



STUDY GOAL

Achieve enduring land use compatibility that supports both a healthy equine industry and the property rights of all Larimer County citizens.

EQUESTRIAN CENTER DEFINITION

CURRENT DEFINITIONS:

- ⦿ Boarding stable. A facility for the care and feeding of more than four horses for a fee.
- ⦿ Riding academy. A facility for the care and/or boarding of horses where instruction in riding, jumping and showing is offered.
- ⦿ Riding stable. A facility where horses are harbored and the general public may, for a fee, hire horses for riding.
A riding stable in the T-Tourist zoning district must locate all buildings, corrals, and storage areas for odor and dust-producing substances at least 250 feet from the centerline of all rights-of-way and at least 200 feet from all property lines.

In the current regulations, the defined uses control in which Zones a business can be located. Riding stables are only allowed in T-Tourist zones. Boarding stables and riding academies are allowed in multiple zones. In all cases horse businesses are only allowed if they have secured a Special Review approval.

REVISION UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Input is needed regarding the possibility of revising the current definitions as follows:

- ⦿ No change to definition of riding stable.
- ⦿ Combine the definitions of boarding stable and riding academy to create a new “equestrian center” definition.
- ⦿ New equestrian center definition could potentially include:
 - Boarding
 - Horse training
 - Riding lessons
 - Equestrian events where participants pay a fee
 - Equestrian events where participants pay no fee
 - Educational events or clinics
 - Pasture rental as a form of horse boarding
 - No distinction between for profit and non-profit facilities
 - Other activities?

The new equestrian center definition would not stipulate a size or scale of the business. Rather the activities would define the use, and the size of the use would determine the required review process.