



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** March 22, 2022

**Title of Item:** Request Referral to Planning Commission

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<b>Action Requested:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft)	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing* <small>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</small>
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<b>Submitted by:</b> Andrew Carlstrom	<b>Department:</b> Planning & Zoning
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> Andrew Carlstrom, Environmental Services Director	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**

On March 8, 2022 a public hearing was held to gather public comment related to proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance creating an interim amendment restricting new cervid farms in Aitkin County.

Currently, "Game Preserves" are permitted in the Aitkin County Zoning Ordinance in Farm Residential, Public, and Open zones (conditionally permitted in Residential and Commercial). "Game Farms" (with hunting) are conditionally permitted in Farm Residential, Commercial, Public, and Open zones.

In accordance with statute 394.25, subd.10, an amendment not initiated by the planning commission shall be referred to the planning commission, if there is one, for study and report and may not be acted upon by the board until it has received the recommendation of the planning commission. I am respectfully requesting the Aitkin County Board refer the interim amendment to cervid farms in the Zoning Ordinance to the Aitkin County Planning Commission for study and report at a Public Hearing on April 18, 2022. Upon completion of its study and report, the Aitkin County Planning Commission will provide its recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**  
N/A

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
Motion to approve referring the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance restricting new cervid farms in Aitkin County to the Planning Commission for study and report and their recommendation at a public hearing on April 18, 2022.

**Financial Impact:**

Is there a cost associated with this request?       Yes       No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted?       Yes       No      Please Explain: