

**SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NH RSA 675:4**

**PETITION TO AMEND HENNIKER ZONING ORDINANCE**

**ARTICLE II - DEFINITIONS, CHAPTER 133-3 - TERMS DEFINED, AGRICULTURE, AGRITOURISM**

**AND AMEND**

**ARTICLE IV CHAPTER 133-20 A: CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS: AGRITOURISM USES**

The definitions of 'Agriculture' and 'Agritourism' in the Henniker Zoning Ordinances are unclear and confusing. The definitions of 'Agriculture' and "Agritourism' do not incorporate many of the current elements of farming and agriculture necessary for our Agricultural Community to be economically viable in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. For this reason, we the undersigned, duly registered voters of the Town of Henniker, do:

**Petition the Selectman of the Town of Henniker**, to place a warrant article on the March 13, 2018, town ballot to amend the Henniker Zoning Ordinance Article II Definitions, 133-3 Terms Defined, 'Agriculture,' Terms Defined 'Agritourism' and amend Article IV Chapter 133-20 A in the manner set forth below.

*Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as presented by petition for the Henniker Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

**No. 1: Amend Article II Definitions, Chapter 133-3 Terms Defined, by repealing 'AGRICULTURE' [Revised 3-8-2005], 'AGRICULTURE (Farm, Agriculture, Farming, Agritourism)' <sup>1</sup> [footnote #1] and adopt the following new definition:**

**Agriculture** – Agriculture and farming shall mean and refer to all operations of a farm including, but not limited to: the terms 'farm,' 'agriculture,' 'farming,' roadside farm stands, farmer's markets, orchards, nurseries, tree farms, Christmas tree farms, dairy farms, livestock, poultry, maple syrup operations, and all other commercial agricultural activities on a farm that are intended or designed to attract visitors to a farm, which includes 'Agritourism'.

*Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as presented by petition for the Henniker Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

**No. 2: Amend Article II Definitions, Chapter 133-3 Terms Defined, by repealing 'AGRITOURISM' <sup>2</sup> [footnote #2] and 'AGRITOURISM' <sup>3</sup> [footnote #3] and adopt the following new definition:**

**Agritourism** – 'Agritourism' is defined as interactive or passive activities carried out, with or without payment to a farmer, on a farm, ranch, or agricultural operation. 'Agritourism' is intended to promote rural tourism and rural economic development and strengthen our 'Farm, Agriculture and Farming Community'. 'Agritourism' shall specifically include, but not be limited to, farm-to-table events, overnight stays, corn mazes, agricultural-based educational activities, fairs, on-farm weddings, civil unions and similar cultural events, hay rides, petting zoos, pick-your own produce operations, agriculture tours, nature walks, outdoor sporting activities, snowmobile, ATV trails, bike trails, hiking, snowshoeing, x-country skiing, horse trails, camping, bird watching, historical and agricultural.

Are in in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as presented by petition for the Henniker Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**No. 3: Amend Article II Definitions, Chapter 133-3 Terms Defined, by adding the following definition/title:**

Add 'Agriculture' as defined, which includes 'Agritourism' as defined, and amend the title "Agriculture" to read "Farm, Agriculture, Farming, Agritourism."

Are you in in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as presented by petition for the Henniker Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**No. 4: Amend Article IV: General Provisions, Chapter 133-20A Conditional Use Permits: Agritourism Uses, to read as follows:**

Subject to the provisions of RSA 674:21, the Planning Board is hereby authorized to issue Conditional Use Permits for Agritourism events where the host has reason to believe the Agritourism event will attract 300 or more persons at any one time on Agriculture lands. The issuance of the Conditional Use Permit will be subjected to the process and criteria currently outlined in Chapter 203 Site Plan Review Regulations.

**Print Name:**

**Address:**

**Signature:**

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