

# Rush County



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# Zoning Ordinance

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Zoning ordinances strive to promote an orderly pattern of development and to separate incompatible land uses, such as industrial uses and homes, to ensure a compatible environment. The [Zoning Ordinance](#) is the legal instrument to regulate and establish limits on the use of land and structures size, shape, height, and setback to accomplish orderly development.

An ordinance establishing comprehensive zoning regulations for the county of Rush and providing for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof, in accordance with the provisions of State Law and for the repeal of all ordinances in conflict herewith:

**WHEREAS:** State Law empowers the county to enact a zoning ordinance and to provide for its administration, enforcement, and amendment and,

**WHEREAS:** the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, or general welfare of Rush County to enact such an ordinance, and,

**WHEREAS:** the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the provisions of State Statutes has appointed an Area Plan Commission to recommend the boundaries of the various original districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein, and,

**WHEREAS:** the Area Plan Commission has divided the County into districts and has prepared regulations pertaining to such districts in accordance with a comprehensive plan to the end that adequate light, air, convenience of access and safety from fire, flood, and other danger may be secure; that congestion in the public streets may be lessened or avoided; that property values may be preserved, that the public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare may be promoted, and

**WHEREAS:** the Area Plan Commission has given reasonable consideration, among other things to the character of the districts and their particular suitability for particular uses, with a

view to conserving the value of buildings and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the County and,

**WHEREAS:** the Area Plan Commission has given due public notice of hearings related to zoning districts, regulations, and restrictions, and has held such public hearings, and,

**WHEREAS:** all requirements of Chapter 138, Acts of 1957, as amended with regard to the preparation of the ordinance has been met;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF RUSH, INDIANA:**

## **1) Section 1: Establishment of Districts for Zoning Map**

### **1.1) Official Zoning Map**

The County is hereby divided into zones, or districts, as shown on the Official Zoning Map which, together with all explanatory matter thereon is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance.

**1.2)** The Official Zoning Maps may be kept electronically in a geographic information system (GIS) document file and such electronic data shall constitute an integral part of the Official Zoning Map. The Zoning Administrator may make copies of the Official Zoning Maps available to the public for a fee set forth in accordance with the County copying ordinance.

**1.3) Amendments to the official zoning maps will be stored in a zoning map amendments file.**

Official zoning maps shall include flood hazard areas as delineated on the most recent Indiana Department of Natural Resources Best Available maps. Amendments to the flood maps do not automatically update the official GIS map. The floodplain information on the official GIS map will be updated when new Best Available maps are made available to Rush County and approved by the Area Planning Commission and County Commissioners. Amendments to the maps can be obtained from the Rush County Planning Office. Regardless of the existence of purported copies of the Official Zoning Map which may from time to time be made or published, the Official Zoning Map which shall be located in the office of Area Planning shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of land and water area, buildings, and other structures in the county.

All changes to the official zoning map should be stored in a text file named "Zoning Map Changes" and kept secure and updated by the Executive Director for The Area Planning Commission.

**1.4) Replacement of Official Zoning Map**

In the event that the Official GIS Zoning Map becomes damaged, destroyed, lost, the Area Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners, may by resolution adopt a new Official Zoning Map which shall supersede the prior Official Zoning Map. The new Official Zoning Map may correct drafting or other errors or omissions in the prior Official Zoning Map, but no such correction shall have the effect of amending the original Official Zoning Map or any subsequent amendment thereof. Recovery of earlier paper copies with the latest amendments from the “Zoning Map Changes” file may be used. A copy of the resolution to adopt a new Official Zoning Map should be kept in the Area Planning Office.



## **2) Section 2: Rules for Interpretation of District Boundaries**

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts as shown of the Official Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

- 2.1)** Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streets, highways, or alleys shall be considered to follow such center line;
- 2.2)** Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines;
- 2.3)** Boundaries indicated as approximately following city limits shall be construed as following such city limits;
- 2.4)** Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks;
- 2.5)** Boundaries indicated as following shore lines shall be construed to follow such shore lines, and in the event of change in the shore line shall be construed as moving with the actual shore line; boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streams, rivers, canals, lakes, or other bodies of water shall be construed to follow such center line;
- 2.6)** Boundaries indicated as approximately following flood plain lines shall be construed to follow such lines. In addition to the boundary shown on the zone maps, the boundary of minor ditches and streams shall be designated as being at least 5 vertical feet from any stream or shall be 100 feet horizontally from the edge of the water, whichever is the greater distance. A stream, river or creek shall be defined as one which flows at least 180 days of the year. Further, it is advised that the banks high water marks and at least 10 feet beyond the banks high water marks be left in as natural state as possible.

- 2.7)** Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extension of features indicated in subsections 1 through 6 above shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the Official Zoning Map shall be determined by the scale of the map.
- 2.8)** Where physical or cultural features existing on the ground are at variance with those shown on the Official Zoning Map, or in other circumstances not covered by subsection 1 through 6 above, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall interpret the district boundaries.
- 2.9)** Where a district boundary line divides a lot, which was in single ownership at the time of passage of this ordinance the Board of Zoning Appeals may permit, as a special exception, the extension of the regulations for either portion of the lot not to exceed 50 feet beyond the district line into the remaining portion of the lot.

### **3) Section 3: Application of District Regulations**

The regulations set by this ordinance within each district shall be minimum regulations and shall apply uniformly to each class or kind of structure or land, and particularly, except as hereinafter provided:

**3.1)** No building, structure, or land use change shall hereafter be erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved, or structurally altered except in conformity with all of the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located (See exception in 7.13.3).

**3.2)** No building or other structure shall hereafter be erected or altered:

**3.2.1)** To exceed the floor area ratio

**3.2.2)** To have narrower or smaller rear yards, front yards, side yards, or open spaces than herein required; or in any other manner contrary to the provisions of this ordinance.

**3.3)** No part of a yard, or other open space, or off-street parking or loading space required about or in connection with any building for the purpose of complying with this ordinance, shall be included as part of a yard, open space, or off-street parking or loading space similarly required for any other building.

**3.4)** No yard or lot existing at the time of passage of this ordinance shall be reduced in a dimension or area below the minimum requirements set forth herein. Yards or lots created after the effective date of this ordinance shall meet at least the minimum requirements established by this ordinance.

**3.5)** Any use not listed is considered not permitted unless the Executive Director decides otherwise. The Executive Director shall have the authority to determine other uses, in addition to those specifically listed, which may be permitted when such other uses are

similar to those listed. This decision is appealable to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Proposed uses that require repeated interpretation shall be brought before the Area Plan Commission for ordinance inclusion or clarification. The Director's interpretation of any ordinance may be appealed to the Board of Zoning Appeals and is subject to the judicial review process.

**4) Section 4: Non-Conforming Lots, Non-Conforming Uses of Land, Non-Conforming Structures, Non-Conforming Uses of Structures and Premises, and Non-Conforming Characteristics of Use**

**4.1) Intent** – Within the districts established by this ordinance or amendments that may later be adopted there exist

**4.1.1) Lots**

**4.1.2) Structures**

**4.1.3) Uses of land and structures, and**

**4.1.4) Characteristics of use**, which were lawful before this ordinance was passed or amended, but which would be prohibited, regulated, or restricted under the terms of this ordinance or future amendment. It is the intent of this ordinance to permit these non-conformities to continue until they are removed, but not to encourage their survival. It is further the intent of this ordinance that non-conformities shall not be enlarged upon, expanded or extended, nor be used as grounds for adding other structures or uses prohibited elsewhere in the same district. Non-conforming uses are declared by this ordinance to be incompatible with permitted uses in the districts involved. A non-conforming use of a structure, a non-conforming use of land, or a non-conforming use of a structure and land in combination shall not be extended or enlarged after passage of this ordinance by attachment on a building or premises of additional signs intended to be seen from off the premises, or by the addition of other uses, of a nature which would be prohibited generally in the district involved. It is the intent of this ordinance to exempt certain non-conformities as provided in Section 4.4) and Section 4.5). To avoid undue hardship, nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to require a change in the plans, construction, or designated use of any building on which actual construction

was lawfully begun prior to the effective date of adoption or amendment of this ordinance and upon which actual building construction has been carried on diligently. Where excavation or demolition or removal of any existing building has been substantially begun preparatory to rebuilding, such excavation or demolition or removal shall be deemed to be actual construction, provided that work shall be carried on diligently.

