

GRANT COUNTY: Hog CAFO to Move in Next Door

Grant County Resident Seeks Approval for Large Hog CAFO.

A local resident is seeking approval to build a **9,240 hog Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (“CAFO”)** in Grant County. Citizens are concerned because the site of this CAFO will be **within 2 miles of 700 homes** and **less than 2 miles from the City of Marion**. Nearby residents are also worried about the effect the CAFO could have on their property values, health, and the environment. If this CAFO is approved by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), it will also need to be approved by the Area Planning Commission before construction can begin.



Under the current Grant County Zoning Ordinance, **CAFOs are required to be one mile from a public or private school**. However, **places of worship do not enjoy this same protection**. We urge you to join us in requesting that the Planning Commission extend the setback for places of worship to one mile. Like schools, places of worship are areas where members of the community congregate regularly. Adopting this increased setback will protect communities from future CAFO encroachment and will protect the neighbors who currently reside next to the proposed hog CAFO. It is crucial that counties enact strong local protections for its citizens because State protections are weak or completely absent when it comes to CAFO regulation.

Grant County citizens can make a difference!

- Citizens can **submit comments to IDEM**, requesting that they deny the pending CAFO application, AND
- **Attend the Area Planning Commission meeting on September 10th at 7 p.m. at the Grant County Complex Building** and voice your support for a one mile setback for places of worship.

Let's let the State and County know that Grant County citizens prioritize people over hogs!

Get Involved!

Attend the Area Planning Commission meeting and voice your support for a one-mile setback for places of worship.
September 10th at 7 p.m.
Grant County Complex Building

Submit a Comment to IDEM!

https://portal.idem.in.gov/IDEMWebForms/question_form.aspx

Contact your County Commissioners!

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Send an email to the Grant County Area Planning Commission!

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