

**Proposed Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance Revisions
to “CFO / CAFO Type II” Standards
as Recommended by the Bartholomew County CFO/CAFO Study Committee**

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Zoning Ordinance Section 6.3(B) – CFO/CAFO Requirements:

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Confined feeding operations (CFOs) ~~and concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs)~~ shall be located consistent with Article 3 of this (the Zoning) Ordinance. All such operations shall meet any and all applicable requirements of the federal, state, and local government in addition to the ~~following standards~~ standards listed below. Any CFO that does not meet one or more of these standards may be allowed by the Board of Zoning Appeals as a conditional use.

1. Required Lot Property Size: No ~~farm (CFO/CAFO type II)~~ CFO shall be located on any ~~lot~~ property of less than ~~5-10~~ acres.
2. Required Property Setbacks: All structures used in association with a ~~farm (CFO/CAFO type II) operation~~ CFO facility, including waste ~~disposal~~ storage facilities, shall be setback a minimum of 100 feet from all property lines, including all street or road rights-of-way.
3. Minimum Separation Distances from Residential Zoning: No ~~farm (CFO/CAFO type II) operation~~ shall be located closer than ½ mile to any Single-family Residential or Multi-family Residential zoning district (measured at the nearest boundary line of the zoning district and the nearest property line of the CFO/CAFO operation). All CFOs shall be separated from other properties and/or land uses as specified below:
 - a. Residential Zoning Districts: No CFO facility shall be located closer than ½ mile to any Single-family Residential or Multi-family Residential zoning district. The separation shall be measured from the nearest structure associated with the CFO facility to the boundary line of the zoning district.
 - b. Incorporated Cities and Towns Without Zoning: No CFO facility shall be located closer than ½ mile to any incorporated city or town (Clifford, Elizabethtown, and Jonesville, for example) that has not adopted a zoning ordinance. The separation shall be measured from the nearest structure associated with the CFO facility to the corporate limits.
 - c. Residential Properties in Agricultural Zoning Districts: No CFO facility shall be located closer than 500 feet to any residential property (any property of 5 acres or less, regardless of whether or not it currently contains a residence) located in an Agricultural zoning district. The separation shall be measured from the nearest structure associated with the CFO facility to the residential property line.
 - d. Farm Dwellings in Agricultural Zoning Districts: No CFO facility shall be located closer than 500 feet to any farm dwelling (a residence located on a property of greater than 5 acres) located in an Agricultural zoning district. The separation shall be measured from the nearest structure associated with the CFO facility to the farm dwelling.
 - e. Certain Community Facilities: No CFO facility shall be located closer than ¼ mile to any (1) school (including a trade or business school, college or university, and day-care center); (2) health care facility (including a hospital, clinic, retirement facility, and nursing home / assisted living facility); (3) worship facility; or (4) recreational facility (including all park uses and all outdoor recreational uses). In the case of nature preserves (which are considered a park use) the specified separation shall only be required if the nature preserve is dedicated by the State of Indiana. The separation shall be measured from the nearest structure associated with the CFO facility to the property line of the other use.

- f. Private Wells for Household Use: No CFO facility shall be located closer than 500 feet to any private well providing water for bathing, cooking, drinking and other household purposes. The separation shall be measured from the nearest structure associated with the CFO facility to the well water withdrawal location. In no instance shall this provision be interpreted as requiring separation between a CFO facility and wells used for irrigation or other non-household purposes.
- g. Exemptions: The following exemptions shall apply to the minimum separation distances described above:
 - i. No minimum separation distance shall be required from a CFO facility to any residence, farm dwelling, or well located on the same property with that facility.
 - ii. No minimum separation distance shall be required from a CFO facility to any nearby residential property or off-site farm dwellings associated with the CFO. A residential property and/or farm dwelling shall be considered as being associated with the CFO if they are in the same ownership as the CFO. Ownership shall not be required to be identical and may be considered the same if, for example, individuals who own the residential property and/or farm dwelling also own all or part of a corporation that owns the CFO. Further, residential properties and/or farm dwellings may be considered as associated with the CFO if they are owned by others in the same family as those who own the CFO or by employees of the CFO. The existence of any association shall be determined by the Planning Director. The Planning Director may require written waivers of the required separation from any of those who may be considered as associated with the CFO.
 - iii. No minimum separation distance shall be required from a CFO facility to any residential properties, farm dwellings, specified community facilities or wells that are established after the CFO facility (and shall therefore not apply to the future expansion of that CFO facility). The CFO facility, as well as farm dwellings and community facilities, shall be considered established upon the start of their construction. Residential properties shall be considered established upon the recording of the approved subdivision plat for any new lots. Wells shall be considered established upon being placed in operation.
- 4. Permit Requirements: No CFO facility shall be constructed, enlarged, or otherwise physically expanded without the prior issuance of an Improvement Location Permit consistent with Chapter 12.9 of this (the Zoning) Ordinance.

Margin Note: Consistent with Article 11 (Nonconformities) of this Ordinance, existing confined feeding operations (CFOs) ~~/CAFO operations~~ are not required to re-locate or alter their operations if nearby zoning or uses change.

Margin Note: The term confined feeding operation (CFO) is intended to include concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) and any other similar facilities that meet the confined feeding operation (CFO) definition included in this ordinance but are otherwise also specifically identified by state and/or federal law based on the number of animals included, etc. A CAFO, for example, is a CFO which is characterized by a specific, large number of animals.