**4.2) Non-Conforming Lots of Record**

**4.2.1)** In any district in which single-family dwellings are permitted, a single-family dwelling and customary accessory buildings may be erected on any single lot of record at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this ordinance, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of this ordinance. Such lot must be in separate ownership and not of continuous frontage with other lots in the same ownership. These provisions shall apply even though such lot fails to meet the requirements of area or width, or both, that are generally applicable in the district, provided that yard dimensions and requirements other than those applying to area or width, or both, of the lot shall conform to the regulations for the district in which such lot is located. Variance of yard requirements shall be obtained only through action of the Board of Zoning Appeals. If two or more lots or combination of lots and portions of lots with continuous frontage in single ownership are of record at the time of passage or amendment of this ordinance and if all or part of the lots do not meet the requirements established for lot width and area, the lands involved shall be considered to be an undivided parcel for the purposes of this ordinance, and no portion of said parcel shall be used or sold in a manner which diminishes compliance with lot width and area requirements established by this ordinance, nor shall any division of any parcel be made which creates a lot with width or area below the requirements stated in this ordinance.

**4.2.2)** A legal lot of record, as evidenced by a deed which was recorded prior to the adoption of this ordinance, may be used for any purpose permitted within its

agricultural district even if the size of the lot does not meet the developmental standards or other requirements set forth herein so long as all other developmental standards and requirements are met.

**4.3) Non-Conforming Uses of Land (Or Land with Accessory Buildings only, such as Junk Yards)**

Where at the time of passage of this ordinance lawful use of land exists which would not be permitted by the regulations imposed by this ordinance, and where such use involved an Accessory Building, the use may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, provided:

**4.3.1)** No such non-conforming use shall be enlarged or increased, nor extended to occupy a greater area of land than was occupied at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this ordinance;

**4.3.2)** No such non-conforming use shall be moved in whole or in part to any portion of the lot or parcel other than that occupied by such use at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this ordinance;

**4.3.3)** If any such non-conforming use of land ceases for any reason for a period of more than 60 days, any subsequent use of such land shall conform to the regulations specified by this ordinance for the district in which the land is located.

**4.3.4)** No additional structure not conforming to the requirements of this ordinance shall be erected in connection with such non-conforming use of land.

**4.4) Non-Conforming Structures**

Where a lawful structure exists at the effective date of adoption or amendment of the ordinance that could not be built under the terms of the ordinance by reason of restrictions on area, lot coverage, height, yards, its location on the lot, or other requirements concerning

the structure, such structure may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

**4.4.1)** No such non-conforming structure may be enlarged or altered in a way which increases its non-conformity but any structure or portion thereof may be altered to decrease its non-conformity. A single-family dwelling may be enlarged and an Improvement Location Permit shall be issued without a variance hearing provided that yard dimensions and requirements other than those applying to area or width, or both, of the lot shall conform to the regulations for the district in which such a lot is located.

**4.4.2)** Should such non-conforming structure or non-conforming portion of structure be destroyed by any means to an extent of more than 50 percent of its replacement cost at time of destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance (as amended effective 08-09-93).

**4.4.3)** Should such structure be moved for any reason for any distance whatever, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district in which it is located after it is moved.

**4.5) Non-Conforming Uses of Structures or of Structures and Premises in Combination**

If lawful use involving individual structures or of structure and premises in combination exists at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this ordinance that would not be allowed in the district under the terms of this ordinance, the lawful use may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

**4.5.1)** No existing structure devoted to a use not permitted by this ordinance in the district in which it is located shall be enlarged, extended, constructed, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered except in changing the use of the structure to a use permitted in the district in which it is located.



- 4.5.2)** Any non-conforming use may be extended throughout any parts of a building, which were manifestly arranged or designed for such use at the time of adoption or amendment of this ordinance, but no such use shall be extended to occupy any land outside such building.
- 4.5.3)** If no structural alterations are made, any non-conforming use of a structure, or structure and premises, may as a special exception be changed to another non-conforming use provided that the Board of Zoning Appeals, either by general rule or by making findings in the specific case, shall find that the proposed use is equally appropriate or more appropriate to the district than the existing non-conforming use. In permitting such change, the Board may require appropriate conditions and safeguards in accord with provisions of this ordinance.
- 4.5.4)** Any structure, or structure and land combination, in or on which a non-conforming use is superseded by a permitted use, shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the district, and the non-conforming use may not thereafter be resumed.
- 4.5.5)** When a non-conforming use of a structure, or structure and premises in combination, is discontinued or abandoned for twelve consecutive months or for 18 months during any three-year period (except when government action impedes access to the Premises), the structure, or structure and premises in combination, shall not thereafter be used except in conformity with the regulations of the district in which it is located.
- 4.5.6)** Where non-conforming use status applies to a structure and premises in combination, removal or destruction of the structure shall eliminate the non-conforming status of the land. Destruction for the purpose of this subsection is defined as damage to an extent of more than 50 percent of the replacement cost at time of destruction.

4.5.7) In accord with Indiana Code, agricultural nonconforming use land remains as nonconforming use land as long as the land is used for agricultural purposes for any three (3) year period in a five (5) year period.

**4.6) Repairs and Maintenance**

On any con-conforming structure or portion of a structure containing a non-conforming use, work may be done in any period of 12 consecutive months on ordinary repairs, or on repair or replacement of non-bearing walls, fixtures, wiring, or plumbing, to an extent not exceeding 10 percent of the current replacement cost of the non-conforming structure and market value of real estate, or non-conforming portion of the structure as the case may be, provided that the cubic content existing when it became non-conforming shall not be increased. If a non-conforming structure or portions of a structure containing a non-conforming use becomes physically unsafe or unlawful due to lack of repairs and maintenance, and is declared by any duly authorized official to be unsafe or unlawful by reason of physical condition, it shall not thereafter be restored, repaired, or rebuilt except in conformity with the regulations of the district in which it is located. Nothing in this ordinance shall be deemed to prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any building or part whereof declared to be unsafe by any official charged.

**4.7) Uses Under Special Provisions Not Non-Conforming Uses**

Any use which is permitted as special exception in a district under the terms of this ordinance (other than a change through Board of Zoning Appeals action from a non-conforming use to another use not generally permitted in the district) shall not be deemed a non-conforming use in such district, but shall without further action be considered a conforming use. Special Exceptions expire if the use has been abandoned for a period of two years or greater.

**4.8) Non-Conforming Uses in Open Land (Flood Hazard) District**

Any building, structure or use of land in the Open Land District which is not in conformance with the ordinance constitutes a non-conforming use. All applications to repair, extend, or enlarge a non-conforming use shall be forwarded to Indiana Department of Natural Resources for review and comment. All terms and conditions imposed by Natural Resources for review and comment. All terms and conditions imposed by Natural Resources shall be incorporated into the issuance of any local permit.

