

representing the Loftmar stables, spoke in support of the legislation, and noted that the expense of a Special Exception would limit most riding stables' ability to operate. Jeanne Myers and Jorelle Myers also spoke in support of the legislation.

There was concern regarding the number of horses that could be boarded, and staff responded that this is not regulated by the Zoning Ordinance, but is regulated by the Health Department. There was also discussion regarding the 10-acre minimum, but the committee agreed to report the bill out as drafted, with only technical amendments.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

Commercial riding stables are currently a permitted use in the R-R Zone on lots having a net area of over 20,000 square feet, but are only permitted by Special Exception in the O-S and R-A Zones. This legislation makes a riding stable a permitted use in these two zones, providing the property is at least ten acres in size.