



Notice to Buffalo County Towns

It has recently been brought to the attention of the Zoning Department that some Towns in Buffalo County wish to limit the areas where large animal confinement structures may be located, particularly in relation to areas that are becoming more developed by non-farm residential dwellings.

To accommodate the apparent desire of those Towns, it is here proposed that an additional Agriculture/Natural Resource Zoning District be established. The additional district will be designated the **ANRT-5 District, Agriculture/Natural Resource Transition – 5**. This zoning district will be recognized as one that is transitioning from agricultural to use of a more residential nature and it is the intent of the Town to encourage that transition and trend in residential development. To encourage that transition it will be prohibited to confine over 25 animal units within any single structure or any combination of structures located on the same lot. **The 25 animal unit limit will preclude the development of poultry barns and feedlots/structures housing roughly more than 25 head of cattle.**

The ANRT-5 district will retain most of the language and development guidelines in the current ANR-5 district. The following sentence will be stricken: *“It is the intent of the ANR- 5 zoning district to strictly limit the intrusion of non-agricultural uses and development which can conflict with traditional and contemporary farming operations and practices.”*

The following language will be added to the ANRT-5 district: *“A new feedlot or animal confinement structure or combination of structures, located on the same lot or combination of contiguous lots, shall contain or confine no more than 25 animal units. An existing feedlot or confinement structure/operation shall not expand to over 25 animal units.”*

If your Town wishes to incorporate the ANRT-5 zoning district into its Town Zoning Map please adjust the 2nd draft map accordingly.