



Statement from the Sioux Falls Development Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Sioux Falls Development Foundation opposes the proposed Slaughterhouse Zoning Ordinance change and encourages a “NO” vote on November 8 for the following reasons:

- The Sioux Falls Shape Places Zoning Plan, which governs the zoning of land in the City of Sioux Falls, was developed by the City’s Planning and Development Services Department based on input from 1,500 citizens and followed by approximately 60 public meetings over a three-year period. It was referred to a public vote in April of 2014 and was approved by 65% of the voters during that election.
- In 2017 an application to rezone the property where the project will be located was filed with the City of Sioux Falls. The application was to rezone the property from AG Agriculture, I-1 Light Industrial Districts, to the I-2 Heavy Industrial Districts. The I-2 Zoning District is the proper zoning district for a slaughterhouse. The rezoning request was properly noticed to the public, recommended by the Sioux Falls Planning Commission, and approved unanimously by the Sioux Falls City Council after two public hearings at which there was no opposition presented to the rezoning application.
- The mission of the Sioux Falls Development Foundation is to attract new business to the Sioux Falls region. We are concerned that the precedent set by passing this ordinance would send a negative message about Sioux Falls and the State of South Dakota to future business prospects.