

# Appeal postponed for alleged violations at Akha

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FALLS CITY — The appeal in the code violation case against Falls City's Akha Farm has been postponed until July.

Thursday, a pre-trial hearing was held in the case, with a trial slated for April 29.

However, the trial is now

set for July 7, with another pre-trial hearing scheduled for June 18.

Falls City City Prosecutor Moe Brown said this week the delay in the trial is due to scheduling conflicts with Polk County Circuit Court.

Akha Farm owner Matthew McDaniel is appealing code violations he was convicted of last fall in

Falls City Municipal Court.

He was found guilty on seven code violations from six citations issued from March 18, 2014, to June 18, 2014: illegal storage of tires, three counts of accumulation of objects (in this case, farming-related items such as hay compost), non-operational recreational vehicle, and non-caged chickens.

Two counts of non-permitted accessory structures, one count of non-permitted sign and two counts of noxious vegetation were dismissed in the judgment issued in September.

Each of the convictions came with a \$500 fine, for a total of \$3,500.

Akha Farm, located at 137 Sheldon Ave., also has been

the subject of complaints from neighbors and other Falls City residents, who allege the farm is a commercial operation in a residential zone.

Currently, Falls City does not have a code enforcement officer, so further allegations have not been investigated.

Mayor Terry Ungricht said

the city council is exploring options to fill the code enforcement role — perhaps with councilors serving as enforcers — and will hold a yet-to-be scheduled work session on the topic.

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