

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING HEALTH ORDINANCE #2-12-13-05
ESTABLISHING HEALTH REGULATIONS FOR CONCENTRATED ANIMAL
FEEDING OPERATIONS PASSED AND APPROVED ON
DECEMBER 13, 2005, AND AMENDMENTS THERETO**

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Knox County, Missouri, passed and approved an ordinance establishing health regulations for concentrated animal feeding operations on December 13, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners passed certain amendments to the ordinance on March 27, 2006, April 10, 2006 and October 7, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners now wish to amend that portion of the ordinance having to do with the definition of a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation ("CAFO").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Knox County, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1.6 of the original ordinance, as amended, is hereby repealed and the following section is hereby approved and adopted in its place:

1.6 CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION ("CAFO"): All land and/or a lot, facility, parcel, or operating location in which animals have been, are or will be stabled or confined and fed or maintained for a total of forty-five (45) days or more in any twelve (12) month period and a ground cover of vegetation is not sustained over at least fifty percent (50%) of the animal confinement area. A "concentrated animal feeding operation" shall not include any land area, structure, lot, yard, or corral or other area which does not meet the numerical threshold for animals as set forth in the classification system of 2 this Ordinance. For purposes of this definition, the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation means and refers collectively to an animal production facility which includes at least one Feedlot, Livestock Lagoon, and a Plant Filter Area. For purposes of this definition, "animal confinement area" includes the buildings or structures, including Feedlots, in which animals are confined, but does not include contiguous land used as plant filter areas over which crops or other vegetation are raised independent from the animal feeding operations. A CAFO does not include a feeding operation that has a capacity of less than three hundred (300) AU.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of County Commissioners of Knox County, Missouri. Passed this 11th day of July, 2014.