it is not a mobile home 3
3 Many offices are mobile homes on wholesale nurseries 4
4 Permit mobile homes as offices 16
5 No mobile home or shed or building should be allowed to become unkept, unsafe or rundown 1
6 Allow mobile homes as offices for 5 acres or less 2
7 Add language at end to state that the mobile homes can not be used as residence 8

Operation of commercial vehicles over one ton rated capacity or gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds, including load is prohibited from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

- 1 Eliminate this part of the code 6
2 Change to 9:00 p.m. in the Summer 2
3 Explore truck use and road impact, size and hours are hard to limit 2
4 Prohibit driving commercial vehicles on Sundays 1

A buffer shall be provided along all property lines that are not screened by plant material

- 1 Eliminate this part of the code 7
2 Eliminate reference to all property lines 1

Outdoor bulk storage in residential zoning districts must be setback a minimum of 50 feet or the district setback, whichever is greater

- 1 50 feet is too much; reasonable buffer 4
2 Change to 10-20 feet 2

OTHER COMMENTS:

Add language that during a water restriction that the property should hold on site a 4 inch rain in 24 hours and 8

- 1 inches in 72 hours 1
2 Re-write the entire code 3
3 Increase size and number of trucks 1
4 What about foilage nurseries 1
5 Need to simplify or eliminate current process 8
6 Wholesale nurseries are regulated by state so no need to regulate on the local level 9
7 No change to code 2
8 Regulate water quality relating to runoff in the canals (pesticides) 1
9 Grandfather all nurseries set up prior to incorporation 5

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LARGE SCALE EVENTS

Temporary activities that may include rides, amusements, food, games, crafts, performances, or services such as carnivals, circuses, auctions and revivals. This does NOT include temporary sales such as pumpkin patches and christmas trees

The questionnaire allowed voters to choose as many as they felt appropriate

Maintain existing regulations	12	27.27%
Increase from 3 events per year limitation to 4 events per year limitation	6	13.64%
Decrease from 3 events per year limitation to 2 events per year limitation	9	20.45%
Do not limit the number of events allowed	21	47.73%

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LARGE SCALE EVENTS Additional Comments:

Address time limit and volume of people	1
Decision by a case by case basis	5
Impact on community	4
Any event that requires traffic control should be paid by applicant	
Regulate noise after 11:00 p.m.	4
Take into account complaints by neighbors before approving future events	3
Unlimited amount of events	5
3 events per year with a 4 day limitation	12
Maximum of 7 days per event	1
Change definition to include the following:	4
* Open to the public	4
* Charge admission	4
* Determine # of people	4
* Parking considerations	4
Regulate time so events end at 10 p.m.	1
Reduce number of days to 5; more than that requires a permit	1
Reduce duration from 14 days	8
Regulate noise at all times; impacts on neighbors	15
Consider events that are new and unusual not currently addressed such as equestrian events, rodeos, events at Sunsport, cinco de mayo, flea markets, etc.	4
No multi-day events	
Change setbacks to 100 feet	3
Do not include church rummage sales	2
Must notify neighbors before event	3
Change setbacks to 50 feet	2
Limit number of events within 1/2 mile	1
Must be approved by Town Council	1