

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-_____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.2 OF THE SOLANO COUNTY
CODE, RELATING TO THE AGRICULTURAL GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

The Solano County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 2.2-60 is repealed.

Section 2. Section 2.2-60 is added:

Sec. 2.2-60. Agricultural Grievance Committee

(a) For any dispute over whether an agricultural operation constitutes a nuisance, any interested party may contact the Agricultural Commissioner for mediation.

(b) If the Agricultural Commissioner is unsuccessful in mediating the dispute, any interested party may appeal the matter to the Agricultural Grievance Committee for mediation, arbitration and/or the issuance of an opinion.

(c) The Agricultural Grievance Committee shall be organized on an ad hoc basis and shall be comprised as follows:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the Agricultural Grievance Committee shall consist of an appointee of the Solano County Farm Bureau, an appointee of the chair of the Solano County Agricultural Advisory Committee, and a subject matter expert appointed by the Director of the University of California Cooperative Extension Service, Solano County.

(2) For any dispute alleging an agricultural operation causing a nuisance in an incorporated city in Solano County, the Agricultural Grievance Committee shall be the same as in subsection (1), but with the addition of the city manager of the affected city, or his/her designated city employee, and the Solano County Administrative Officer, or his/her designated county employee.

Section 3. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is for any reason held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, including but not limited to being preempted by state law, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof nor other applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

Section 4. Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage.

Section 5. Publication

A summary of this ordinance shall be published once within fifteen (15) days after its adoption, in the Fairfield Daily Republic, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Solano.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on _____ by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

EXCUSED: _____

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Bellinder, Chief Deputy Clerk

Introduced: June 23, 2015

Adopted:

Effective: