

Public Comment for Upcoming Commission Meeting

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Comments:

I agree with the intention of this ordinance (safety for both humans and horses) but disagree with the proposed action. The ordinance as described will have unintended consequences that will very likely exacerbate the situation, rather than alleviate it. Before driving our community further into a split on this issue with an ill-formed, urgent (re)action, we need to deepen dialogue towards a solution. The diversity, emotion, and insight in these comments reflects not the beginning of that dialogue and that deepening, but perhaps an inflection point. New Mexico is replete with environmental scientists and professionals who can provide an evidence-based perspective on the options we have, as real paths forward. We need to engage them immediately. We also need to aggressively respond to the concurrent issues that are shaping what we see as a “horse problem” — namely speeding, and the safety of Placitas roads. These are very much in need of attention, and will continue to endanger the community long after we make steps forward in our relationship with the horses.