## 5) Section 5: Definitions

5.1.1) For the purposes of this ordinance, certain terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

- (a) **Accessory building** see accessory structure
- (b) **Accessory structure** (appurtenant structure) means a structure that is located on the same parcel of property as the principal structure and the use which is incidental to the use of the principal structure. Accessory structures should constitute a minimal initial investment, and may not be used for human habitation. Examples of accessory structures are detached garages, carports, storage sheds, pole barns, and hay sheds. Accessory structures shall not be attached to the main dwelling unit.
- (c) **Accessory use** – An incidental and subordinate use such as driveways, curbs, sidewalks, retaining walls, mailboxes, lamp posts, wireless telecommunications structures for dwelling units, bird baths, fences and similar structures that relate to the primary use of the lot and is a use other than human occupancy. The keeping of cats and dogs which are domesticated to live inside the dwelling unit or in an outdoor shelter is also an accessory use provided it is not for profit and is not a commercial kennel.
- (d) **Agritourism** - A land use with the intent of bringing visitors to a working farm or any agricultural, horticultural or agri-business operation for the purpose of enjoyment, education or active participation and involvement in the activities of the farm or enterprise. Agritourism includes agricultural education facilities, agricultural activities and attractions, uses intended to capitalize upon an agricultural setting such as wedding venues and reception halls, and similar uses meeting the requirements of the preceding sentence.
- (e) **Agriculture use on less than 10 acres** – The growing of vegetation including crops, horticulture, floriculture, and viticulture and the necessary buildings and structures for packing and storing said products.

- (f) **Alley** – A right-of-way, other than a street, road, cross-walk, or easement, that provides secondary access for the special accommodation of the abutting property.
- (g) **Block** – An area that abuts a street and lies between two adjoining streets or barriers such as a railroad right-of-way or a water-way.
- (h) **Boarding House** – A building, not available to transients, in which meals are regularly provided for compensation for at least three but not more than thirty persons.
- (i) **Broadband Provider** – and entity that provides the construction, deployment, or operation of a wireline or wireless communications facilities.
- (j) **Building** – A roofed structure for the shelter, support, enclosure or protection of persons, animals or property.
- (k) **Business** – Refers to the purchase, sale, or exchange of goods or services or the maintenance for profit of offices or recreational or amusement enterprises.
- (l) **Characteristic of Use** – The use which is characteristic or the primary use of an area of land.
- (m) **Clean Record Award** - Points are earned by an applicant who has operated a CFO in Indiana for at least five (5) years without any IDEM violations during the previous five (5) year period.
- (n) **D.U. (Dwelling Unit)** – Any living unit of one room, or rooms connected together intended to be occupied year-round by an economically independent unit of humanity, such as bachelor, family, etc., as a place of abode or residence. This unit usually contains a sleeping area, cooking and sanitary facilities. Occasionally, (as in boarding houses) the cooking and/or sanitary facilities are shared with other people who are not members of the same economic unit; included a mobile home if it has its wheels and axle removed and is placed on a permanent foundation.
- (o) **Farm** – An area used for agricultural operations, including truck gardening, forestry, the operation of a tree or plant nursery, or the production of

livestock and poultry. A farm is ten (10) acres or more. (As amended effective 02/01/88)

- (p) **Flood Plain** – those areas most vulnerable to flooding and other environmental hazards which make them least suitable for development, and includes any flood plain, floodway or floodway fringe district or combination thereof as illustrated on the official zoning maps of the Open Land District which included the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map as prepared by the Federal Insurance Administration.
- (q) **Floor Area** – The floor area means the sum of the gross horizontal area of the several floors of the building or portion thereof, but not including floor area used for off-street parking facilities and such basement floor areas that are used exclusively for the maintenance and operation of the building. All horizontal dimensions shall be taken from the exterior faces of the walls.
- (r) **Floor area Ratio** – The numerical value obtained through dividing the gross floor area of a building or buildings by the total area of the lot or parcel of land on which such building or buildings are located.
- (s) **Front Lot Lines (Front Property line)** – Lot lines which border on a public right-of-way.
- (t) **Front Yard** – A yard extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot adjoining a public street.
- (u) **Home Occupation** – A service occupation conducted in a D.U. but in which no goods are sold on the premises other than what is produced there.
- (v) **Improvement Location Permit** – A document issued under Section 8.2) of this ordinance, indicating that the proposed use, erection, construction, enlargement, alteration, repair, movement, improvement, removal or conversion of any building or structure or use of the land complies with the sections of this Ordinance.
- (w) **Junk Yard** – A lot, land, or structure, or part thereof, used for the collection, storage or sale of waste paper, rags, scrap metal, or discarded material, or for the collection, dismantling, storage, or salvage of machinery or

vehicles not in running condition, or for the sale of parts thereof. (As amended effective 02/01/88)

- (x) **Livestock on less than 10 Acres** - The keeping and raising of livestock for pleasure or sale including horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and similar quadrupeds; chickens, turkeys, and similar fowl; dog and cat kennels and similar domesticated pets; and, the necessary buildings for housing the livestock and storage of their food supply. Does not include confinement feeding operations (CFO) as defined in the Ordinance. Farm animal quadrupeds, as defined by state law, are forbidden in Residential districts regardless of lot area.
- (y) **Lot** – An area of land, exclusive of street area but including adjacent areas that are used as one.
- (z) **Manufactured Home** – A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term, “manufactured home” does not include a recreational vehicle. (As amended effective 10/20/98)
- (aa) **Manufactured Home Park** – A parcel of land containing two or more spaces with required improvements and utilities that are leased for the long-term placement of manufactured homes. (As amended effective 10/20/98)
- (bb) **Manufactured Home Subdivision** – A subdivision containing individually platted lots designed for the permanent placement of manufactured homes. (As amended effective 10/20/98)
- (cc) **Manufactured Home Type 1** – A structure transportable in one or more sections, which, in the completed mode, is twenty three (23) body feet or more in width at its narrowest dimension, when erected on site is nine hundred fifty (950) or more square feet, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling with a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities and includes the plumbing, heating, and air conditioning and electrical systems contained therein. It shall bear a label certifying it is built in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety

Act of 1974, which became effective June 15, 1976. (As amended effective 10/20/98)

- (dd) **Manufactured Home Type 2** – A structure transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is eight (8) body feet or more in width at its narrowest dimension, or forty (40) body feet or more in length, or when erected on site is at least three hundred twenty (320) or more square feet but not more than nine hundred fifty (950) square feet, and which is built on a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and electrical systems contained therein. It shall bear a label certifying it is built in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Act of 1974, which became effective June 15, 1976. (As amended 10/20/98)
- (ee) **Manufacturing** – The making of goods in a mechanical way, or anything so made by machinery. (As amended effective 02/01/88)
- (ff) **Mobile** – Either manufactured homes or mobile homes shall be considered to be mobile if they are installed in a temporary fashion. Placement on a cement pad with tie downs shall be considered to be temporary, when done in conjunction with the attachment to other utilities. (As amended effective 10/20/98)
- (gg) **Mobile Home** – A detached D.U. designed for transportation, after fabrication, on streets or highways on its own wheels or on flatbed or other trailers, and arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, location on jacks or other temporary foundations, connections to utilities, and the like. A travel trailer is not to be considered a mobile home. A mobile home may be occupied as a dwelling unit if it has its' wheels and axle removed and is placed on a permanent foundation.
- (hh) **Mobile Home Park** – An area of land on which two or more mobile homes are regularly accommodated with or without charge including any



building or other structure, fixture or equipment that is used or intended to be used in providing that accommodation.

