

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I have mixed feelings about people feeding our Placitas horses. Some neighbors consider the horses a nuisance. Some complain about the negative affect these horses have on the land. I personally disagree with both of those opinions. The horses were here long before we residents and thankfully, they don't seem to mind sharing their land with us. Construction of new homes is far more destructive to the land.

I oppose the proposed ordinance. I did have a email exchange with Allen Mills regarding the Signpost article, which specifically states it is ok to feed birds, but not horses. I regularly feed and water birds in my backyard. I was quite surprised to find that our horses are quite fond of birdseed and they also appreciate the very shallow cement "water trough" (birdbath). They also helped themselves to the water in my backyard spa when it was cleaned and filled (it did not have chemicals). I am quite fond of flowers and plants and found that our horses love them too - for breakfast, lunch and dinner! I don't expect our horses to change their behavior and not seek food. That would be ridiculous.

Will I need to fence my backyard to limit access so I won't unintentionally break the law with my birdfeeders? That is a serious question! :)

Thank you for considering everyone's opinion and perspective.