

Date: May 8, 2026

To: Interested Parties

From: Mike Dawson

RE: Douglas County Zoning Resolution Amendment – Training Lessons & Exercise Sessions of Non-Owned Animals, DR2026-004

Request for Review:

Please review the following proposed update to the Douglas County Zoning Resolution (Zoning Resolution) references to Training Lessons & Exercise Sessions of Non-Owned Animals and forward any comments to me by **June 8, 2026**. The full text of this update can be obtained by contacting this office, or by accessing the Douglas County website at www.douglasco.gov/PRO and entering the project file number DR2026-004 in the search tool.

Synopsis of Regulation Change:

Douglas County is proposing revisions to multiple Sections of the Zoning Resolution which would allow a property owner to let non-residents exercise their animals on a property. The use would be within a broadened use category of “training lessons and exercising sessions of non-owned animals.” The proposed revisions also clarify that horse boarding and animal training and exercising are distinct uses. The following Sections are affected:

- 3 – Agricultural One
- 4 – Large Rural Residential
- 5 – Rural Residential
- 6 – Estate Residential
- 21 – Use by Special Review

Amendment Process

Douglas County staff will conduct a public workshop on May 28, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., with a staff presentation starting shortly after 5:00 p.m., at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 1st Floor, 100 Third Street, Castle Rock. Please contact Mike Dawson at mcdawson@douglasco.gov or 303-814-4352 if you plan to attend the public workshop or if you have any questions.

Once comments from this referral process have been received, a work session will be scheduled with the Board of County Commissioners to review the comments.

Final consideration of the proposed regulations will occur at a public hearing with the Board, following a Planning Commission recommendation. Future hearings date(s) may be obtained by calling 303-660-7460 or by accessing the project information at www.douglasco.gov/PRO.