- (ii) **Non-Conforming Use** – A use that exists at the time a provision of this ordinance is passed but does not comply with the same.
- (jj) **Parcel** - Contiguous real estate that is identified by a given tax parcel number shall be considered a parcel herein.
- (kk) **Parking Stall** – The area required for parking one automobile, with its attendant maneuvering room. The area required for a parked car is held to be ten (10) feet wide and twenty-two (22) feet long.
- (ll) **Permanent** – Placement of a structure shall be considered to be permanent if it is installed in such a fashion as to not be mobile. Pouring a cement footer and installing a cement block foundation and securely attaching the structure to the foundation shall be considered to be permanent, when done in conjunction with the attachment to other utilities. (As amended effective 10/20/98)
- (mm) **Private use electrical generation** - Any electrical generation (i.e. diesel, coal, gas, solar, wind, etc.) hooked to a distribution grid at secondary voltages (under 600 volts) and usually controlled by a public utilities net metering agreement.
- (nn) **Private utility** - Any utility for use by one ultimate user. Any utility provided, directly or indirectly, to a point of common coupling (ie neighbor's house) would **not** be considered a private utility. Net metering agreements are considered public utilities.
- (oo) **Public Thoroughfare** – A right-of-way established for or dedicated to public use.
- (pp) **Public Utility** - means every corporation, company, partnership, limited liability company, individual, association of individuals, their lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by a court, that may own, operate, manage, or control any plant or equipment within the state for the:
  - (1) conveyance of telegraph or telephone messages;

- (2) production, transmission, delivery, or furnishing of heat, light, water, or power; or
- (3) collection, treatment, purification, and disposal in a sanitary manner of liquid and solid waste, sewage, night soil, and industrial waste.
- (qq) **Right-of-Way** – That line which has been established as the edge of public transportation rights, not necessarily the edge of the pavement of the road.
- (rr) **Rear Lot Lines** – Lot lines which intersect side lot lines but do not border public rights-of-way, except alleys.
- (ss) **Rear Yard** – A yard between the rear lot line (or lines) and the nearest approach of a structure.
- (tt) **Recreational Equipment, Major** – Equipment which must be hauled on a trailer with two or more wheels or which has two or more wheels attached, such as a boat trailer, travel trailer. The trailer by itself would be considered as being major recreational equipment.
- (uu) **Satellite Dishes** – Satellite Dishes are exempt from improvement location permits, but must conform to zoning requirements. (As amended effective 02/01/88)
- (vv) **Setback** – The shortest distance measured at right angles to a public right-of-way which separates a structure from said public right-of-way.
- (ww) **Side Lot Lines** – Lot lines which do not border on public rights-of-way except alleys but which intersect lines that do border on public rights-of-way.
- (xx) **Side Yard** – A yard between the side lot line (or lines) and the nearest approach of a structure.
- (yy) **Sign** – A free standing visual device or structure used for advertising display or publicity purposes only.
- (zz) **Single Lot Subdivision** – A subdivision that creates only one additional lot.

- (aaa) **Solar Energy System** – Any system that converts solar radiation into another form of electricity (i.e., photovoltaic cells)
- (bbb) **Special Exception** – A use or structure which in most, many, or several cases would be compatible with the type and character of development in a particular district. Special Exceptions expire if the use has been abandoned for a period of two years or greater. Restrictions imposed by the Board of Zoning Appeals in addition to those for the Permitted Uses of the district are required to be met. See Section 9.
- (ccc) **Street** – A right-of-way that is established by recorded plat to provide the principal means of access to abutting property.
- (ddd) **Structure** – Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground, or attached to something having a fix location on the ground. Local utility poles providing local service are not considered structures. Satellite dishes are exempt from improvement location permits, but must conform to zoning requirements. (As amended effective 02/02/88)
- (eee) **Travel Trailer** – A vehicular, portable structure built on a chassis, designed to be used as a temporary dwelling for travel and recreational purposes, having a body width not exceeding eight feet.
- (fff) **Travel Trailer Park** – An area of land on which two or more travel trailers are regularly accommodated with or without charge, including any building or any structure, fixture, or equipment that is used or intended to be used in connection with providing that accommodation.
- (ggg) **Variance** – A variance may be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals to allow an applicant relief from the requirements of the letter of the ordinance because of unnecessary hardship or practical difficulty, as specified in Section 9.3.
- (hhh) **Wind Energy System** – Any structure or structures used for the capture of wind and used for the purpose of creating electric energy from that wind. References throughout Rush County Zoning Ordinance to Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) are equally defined by the definition of Wind Energy Systems (WES).

(iii) **Wireless Telecommunications Facility** – Any structure or structures used for the receiving and/or dispersal of radio, television, microwave, cellular telephone, paging, enhanced specialized mobile radio, personal communication services and similar technologies. A “tower” and an antenna” are wireless telecommunication structures.

## **6) Section 6: Schedule of District Regulations Adopted**

*The Zoning Districts have been chosen as follows:*

**R-1, R, or RS: Residential District: Provisions include all dwelling types.**

**R-2: Residential District: Provisions for suburban sized lots for single family dwelling units in areas adjacent to cities and towns.**

**PUD: Planned Unit Development District: Provisions for flexibility to encourage creative land planning and preservation of open space.**

**MH: Mobile Home District: Regulate and restrict mobile home residences to certain specific areas.**

**M: Manufacturing District: Provisions where manufacturing uses may efficiently locate with a minimum of adverse effects, including pollution, to other uses in the county.**

**B: Business District: Provisions for certain commercial and other services generally found in city and town centers.**

**C: Commercial District: Provisions for commercial uses generally found serving local area in town, highway traffic, etc., and to contain these activities as not to become a nuisance to other types of uses.**

**A-1: Rural Residential District: Provisions for single family housing for those not engaged in farming but seek housing outside the incorporated city limits. The use of municipal services and utilities shall be encouraged.**

**A-1R: Transitional Agriculture: Provisions for single family housing as well as areas for livestock and agricultural activity.**

**A-2: Agri-Business District: Provisions to allow agricultural-based business to locate in close proximity to related agricultural activity.**

**A-3: Regulated Livestock District. Provisions to encourage agricultural uses.**

**A-4: Agricultural Park District: Provisions for industrial-type uses that are related to or service agricultural activity.**

**6.1) General Restrictions, Applicable to All Uses in All Districts**

- 6.1.1) Any structure erected or moved for use as a D.U. or with a replacement cost valued at greater than \$2,000.00 shall be easily accessible to fire and other emergency equipment, and shall be on a lot adjacent to a public street or with access to an approved private street.**
- 6.1.2) Each proposed use shall not create such a volume of automotive traffic so as to overburden the surrounding road system.**
- 6.1.3) Temporary buildings and structures incidental to construction work are permitted, only for the period of such work.**
- 6.1.4) No accessory building shall be erected in any required yard, and no separate accessory building shall be erected within 4 feet of any other building.**
- 6.1.5) More than one structure housing a permitted or permissible principal use may be erected on a single lot, provided that yard and other requirements of this ordinance shall be met for each structure.**
- 6.1.6) No structure, except fences and sign posts, shall be erected, placed, or moved within 10 feet of any lot line.**
- 6.1.7) Billboard and Advertising Sign-Boards- All freestanding billboards or advertising sign-boards shall be 15 feet or more from any public right-of-way.**
- 6.1.8) No structure shall be erected to a height greater than 35 feet; provided, however, that this height limitation does not apply to barns and other farm buildings nor to spires, belfries, cupolas, antennas, water tanks, ventilators, chimneys or other appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy. The height of wireless**

**telecommunication facilities and of wind energy conversion systems shall be as set by the Board of Zoning Appeals.**

**6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities (Added effective 09-19-2006 and amended 1/21/2020)**

**6.2.1) Intent – The purpose of the wireless telecommunication regulations are to:**

- (a) promote public safety by regulating structural standards, permitted locations, height, fencing, and setbacks.
- (b) promote the public’s general welfare by regulating tower spacing, co-location, lighting, designs, and colors of structures.
- (c) encourage and facilitate installation of wireless telecommunications facilities.
- (d) obtain public review of proposed wireless telecommunication towers with a Special Exception hearing by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**6.2.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities erected for use as a public broadband provider are exempt from Special Exception requirements.**

**6.2.3) Location and Height**

The following table specifies where wireless telecommunication facilities are permitted and their maximum height:

- (a) Wall-mounted and roof-mounted structures may have a maximum height of ten (10) feet greater than the existing wall or building height; and are “Accessory Uses” for dwelling units.
- (b) Includes monopoles which are self-supporting hollow metal tube pole-type structures which are tapered from base to top; and self-supporting (no guy-wire supports) lattice-type tower structures which are anchored to a concrete foundation.
- (c) Measured from ground level.



