

<b>MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SPIRIT RIVER NO. 133 POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL</b>  <b>ADVERTISING THE PRESENCE OF AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>Function:</b> <b>Policy No.</b> <b>Effective Date:</b> <b>Supercedes:</b> <b>Amends:</b>	<b>Planning/Development PD.02 April 20, 2001</b>
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**Policy Statement:**

In accordance with the principle that agriculture and activities associated with agriculture in all its forms has priority in rural areas, no legitimate activity, related to the production of food should be curtailed solely because of objections of near-by landowners. The occupation of food production includes, but is not necessary limited to, the use of irrigation pumps and equipment, aerial and ground seeding and spraying, tractors and motors, the raising of livestock and poultry and bees, the application of such inputs as chemical and natural fertilizers, and pesticides including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. When conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices, these activities may occur on holidays, Sundays and weekends, at night and in the day, and noise, odors, dust and fumes caused by them are permitted as part of the activities directed to the production of food. This policy statement is a reminder to those who wish to move to the country that they must recognize that agriculture has priority and that agricultural activities shall be permitted in the Municipal District.

**Procedure:**

- a) Pursuant to the Farming Practices Protection Statutes Amendment Act, when a development permit application for a single detached dwelling or a manufactured home is approved, the Development Officer shall include in the written notice an advisory that the approved residence is located adjacent to an agricultural operation, by including a copy of this policy statement with the Development Permit.
- b) The Municipality shall at least annually print a copy of this policy statement in the local newspaper, advising all landowners that they are living in the presence of agriculture operations.