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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

FROM: Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator

DATE: October 8, 2008

RE: Ordinance Amendments to address fences and walls in the Airport

Zoning District by amending Section 15.40.090 and adding Section

15.40.045 to the Rapid City Municipal Code.

Currently, electrified fences and barbed wire fencing are permitted in the City's General Agricultural Zoning District. Electrified fences and barbed wire fencing are necessary is some areas within the City's Airport Zoning District to comply with Federal and State Regulations. An exception by the City Council is currently required to allow electrified fences and barbed wire fencing in the City's Airport Zoning District. The attached ordinance amendment for Section 15.40.090, will allow electrified fences and barbed wire fencing in the City's Airport Zoning District. Fences in the City's Airport Zoning District are currently limited to six feet in height. In order to comply with Federal and State regulations some fences in the City's Airport Zoning District must exceed the current six foot height restriction. The attached ordinance amendment to add Section 15.40.045, will allow the fence height in the City's Airport Zoning District to be twelve feet without an exception. These two ordinance amendments will streamline the process for installing required fencing in the City's Airport Zoning District.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: Staff recommends that the Ordinance Amendments to address fences and walls in the Airport Zoning District by amending Section 15.40.090 and adding Section 15.40.045 to the Rapid City Municipal Code be approved.