<b>Zone</b>	<b>Wall-Mounted (1)</b>	<b>Roof-Mounted (1)</b>	<b>Mono pole Tower (2)</b>	<b>All Other Towers (2)</b>	<b>Maximum Height (3)</b>
<b>R-1</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>50 feet</b>
<b>R-2</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>50 feet</b>
<b>PUD</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>50 feet</b>
<b>MH</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>50 feet</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>200 feet</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>100 feet</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>no</b>	<b>100 feet</b>
<b>A1R, A1,2,3, 4</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>300 feet</b>
<b>O</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>yes</b>	<b>300 feet</b>

#### **6.2.4) Setbacks**

All structures shall have a minimum setback from front, side, and rear lot lines of one-hundred percent (100%) of the height of the wireless telecommunication facility, with the setback being measured from the center of the base of the structure.

#### **6.2.5) Construction Standards**

The wireless telecommunication facility shall meet the following standards:

- (a) To insure compliance with nationally accepted structural wind and ice load standards, towers shall comply with the national tower code, ANSI/TIA/EIA Latest edition as amended, “Structural Standards for Steel Antenna Towers and Antenna Supporting Structures” (, American National Standards Institute, Washington, D.C.)
- (b) Towers shall be painted a neutral color or have a galvanized finish.
- (c) Accessory equipment buildings shall meet setback, height and sign regulations of the zone district in which located.

#### **6.2.6) Co-location**

All towers exceeding one-hundred (100) feet in height shall be designed and constructed so that more than one wireless telecommunication company can attach

antenna to the tower. Police and fire departments are exempt from the co-location requirements of this section. As a condition of granting a special exception, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall require the following written Agreement with the Petitioner:

**THIS AGREEMENT is made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, between \_\_\_\_\_ (Petitioner) and the Rush County, Indiana Area Board of Zoning Appeals. For valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows: (1) The Petitioner agrees to allow up to two (2) other wireless communication companies to attach up to twelve (12) antennas each to the Petitioner’s tower and, agrees to allow public safety agencies to occupy up to four antenna free of charge. (2) No modification of the Agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and is signed by both parties. The Agreement binds and benefits both parties and successors. This document and any other stipulations that are a part of the granting of the special exception is the entire Agreement between the parties. The parties have signed this Agreement on the date specified at the beginning of the Agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Petitioner)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) (Chairman)  
By: Rush County, Indiana  
Area Board of Zoning Appeals

**6.2.7) FAA Clearance**

In accord with Indiana Code, towers exceeding 200 feet in height (and any proposed tower in the approach zone) require notice, to the Federal Aviation Administration and to the owner of a public use airport which is located within 5 miles of the proposed structure, 60 days prior to the Board of Zoning Appeals Hearing. The Petitioner shall submit a copy of the Federal Aviation Administration Form 7460-1 (notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration) and if required by the FAA, shall install warning lights.

**6.2.8) Fencing**

The wireless telecommunication facility shall be enclosed by a chain link metal fence at least seven (7) feet high, and shall be grounded in compliance with the National Electrical Safety Code. The security fencing shall include a **vehicular** gate. Wireless telecommunication facilities which are wall or roof-mounted are exempt from fencing requirements.

**6.2.9) Tower Removal**

When the use of a wireless telecommunication facility has been discontinued or abandoned for twelve consecutive months, the owner shall have it removed within ninety (90) days of such cessation. Failure to remove the abandoned wireless telecommunication facility shall constitute a violation of the zoning ordinance.

**6.2.10) Agencies that provide emergency services to the public are exempt from the requirements of 6.2.6).**

**6.2.11) Towers and antennae attached to a dwelling, under fifty (50) feet in height, and used for reception only of public broadcasting are exempt from the requirements of section 6.2).**

**6.2.12) Refer to each district for allowable use.**

**6.3) Alternate Energy Systems Siting Regulations** (as amended  
12/9/2019)

**6.3.1) Purpose: The purposes of this Chapter are to:**

- (a) Assure that any development and production of wind and solar-generated electricity in Rush County is safe and effective;
- (b) Facilitate economic opportunities for local residents; and
- (c) Promote the supply of wind and solar energy in support of Indiana's alternative energy sources potential and other such economic development tools.

**6.3.2) Intent:** It is the intent of the Alternate Energy Systems (AES) siting regulations to provide a regulatory scheme for the construction and operation of AES in the county; subject to certain restrictions contained within. These regulations are intended to preserve the health and safety of the public.

**6.3.3) Applicability.** The provisions of this Chapter are applicable to those districts that allow Wind Energy Systems (WES) and Solar Energy Systems (SES), govern the siting of WES and SES that generate electricity to be sold to wholesale/retail markets, or that generate electricity for private use.

**6.3.4) Prohibition.** No applicant shall construct, operate, or locate an alternate energy system (AES) within Rush County without having fully complied with the provisions of this Chapter. New applications for WES and SES after October 2019 have an overall height restriction of 200 feet maximum (including blades).

**6.3.5) Conflict with Other Regulations:** Nothing in this Chapter is intended to preempt other applicable state and federal laws or regulations, including compliance with all Federal Aviation Administration rules and regulations, and shall comply with the notification requirements of the FAA. Nor are they intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinance, rule, or regulation, statute

or other provision of law. In the event that any provision of these regulations imposes restrictions different from any other ordinance, rule, regulation, statute, or provision of law, the provisions that are more restrictive or that imposes higher standards shall govern.

**6.3.6) DEFINITIONS**

- (a) **AES PROJECT**: means the collection of WES or SES as specified in the siting approval application.
- (b) **APPLICANT**: means the entity or person who submits to the Executive Director an application for the siting of any AES or thereafter operates or owns an AES.
- (c) **Commercial WES**: is defined for the purposes of the Rush County Zoning Ordinance to mean a wind energy system constructed on the property of another by a company or corporation or other entity, whose general intent is to capture wind energy and place it on a public utilities electrical grid. Any company, corporation, or entity that retains ownership of the WES after construction must become a public utility recognized by the Indiana Utilities Regulatory Commission.
- (d) **FINANCIAL ASSURANCE**: Financial assurance means cash escrow with the County.
- (e) **Meteorological Towers** – These style WES are defined as Towers to gather wind energy data to determine project feasibility, and not connected to any electrical power grid.
- (f) **Micro-WES**: defined as a small wind energy system whose general purpose is to provide energy to a residential or small business user such as a farmer or homeowners, and not connected to primary voltages.
- (g) **Non-Commercial WES**: defined as a wind energy system that is generally smaller than a commercial WES and the primary purpose is to collect wind energy for purpose of supplying energy to the owners, such as a business, school, or factory, and not connected at primary voltages.

- (h) **OPERATOR**: means the entity responsible for the day-to-day operation or maintenance of the AES, including any third-party subcontractors.
- (i) **OWNER**: means the entity or entities with an equity interest in the AES, including their respective successors and assigns. Owner does not mean (i) the property owner from who the land is leased for locating the AES (unless the property owner has an equity interest in the AES); or (ii) any person holding a security **interest in the AES** solely to secure an extension of credit, or a person foreclosing on such security interest provided that after foreclosure, such person seeks to sell the AES within one year of such event.
- (j) **PRIMARY STRUCTURE**: means, for each property, the structure that one (1) or more persons occupy the majority of the time on that property for either business or personal reasons. Primary Structure includes, but is not limited to, structures such as residences, commercial buildings, hospitals, day care facilities, hunting sheds, storage sheds, pool houses, unattached garages and barns.
- (k) **PRIMARY VOLTAGE – Alternating Current (AC)** voltage at which power is distributed or transmitted by a public electrical utility (i.e. starting at 2400 volts and up).
- (l) **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER**: means a qualified individual who is licensed as a professional engineer in any state in the United States and approved by the APC Executive Director.
- (m) **SECONDARY VOLTAGE –** Low voltage AC supplying one ultimate user (ie. Under 600 volts).
- (n) **SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM – (“SES”)** Any system that converts solar radiation into another form of energy (i.e. electricity, heated water, steam, compressed air, chemical conversion, etc.)
- (o) **SOLAR UNCONDITIONED OUTPUT –** Direct Current (DC) output not converted to A.C.
- (p) **WES TOWER**: means the support structure to which the nacelle and rotor are attached, free standing or guyed structure that supports a wind turbine generator.

