

# Codington County

## Planning Commission / Board of Adjustment

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Dear Landowner,

Every year this office receives calls questioning whether manure is being spread appropriately and/or what minimum requirements the county has for manure spreading. You may not be aware, but the Codington County Zoning Ordinance contains minimum setback distances for ALL spreading of manure on any property. These requirements apply regardless of whether the operator requires a permit of any type. In most cases producers follow these rules without even realizing they exist.

The Codington County Planning Commission has requested the Zoning Officer to send a letter for information purposes to anyone that may confine or feed animals. During a land use survey conducted in the past, your property was identified as having confined animals which may meet the County's definition of a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (regardless of size). If you or anyone you work with spread manure in the future please do so in accordance with the following setbacks for manure application.

### COUNTY MANURE APPLICATION SETBACKS

*(Amended: Ord. 69; April 23, 2019)*

CATEGORY	SURFACE APPLIED	INCORPORATED OR INJECTED
<b>Lakes, Rivers and Streams Classified as Fisheries</b>	300 feet*	100 feet*
<b>Streams and Lakes Classified as Drinking Water Supplies</b>	1,000 feet	300 feet
<b>Public Roads</b>	25 feet (surface) from right-of-way 300 feet (irrigation) from right-of-way	10 feet from right-of-way
<b>Public Wells</b>	1,000 feet	1,000 feet
<b>Established Private Water Well</b>	250 feet	250 feet
<b>A Residence Other Than the Operator</b>	300 feet (surface) 1,000 feet (irrigation)	300 feet
<b>Natural or Manmade Surface Drainage</b>	200 feet*	50 feet

\*Or as prescribed within the South Dakota General Permit for Manure Application on Saturated, Snow Covered, or Frozen Soil

Thank you for your continued stewardship of the land. Please contact this office with questions or for more information. You may reach me by calling 882-6300 between the hours of 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays, or by emailing [Codington.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:Codington.county@sdstate.edu).

Sincerely,

Luke Muller  
Codington County Zoning Officer