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This icon will be used across all materials to indicate State Law Updates, including Chapters, staff reports, etc. The brown indicates these are primarily mandatory updates.

Update Chapter 1 and A-1, F-1, and F-2 Zones to align with state law. Public input is being sought on new, optional uses and proposed agricultural setbacks for farm dwellings.

Why:

Wasco County is undertaking these updates because they are;

1. Required by state law
2. Optional updates allow for new uses/activities, need public input
3. Reduce impacts to productive ground by reducing farm dwelling setbacks

Who:

Staff internal audit in 2016

Angelo Planning Group conducted a Model Code audit in 2016

State Law Updates since 2012

Where & When:

Drafts go live on the project website (<https://wasco2040.com>) along with a virtual open house on April 27th. There you can comment or ask questions in the draft or using the comment/ask a planner functions. The first virtual Ask a Planner event is scheduled for May 18th at 5pm. In-person open houses are tentatively scheduled for May 24th and June 8th.

Citizens can submit comments or questions via mail, email, or the website any time between April and September 12th. The first hearing is on September 13th.

Potential Impacts

There are a variety of state law updates that impact resource zones. Mandatory updates include:

- New uses added
- New rules for property line adjustments
- Additional criteria added to be consistent with state law

Optional uses that need public input include:

- Accessory forest-dwelling use for F-2 Zone
- Cidery use proposed for A-1
- Farm brewery use proposed for A-1
- Horse therapy use proposed for A-1
- Guest ranches use proposed for A-1
- Setbacks reduced for farm dwellings from 200 feet to 100 feet

These updates, by in large, increase what is allowed in the farm and forest zones rather than restrict uses. Many of the optional uses, however, could have impacts on the value/use of your property by increasing things like noise and traffic. Optional uses do not need to be adopted if the public has concerns about their impacts.

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