- (q) **WES TOWER HEIGHT**: means the distance from the rotor blade at its highest point to the top surface of the WES foundation.
- (r) **WIND ENERGY SYSTEM (“WES”)**: means all necessary devices that together convert wind energy into electricity, including but not limited to the rotor, nacelle, generator, WES Tower, electrical components, WES foundation, transformer, electrical cabling for the WES Tower to the Substation(s), switching stations, meteorological towers, communications facilities, and other required facilities and equipment, as related to the WES project. References throughout Rush County Zoning Ordinance to Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS) are equally defined by the definition of Wind Energy Systems (WES).

### 6.3.7) Wind Energy Systems (WES) Siting Regulations

- (a) **Height:** Any WES or meteorological tower greater than thirty-five (35) feet in height shall require a special exception use permit. For all WES there is a height limitation of 200 feet.
- (b) **Horizontal extension:** The furthest horizontal extension of a WES (including guy wires) shall not extend into a required setback by the zoning district or be closer than twelve (12) feet to any primary structure (unless supported by the primary structure), or right-of-way easement for any above-ground telephone, electrical transmission or distribution lines.
- (c) **Setback Requirements**
- (d) WES greater than thirty-five (35) feet in height shall have minimum setback distances of 2640 feet from the center of the tower to all property lines.
- (e) **Safety Design and Installation Standards**
  - (1) **Equipment Type**
    - (A) All turbines shall be constructed of commercially available equipment
    - (B) Meteorological towers may be guyed.
    - (C) Experimental, or proto-type equipment: Experimental or proto-type equipment still in testing which does not fully comply with industry standards, may be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals per the variance process established by this Ordinance.
  - (2) **Industry Standards and other Regulations.**

All WES shall conform to applicable industry standards, as well as all local, state and federal regulations. An applicant shall submit certificate(s) of design compliance that wind turbine manufacturers have obtained from Underwriters Laboratories, or an equivalent third party.
  - (3) **Color and Finish.**

Wind turbines and towers: All wind turbines, blades and towers that are part of WES shall be white, grey, or another non-obtrusive color.



**(4) Signs and Warnings**

**(A)** The following notices shall be clearly visible on all WES facilities:

i “No Trespassing” signs shall be attached to any perimeter fence.

ii “Danger” signs shall be posted at the height of five (5) feet on WES towers and accessory structures

iii A sign shall be posted on the tower showing an emergency telephone number

iv The manual electrical and/or over-speed shutdown disconnect switch(es) shall be clearly labeled.

**(B)** Meteorological Towers - Consideration shall be given to paint aviation warning on all meteorological towers.

**(5) Climb Prevention**

All WES towers exceeding 35 feet shall include features to deter climbing or be protected by anti-climbing devices such as:

**(A)** Fences with locking portals at least six (6) feet in height; or

**(B)** Anti-climbing devices fifteen (15) feet vertically from the base of the WES tower; or

**(C)** Locked WES tower doors.

**(6) Blade Clearance**

The minimum distance between the ground and any protruding blades(s) utilized on all WES, exceeding the 35-foot height, shall be twenty-five (25) feet, as measured at the lowest point of the arc of the blades. The minimum distance shall be increased as necessary to provide for vehicle clearance in locations where over-sized vehicles might travel.

**(7) Lighting**

**(A)** Shielding - lighting may require shielding so that no glare extends substantially beyond any WES structure.

**6.3.8) Other Applicable Standards**

**(a) Sewer and water**

All WES facilities shall comply with the existing septic and well regulations as required by the Rush County Health Department and/or the State of Indiana Department of Public Health.

**(b) Shadow Flicker**

At no time shall a wind turbine's tower, nacelle, or blades create shadow flicker on any non-participating landowner's property. For the purpose of this section a non-participating landowner shall be defined as a landowner on which a tower does not physically sit.

**(c) Noise and Vibration**

The noise level of all WES shall be no greater than thirty-two (32) decibels measured from the nearest property line. This level may only be exceeded during short-term events such as utility outages and/or severe wind storms. All other noise and vibration levels shall be in compliance with all county, state and federal regulations.

**(d) Sine wave deviations**

Waveform deviations from WES that occur within the electrical environment of a non-participating residence, must conform to acceptable parameters within the Information Technology Industry Council (ITIC) curve at the point of common coupling at the residence.

**(e) Utility Interconnection**

The WES, if interconnected to a utility system, it shall meet the requirements for interconnection and operate as prescribed by the applicable regulations of the electrical utility, Federal and State regulations, amended from time to time.

**(f) Emergency Response**

WES applicant must cooperate with the local fire department to develop an Emergency Response Plan including access for training.

**(g) Other Appurtenances**

No appurtenances other than those associated with the wind turbine operations shall be connected to any wind tower except with express, written permission by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

### **6.3.9) Operation and Maintenance**

#### **(a) Physical Modifications**

In general, any physical modification to any WES that alters the mechanical load, mechanical load path, or major electrical components shall require re-certification. Like-kind replacements shall not require re-certification.

Therefore, prior to making any physical modification, the owner or operator shall confer with the Executive Director for approval and Board of Zoning Appeals to determine whether the physical modification requires re-certification.

#### **(b) Declaration of Public Nuisance**

Any WES thereof declared to be unsafe by the Rush County Executive Director by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, damage or abandonment is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal in accordance with the approved Decommissioning Plan.

#### **(c) Decommissioning Plan**

Prior to receiving an Improvement Location Permit or Building Permit, or siting approval under this Ordinance, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the applicant, County Commissioners, and owner and/or operator shall formulate a decommissioning plan outlining the anticipated means and cost of removing a WES at the end of their serviceable life or upon becoming a discontinued or abandoned use to ensure that the WES is properly decommissioned.

##### **(1) Content**

**A decommissioning plan shall include, at a minimum, language to the following:**

**(A) Assurance:** Must provide written assurance and financial assurance based on cost estimates in 6.3.9)(c)(1)(B) that the facilities will be properly decommissioned upon the project life or in the event that the facility is abandoned.

**(B) Cost estimates:** The applicant shall provide a contractor cost estimate for demolition and removal of the WES facility which cost

estimate shall include any offsetting effects of salvage value. The cost estimates shall be made by a competent party: such as a professional engineer, a contractor capable of decommissioning or a person with suitable expertise or experience with decommissioning WES and approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**(2) Discontinuation and Abandonment**

**(A) Discontinuation:** All WES shall be considered a discontinued use after six (6) months without energy production, unless a plan is developed and submitted to the Executive Director outlining the steps and schedule for returning the WES to service.

**(B) Abandonment by the owner or operator:** In the event of abandonment by the owner or operator, the applicant will provide an affidavit to the Executive Director representing that all easements for wind turbines shall contain terms that provide financial assurance, including access to the salvage value of the equipment, for the property owners to ensure that facilities are properly decommissioned within one (1) year of expiration or earlier termination of the project.

**(3) Removal**

An applicant's obligations shall include removal of all physical material pertaining to the project improvements within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the discontinuation or abandonment of the facility, and restoration of the project area to as near as practicable the condition of the site immediately before construction of such improvements by the owner, (unless otherwise agreed to by the property owner) or by Rush County at the owner's expense.

