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Regarding Council Bill 15 dealing with legal fees in litigation matters between farmers and neighbors, we oppose the removal of the word "reasonable" when referencing attorney fees. Local courts already have the ability to award legal fee reimbursement to the winning party, if they deem a case without merit. The only difference we see in this bill to the existing law is the removal of the word "reasonable". That is not a good precedent. The reason the word is always included in other laws and regulations is so that the attorney bill is not padded to create a punitive measure over the purpose of compensating for the actual fees paid, prior to the reimbursement.

We feel that possibly this was an oversight, and hope the word "reasonable" gets added back when referencing attorney fees, as it has a legal reason for being there.

Thank you,

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