

ARTICLE II – DEFINITIONS, CHAPTER 133-3 – TERMS DEFINED, AGRICULTURE

The definition of ‘Agriculture’ in the Henniker Zoning Ordinances is lacking, and does not incorporate many of the current elements of farming and agriculture, including the concept of Agritourism. For this reason, we the undersigned, duly registered voters of the Town of Henniker, do: Petition the Selectmen of the Town of Henniker, to place a warrant article on the March 2016 town ballot to add to the Henniker Zoning Ordinance Article II Definitions, 133-3 Terms Defined, ‘Agriculture,’ 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 amending the following 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 working farm, which includes agritourism uses as set forth in RSA 21:34-a

(VI). 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 adding the following definition: Agritourism

‘Agritourism’ includes the definition set forth in NH RSA 21:34-a

(VI), and shall specifically include, but not be limited to, farm-to-table events, overnight stays, corn mazes, agricultural-based educational activities, fairs, on-farm weddings and similar 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 exhibits and museums, as well as other commercial agricultural activities on farms that are intended or designed to attract visitors to a working farm. Are you 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.” Home Farming is allowed in all zones.