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Memorandum

To: Mayor Anzevino and City Council
From: Greg Hannan, Community Development Director
CC: Thomas J Sheridan, City Manager
Brian Griffith, Asst City Manager
Date: February 3, 2025
Re: Request for continuation of an Agricultural District application – Brown Farms

As a follow up to the workshop discussion of March 11, 2025 staff collected the following additional information:

Call with Andrew Miller, Staff Appraiser, CAUV and Forestry Division, Summit County Fiscal Office: Received confirmation that the ongoing use of the property under the agricultural use exemption program was in good standing and permitted as production of commercial purpose of timber. Mr. Miller noted as the total site is greater than 10 acres, no income document is required. Mr. Miller had on file a Forest Stewardship plan for the site from 2007.

ORC 929.01(A) "Agricultural production" means commercial aquaculture, algaculture meaning the farming of algae, apiculture, animal husbandry, or poultry husbandry; the production for a commercial purpose of timber, field crops, tobacco, fruits, vegetables, nursery stock, ornamental shrubs, ornamental trees, flowers, or sod; the growth of timber for a noncommercial purpose if the land on which the timber is grown is contiguous to or part of a parcel of land under common ownership that is otherwise devoted exclusively to agricultural use; or any combination of such husbandry, production, or growth; and includes the processing, drying, storage, and marketing of agricultural products when those activities are conducted in conjunction with such husbandry, production, or growth.

Meeting with property owner Warren Brown: Mr. Brown notes the forested areas are actively managed under an ongoing forest management plan with a copy of the most recent 2019 plan submitted (see separate attachment). Mr. Brown noted selective harvests have been completed multiple times on the property.