**(4) Written Notices**

Prior to implementation of the existing procedures for the resolution of such default(s), the Executive Director shall first provide written notice to the owner and/or operator, setting forth the alleged default(s). Such written notice shall provide the owner and/or operator a reasonable time period not

to exceed sixty (60) days, for good faith negotiations to resolve the alleged default(s).

**(5) Costs Incurred by the County**

If the County removes a tower and appurtenant facilities, it may sell the salvage to defray the costs of removal. By approval, the permittee or grantor grants a license to Rush County to enter the property to remove a tower pursuant to the terms of an approved decommissioning plan.

**6.3.10) Liability Insurance.**

The owner or operator of any commercial WES shall maintain a current general liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage and shall be required to name Rush County as an additional insured with dollar amount limits per occurrence in the amount of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) minimum for all WES and an aggregate of five million dollars (\$5,000,000). Proof of liability insurance shall be sent to the Executive Director annually; failure to maintain said insurance shall result in cancellation of the Improvement Location Permit by the Executive Director.

**6.3.11) Application Procedures**

In accord with appropriate zoning district, application shall be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Special Exception. Permits and variances shall be applied for and reviewed under the procedures established by this Ordinance.

**(a) Applications for Wind Energy Systems**

In addition to the application requirements listed, applications for all WES shall also include the following information:

**(1) Demonstration of Energy Need:** The primary purpose of the production of energy from a WES shall be to serve an energy need. The applicant(s) shall demonstrate how much energy is needed and how the proposed size and number of the WES fulfills this need. Net-metering may be allowed, but shall not be the primary intent of the WES.

(2) Utility Notification: WES shall not be installed until evidence has been given that the affected utility company has been informed and has agreed to accept energy from potentially interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

**6.3.12) Fees**

**ILP - All primary voltage WES (including meteorological towers)**

**\$25,000 per tower**

**ILP – All secondary voltage WES                    \$3000**

**6.3.13) Pre-Construction Requirements**

Prior to the issuance of any Improvement Location Permit, the following shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Executive Director, who shall certify that the following are in compliance with all applicable regulations:

**(a) Decommissioning Plan**

A Decommissioning Plan as prescribed in 6.3.9)(c) of this document and financial assurance given according to 6.3.9)(c)(1)A.

**(b) Drainage agreement**

The Drainage Agreement must prescribe or reference provisions to address crop and field tile damages in accord with the Rush County Drainage Board.

**(c) Erosion Control Plan**

An erosion control plan developed in consultation with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), and any storm water quality management plan adopted by the applicable jurisdiction.

**(d) Utility Plan**

A utility plan drawn to the same scale as the site plan illustrating the location of all underground utility lines associated with the total WES project shall be submitted to Executive Director. No individual sheet or drawing shall exceed twenty-four inches by thirty-six inches (24" x 36").

**(e) Final Site Layout Plan**

Provide a copy of the Final Site Layout Plan illustrating the final location of all that is required in the preliminary site layout plan, as approved by the landowner.

**(f) Road Use and Maintenance Agreement**

A Road Use and Maintenance Agreement for all oversized loads must be drafted in accord with the Rush County Highway Superintendent and approved by the Rush County Commissioners. Financial assurances may be required.

**6.3.14) Post-Construction Requirements**

**(a) Change in Ownership**

It is the responsibility of the owner or operator listed in the application to inform the Executive Director of all changes in ownership and operation during the life of the project, including the sale or transfer of ownership or operation.

**6.3.15) Refer to each district for allowable use.**

### 6.3.16) **Solar Energy Systems (SES) Siting Regulations**

(a) **Height:** Any SES greater than twenty (20) feet in height oriented at its maximum tilt shall require a special exception use permit. For all SES there is a limitation of overall height of 200 feet.

#### (b) **Setback Requirements**

(1) No stand-alone SES under twenty (20) feet in height shall be placed closer than 30 feet from the most restrictive of property lines or Right of Ways.

(2) No stand-alone SES over twenty (20) feet in height shall be placed closer than ten (10) times the height of the tallest part from all property lines or Right of Ways.

#### (3) **Industry Standards and other Regulations.**

All SES shall conform to applicable industry standards, as well as all local, state and federal regulations. An applicant shall submit certificate(s) of design compliance that solar manufacturers have obtained from Underwriters Laboratories, or an equivalent third party.

#### (4) **Color and Finish.**

(A) Finish must be made to minimize glare to surrounding properties

### 6.3.17) **Other Applicable Standards**

(a) **Sewer and water** - All SES facilities shall comply with the existing septic and well regulations as required by the Rush County Health Department and/or the State of Indiana Department of Public Health.

(b) **Sine wave deviations** – Waveform deviations from a SES that occur within the electrical environment of a non-participating residence, must conform to acceptable parameters within the Information Technology Industry Council (ITIC) curve at the point of common coupling at the residence.

(c) **Utility Interconnection** - The SES, if interconnected to a public utility system, it shall meet the requirements for interconnection and operate as prescribed by the applicable regulations of the electrical utility, Federal and State regulations, amended from time to time.



**6.3.18) Operation and Maintenance**

**(a) Operator**

Unless otherwise specified through a contract or agreement, the property owner of record will be presumed to be the responsible party for owning and maintaining the Solar Energy System.

**(b) Physical Modifications**

In general, any physical modification to any SES that alters the mechanical load, or major electrical components shall require re-certification. Like-kind replacements shall not require re-certification. Therefore, prior to making any physical modification, the owner or operator shall confer with the Executive Director and Board of Zoning Appeals to determine whether the physical modification requires re-certification.

**(c) Declaration of Public Nuisance**

Any SES thereof declared to be unsafe by the Rush County Executive Director by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, fire hazard, damage or abandonment is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and shall be abated by repair, rehabilitation, demolition or removal in accordance with the approved Decommissioning Plan.

**(d) Shadows**

No solar apparatus shall cast an appreciable shadow on surrounding properties solar production facilities.

**(e) Easements**

Solar easements are not controlled or arbitrated by Rush County

**(f) Decommissioning Plan**

Prior to receiving an Improvement Location Permit or Building Permit, or siting approval under this Ordinance of a primary voltage connected SES, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the applicant, owner and/or operator shall formulate a decommissioning plan outlining the anticipated means and cost of removing a SES at the end of their serviceable life or upon becoming a discontinued or abandoned use to ensure that the SES is properly decommissioned.

**(1) Content**

**A decommissioning plan shall include, at a minimum, language to the following:**

**(A) Assurance:** Written assurance that the facilities will be properly decommissioned upon the project life or in the event that the facility is abandoned.

**(B) Cost estimates:** The applicant shall provide a contractor cost estimate for demolition and removal of the SES facility which cost estimate shall include any offsetting effects of salvage value. The cost estimates shall be made by a competent party: such as a professional engineer, a contractor capable of decommissioning or a person with suitable expertise or experience with decommissioning SES.

**(2) Discontinuation and Abandonment**

**(A) Discontinuation:** All SES shall be considered a discontinued use after six (6) months without energy production, unless a plan is developed and submitted to the Executive Director outlining the steps and schedule for returning the SES to service.

**(B) Abandonment by the owner or operator:** In the event of abandonment by the owner or operator, the applicant will provide an affidavit to the Executive Director representing that all easements for solar collection shall contain terms that provide financial assurance, including access to the salvage **value of the** equipment, for the property owners to ensure that facilities are properly decommissioned within one (1) year of expiration or earlier termination of the project.

**(3) Removal**

An applicant's obligations shall include removal of all physical material pertaining to the project improvements to no less than a depth of six (6) feet below ground level within three hundred sixty-five (365) days of the discontinuation or abandonment of the facility, and restoration of the project area to as near as practicable the condition of the site immediately before

construction of such improvements by the owner, (unless otherwise agreed to by the property owner) or by Rush County at the owner's expense.

