

## Miller Quoted in *Columbus Dispatch* Story Titled “Housing Plans Rebuffed, Delaware County Landowner Proposes Livestock”

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Joe Miller, a partner in the Vorys Columbus office and a member of the litigation group, was quoted in a *Columbus Dispatch* story about a Delaware County property owner who pursued residential development on a portion of land that he owned. According to the story, after repeated rejections from Genoa Township, where the property is located, the property owner is now moving forward with an agricultural development instead.

### The story states:

*“The standoff has him now shifting to animals, specifically pigs, cattle and young hens, or pullets. His new plan calls for a caged pullet operation, a swine finishing barn and beef cattle farm.*

*His lawyer sent a letter recently to township officials, calling out their ‘irrational deference to a vocal minority.’*

*‘As you are aware, these agricultural uses, and the buildings and equipment associated with them, are exempt from township zoning,’ wrote attorney Joseph Miller. ‘Given the property’s prime location in southern Delaware County, the Benalcazars anticipate rapid growth, and plan to build three additional pullet buildings, enough to house about 1.25 million chicks.’*

*Miller pointed out that the operation, including up to 2,500 hogs and 1,000 head of cattle, requires no oversight from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, per state law.”*

To read the entire story, visit the *Columbus Dispatch* [website](#).  
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