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I have concerns about why there are two standards- 50 or fewer parking spaces vs 51 or more. Agritourism is defined as allowing the general public to enjoy the activities so highlighted on said farm. This means families, families with children. Children that do not understand traffic and patterns. Safety of the public should be paramount in these situations. It shouldn't matter if it is less than or more than. Aisles should be wide enough for visibility of small people, traffic should be two way or one way only with separate exit and entrance to allow traffic flow (what happens when the ground is soft or muddy), ingress and egress should allow enough space for turning vehicles to be out of the major roadways as not to cause accidents and back ups. It would seem that the owners of such properties would look at the liability issues concerning safety before asking for exemptions. There is a need to see if emergency vehicles can access the site, again are we only concerned when its 51 or more spaces? Do not the 50 matter? Agritourism has some great programs and venues, it just should be safe across the board for all to attend.

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