Zoning Ordinance Chapter 14.2 - Definitions:

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Confined Feeding: The raising of animals for food, fur or recreation in lots pens, ponds, sheds or buildings, where they are confined, fed and maintained for at least 45 days during any 12-month period, and where ground cover or vegetation is not sustained over at least half of the animals' confinement area.

Confined feeding does not include a livestock auction or sales facility. This definition is intended to be consistent with that provided by IC 13-11-2-39 and 327 IAC 19-2-6, as amended periodically. It is deemed to include any revisions to the indicated state regulations or their successors even if the text of those regulations differs from the specifics provided in this definition.

Confined Feeding Operation (CFO): The raising of animals for food, fur or recreation in lots pens, ponds, sheds or buildings, where they are confined, fed and maintained for at least 45 days during any calendar year, and where there is no ground cover or vegetation present over at least half of the animals' confinement area; consistent with 327 IAC 16-2-5. See also Farm (CFO/CAFO type I) and Farm (CFO/CAFO type II). The confined feeding of at least 300 cattle, 600 swine or sheep, 30,000 fowl, or 500 horses, either in association with or separately from a farm. This definition is intended to be consistent with that provided by IC 13-11-2-40 and 327 IAC 19-2-7, as amended periodically. This definition is further intended to distinguish confined feeding that is subject to Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) review and approval from that which is not, and to also establish local regulations through this Zoning Ordinance which apply to those confined feeding operations of a scale such that IDEM regulation is considered prudent. It is deemed to include any revisions to the indicated state regulations or their successors even if the text of those regulations differs from the specifics provided in this definition. However, in no instance shall a CFO defined here for the purposes of this ordinance be deemed to include those regulated by IDEM for reasons other than the number of animals (such as specific impacts to the waters of the state, etc.) See Also Farm.

Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) Facility: The structures which together function as a CFO, including those that house CFO animals and those that are involved in the storage of CFO animal waste (including lagoons and other containments). A CFO facility shall not include any structures used to house CFO animal feed.

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO): The raising of animals for food, fur or recreation in lots pens, ponds, sheds or buildings, where they are confined, fed and maintained for at least 45 days during any calendar year, and where there is no ground cover or vegetation present over at least half of the animals' confinement area; consistent with 327 IAC 5-4-3. See also Farm (CFO/CAFO type I) and Farm (CFO/CAFO type II).

Farm (CFO/CAFO Type I): Any farm which includes a confined feeding livestock operation or concentrated animal feeding operation which is not subject to regulation by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management through 327 IAC Article 16, Article 15, Article 4 and/or IC 13-18-10 as periodically amended and revised. See also Confined Feeding Operation and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

Farm (CFO/CAFO Type II): Any farm which includes a confined feeding livestock operation or concentrated animal feeding operation which is subject to regulation by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management through 327 IAC Article 16, Article 15, Article 4 and/or IC 13-18-10 as periodically amended and revised. See also Confined Feeding Operation and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation.

Farm (general): Any property or area exceeding 5 acres in size that is generally used for agriculture (such as the production and storage of vegetables, fruit trees, or grain, and/or the raising of farm animals, such as poultry or cattle). A farm may include a single farm dwelling, all other related structures, and the storage and servicing of equipment and materials used on-site for the farm operation. A farm shall also include, as an accessory use, the seasonal sales of products grown on-site. Also, as an accessory use, a farm may function as a location where orders are placed for farm-related services (such as crop insurance) and/or bulk farm-related supplies (such as seeds). The term farm shall include all properties in residential use in an agriculture zoning district that exceed 5 acres in size. In no instance shall the term farm be interpreted as including a Confined Feeding Operation (CFO). See also Dwelling, Farm and Confined Feeding Operation (CFO).

Zoning Ordinance Section 12.9(B)(1) – Improvement Location Permit Requirements:

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1. *Zoning Compliance Certificate Required:* A Zoning Compliance Certificate (ZCC), issued by the Planning Director, shall be obtained prior to the issuance of an ~~Improvement Location Permit~~ any required building permit for the following actions:
 - a. *New Construction:* construction, removal, additions to, or placement of any structure that exceeds 120 square feet in area and/or has a permanent foundation; including structures other than buildings such as towers and antennas, but excluding agricultural structures (other than those associated with a CFO facility) and single and two-family residential structures;
 - k. *Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) Facilities:* the construction, additional to, placement or installation of any CFO Facility structure(s) (including any animal waste storage).

Table 3.1 – Zoning District Use Matrix:

Table 3.1 is amended to (1) delete the term “farm (CFO/CAFO type I)” and all content associated with it, (2) replace the term “farm (CFO/CAFO type II)” with the term “Confined Feeding Operation (CFO)”, and (3) replace the term “farm (general)” with the term “farm”. Further, a Confined Feeding Operation (CFO) shall be indicated as a permitted use in the AV, AP, and AG zoning districts and prohibited in all other zoning districts. Corresponding changes to the listings of permitted and conditional uses shall be made to Chapters 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.23, 3.24, and 3.25.

Consistent Application of Terms:

The terminology used throughout the Zoning Ordinance shall be revised as follows:

1. The term “farm (general)” shall be replaced with “farm”,
2. The term “CFO/CAFO type II” shall be replaced with “CFO”, and
3. The term “CFO/CAFO type I” shall either be replaced with “farm” or be omitted, based on the context of its use.