

FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 18-19/065

Members of the public presented Planning and Development Department staff with a proposed Large-Scale Livestock Facilities Moratorium. After staff review, revisions of the proposed moratorium were returned to the members of the public who originally presented the moratorium. The revisions clarified definitions to create consistency with existing state codes. The revised version of the moratorium was presented to the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission (LCC).

The purposes of this ordinance are to (1) allow Eau Claire County to investigate the impacts of large-scale livestock facilities on groundwater, surface water and air quality, specifically as those issues apply in Eau Claire County, and (2) allow Eau Claire County adequate time to review current ordinances, to study and determine whether amendment of existing ordinances, and/or creation and adoption of other ordinances applicable in all unincorporated areas within Eau Claire County is appropriate. The goal is to protect the public health, safety and welfare of all Eau Claire County residents and the quality of land, air and water resources for generations to come.

At the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2018, the LCC received public input from 18 members of the public present. Several other members of the public were present but did not provide input. Following the public input period and during the regular business of the meeting, a motion was made to adopt the Temporary Moratorium on the Expansion and Creation of Large-Scale Livestock Facilities Pending 12 Month Review Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, the motion to adopt the moratorium failed with a vote of 2 in favor, and 6 in opposition.

At the Eau Claire County Planning and Development Committee regularly scheduled meeting on September 11, 2018, the Planning and Development Committee received public input from 11 members of the public present. Several other members of the public were present but did not provide input. Following the public input period and during the regular business of the meeting, a motion was made to adopt the Temporary Moratorium on the Expansion and Creation of Large-Scale Livestock Facilities Pending 12 Month Review Ordinance. After a lengthy discussion, the motion to adopt the moratorium passed with a vote of 4 in favor, and 1 in opposition.

Fiscal Impact: None.

Respectfully submitted,



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