

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

Regarding the proposed Ordinance to ban feeding certain wildlife in Sandoval County, in particular, the free-roaming horses in Placitas, I feel that the proposed 500 foot restriction is too burdensome on property owners.

I understand why feeding wildlife along Route 165 should be restricted. That is dangerous for both the animals and the people doing the feeding.

For those worried about the environmental impact that the free-roaming horses pose, look at the new home construction in Placitas which does much more harm as the lots are scrapped several feet, tearing out native vegetation which usually takes about 10 years to renew. We already suffer from a paucity of water in Placitas; I can only imagine that the water consumption of a typical house in Placitas is vastly more than what these free-roaming horses consume.

The recent deaths of horses along Route 165 were in large part caused by speeding. If there were a concerted effort to crack down on speeding in Placitas, these "accidents caused by horses" would most likely drop dramatically.

Finally, the draft ordinance proposes penalties of "up to ninety days imprisonment, a fine of up to \$300.00, or both". I think this is unfair and this likely will not hold up to court scrutiny.