

RESOLUTION
2002-34

WHEREAS, Section 331.304A of the Code of Iowa prohibits county legislation which would regulate the production, care, feeding or housing of animals unless expressly authorized by state law; and,

WHEREAS, the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors is concerned about the environmental and health impact of animal confinement facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 137 of the Code of Iowa allows a county Board of Health to protect and improve the health of the public; and,

WHEREAS, current laws and regulations are viewed as inadequate protection for citizens and the environment; and,

WHEREAS, legislation giving counties control over site selection of these facilities is needed with objective measurable standards of enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, studies on the health and environmental impact of confinement facilities have not yet been completed; and,

WHEREAS, public health officials need time to adequately assess health and environmental concerns that may be related to animal confinement facilities; and,

WHEREAS, this Board does not want to restrain farm operations unfairly; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors imposes a one-year moratorium on any new construction or activity occurring on land used for the production, care, feeding or housing of animals with the exception of variances granted by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors.

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2002 with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Dougherty, Amosson and Urdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT/NOT VOTING: None

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2002-35

WHEREAS, the Sparboe Company may purchase more than 900 acres of land south of Clear Lake to be used as a site for the construction of a poultry egg laying facility; and,

WHEREAS, the Sparboe facility is planned to contain 22 buildings to house more than two million chickens; and,

WHEREAS, there is concern for public health, environmental health and quality of life issues resulting from such a facility; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed site may interfere with current efforts to improve the water quality of Clear Lake; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cerro Gordo County Board of Supervisors that they are opposed to the construction of the Sparboe chicken facility at its proposed location and the endorse the concept of local government control for the siting of large-scale confinement operations within Cerro Gordo County's borders.

ADOPTED this 26th day of February, 2002 with the vote thereon being as follows:

AYES: Dougherty, Amosson and Urdahl

NAYS: None

ABSENT/NOT VOTING: None