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BOULDER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 10:30AM

Due to COVID-19, this hearing will be held virtually

Authorization to Pursue Text Amendments to the Boulder County Land Use Code

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Public testimony will not be taken – action requested

SUMMARY

Staff requests Board authorization to pursue text amendments in Article 4 of the Land Use Code related to the creation of language regarding meat and poultry processing as an accessory use. The purpose of this amendment is to respond to the farming community's desire for an option for small operations to slaughter, dress, process, and package meat and poultry on-site. Article 4, sections 501, 502, and 516 might be subject to change as part of this text amendment process. Moreover, promoting a diverse and sustainable agricultural economy is a county priority, as cited in goal M.1 and policy AG 1.02 of the Comprehensive Plan. This additional Land Use Code language would allow existing agricultural uses to expand their economic activities by selling meats that would currently require processing in larger operations, oftentimes outside of Boulder County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests the Board of County Commissioners authorize staff to pursue text amendments to the Boulder County Land Use Code regarding accessory meat and poultry processing uses.