**(4) Written Notices**

Prior to implementation of the existing procedures for the resolution of such default(s), the Executive Director shall first provide written notice to the owner and/or operator, setting forth the alleged default(s). Such written notice shall provide the owner and/or operator a reasonable time period not to exceed sixty (60) days, for good faith negotiations to resolve the alleged default(s).

**(5) Costs Incurred by the County**

If the County removes a solar plant and appurtenant facilities, it may sell the salvage to defray the costs of removal. By approval, the permittee or grantor grants a license to Rush County to enter the property to remove the solar plant pursuant to the terms of an approved decommissioning plan.

**6.3.19) Liability Insurance.**

The owner or operator of any primary voltage connected SES shall maintain a current general liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage and shall be required to name Rush County as an additional insured with dollar amount limits per occurrence dependent upon the scope of the project and must be determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Proof of liability insurance shall be sent to the Executive Director annually; failure to maintain said insurance shall result in cancellation of the Improvement Location Permit by the Executive Director.

**6.3.20) Application Procedures**

In accord with appropriate zoning district, application shall be made to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Special Exception. Permits and variances shall be applied for and reviewed under the procedures established by this Ordinance.

**(a) Applications for Solar Energy Systems**

In addition to the application requirements listed, applications for all SES shall also include the following information:

- (1) Demonstration of Energy Need:** The primary purpose of the production of energy from a SES shall be to serve an energy need. The applicant(s) shall demonstrate how much energy is needed and how the proposed size and number of the SES fulfills this need. Net-metering may be allowed, but shall not be the primary intent of the SES.
- (2) Utility Notification:** SES shall not be installed until evidence has been given that the affected utility company has been informed and has agreed to accept energy from potentially interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.
- (3) Compliance with National Electrical Code:** The SES shall be accompanied by a certification that the installation conforms to the National Electrical Code.

**6.3.21) Fees**

<b>ILP - Secondary voltage connected SES</b>	<b>\$25 per parcel</b>
<b>ILP – Solar unconditioned output</b>	<b>\$25 per parcel</b>
<b>ILP - Primary voltage connected SES</b>	<b>\$50 first 20 panels</b>
	<b>\$1 per each additional</b>

**6.3.22) Pre-Construction Requirements**

Prior to the issuance of any Improvement Location Permit for primary connected SES, the following shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Executive Director, who shall certify that the following are in compliance with all applicable regulations:

**(a) Decommissioning Plan**

A Decommissioning Plan as prescribed in 6.3.18)6.3.18)(f)of this Chapter.

**(b) Drainage agreement**

The Drainage Agreement must prescribe or reference provisions to address crop and field tile damages in accord with the Rush County Drainage Board.

**(c) Erosion Control Plan**

An erosion control plan developed in consultation with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), and any storm water quality management plan adopted by the applicable jurisdiction.

**(d) Utility Plan**

A utility plan drawn to the same scale as the site plan illustrating the location of all underground utility lines associated with the total SES project shall be submitted to Executive Director.

**(e) Final Site Layout Plan**

Provide a copy of the Final Site Layout Plan illustrating the final location of all that is required in the preliminary site layout plan, as approved by the landowner.

**(f) Road Use and Maintenance Agreement**

A Road Use and Maintenance Agreement for all oversized loads must be drafted in accord with the Rush County Highway Superintendent and approved by the Rush County Commissioners. Financial assurances may be required.

**6.3.23) Post-Construction Requirements**

**(a) Change in Ownership**

It is the responsibility of the owner or operator listed in the application to inform the Executive Director of all changes in ownership and operation during the life of the project, including the sale or transfer of ownership or operation.

**6.3.24) Refer to each district for allowable use.**

## **6.4) Open land Overlay District (FP) (Amended effective 09-18-06)**

### **6.4.1) Article 1**

#### **Statutory Authorization, Findings of Fact, Purpose and Objectives**

**(a) Statutory Authorization**

The Indiana Legislature has in Indiana Code granted the power to local government units to control land use within their jurisdictions. Therefore, the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, the Town Board of Glenwood, and the Town Board of Carthage does hereby adopt the following floodplain management regulation.

**(b) Findings of Fact**

**(1)** The flood hazard areas of Rush County, the City of Rushville, and the Town of Carthage are subject to periodic inundation which results in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all of which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

**(2)** These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increases in flood heights and velocities, and by the occupancy in flood hazard areas by uses vulnerable to floods or hazardous to other lands which are inadequately elevated, flood-proofed, or otherwise unprotected from flood damages.

**(c) Statement of Purpose**

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific area by provisions designed to:

**(1)** Restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water or erosion hazards, which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood heights or velocities;

**(2)** Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;

(3) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which are involved in the accommodation of flood waters;

(4) Control filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase erosion or flood damage;

(5) Prevent or regulate the construction of flood barriers which will unnaturally divert floodwaters or which may increase flood hazards of other lands; and,

(6) Make federally subsidized flood insurance available for structures and their contents in Rush County, the City of Rushville, and the Towns of Glenwood and Carthage by fulfilling the requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program.

**(d) Objectives**

The objectives of this ordinance are:

(1) To protect human life and health

(2) To minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects;

(3) To minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public.

(4) To minimize prolonged business interruptions;

(5) To minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone, and sewer lines, streets, and bridges located in floodplains;

(6) To help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of flood prone area in such a manner as to minimize flood blight areas, and;

(7) To ensure that potential homebuyers are notified that property is in a flood area.

## 6.4.2) Article 2

### **Definitions**

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application.

A **zone** means portions of the SFHA in which the principal source of flooding is runoff from rainfall, snowmelt, or combination of both. In A zone, floodwaters may move slowly or rapidly, but waves are usually not a significant threat to buildings. These areas are labeled as Zone A, Zone AE, Zones A1-A30, Zone AO, Zone AH, Zone AR, and Zone A99 or a FIRM or FHBM. The definitions are presented below:

**Zone A:** Areas subject to inundation by the one-percent annual chance flood event. Because detailed hydraulic analyses have not been performed, no base flood elevation or depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

**Zone AE and A1-30:** Areas subject to inundation by the one-percent annual chance flood event determined by detailed methods. Base flood elevations are shown within these zones. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply. (Zone AE is on new and revised maps in place of Zones A1-30.)

**Zone AO:** Areas subject to inundation by one-percent annual chance shallow flooding (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) where average depths are between one and three feet. Average flood depths derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown within this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

**Zone AH:** Areas subject to inundation by one-percent annual chance shallow flooding (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are 1-3 feet. Average



flood depths derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown within this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

**Zone AR:** Areas that result from the decertification of a previously accredited flood protection system that is determined to be in the process of being restored to provide base flood protection. Mandatory flood insurance requirements apply.

**Zone A99:** Areas subject to inundation by the one-percent annual chance flood event, but which will ultimately be protected upon completion of an under-construction Federal flood protection system. These are areas of special flood hazard where enough progress has been made on the construction of a protected system, such as dikes, dams, and levees, to consider it complete for insurance rating purposes. Zone A99 may only be used when the flood protection system has reached specified statutory progress toward completion. No base flood elevations or depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

- (a) **Accessory structure** (appurtenant structure) means a structure that is located on the same parcel of property as the principal structure and the use which is incidental to the use of the principal structure. Accessory structures should constitute a minimal initial investment, may not be used for human habitation, and be designed to have minimal flood damage potential. Examples of accessory structures are detached garages, carports, storage sheds, pole barns, and hay sheds.
- (b) **Addition** (to an existing structure) means any walled and roofed expansion to the perimeter of a structure in which the addition is connected by a common load-bearing wall other than a firewall. Any walled and roofed addition, which is connected by a firewall or is separated by independent perimeter load-bearing walls, is new construction.
- (c) **Appeal** means a request for a review of the floodplain administrator's interpretation of any provision of the ordinance or a request for a variance.
- (d) **Area of shallow flooding** means a designated AO or AH Zone on the community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) with base flood depths from one

to three feet where a clearly defined channel does not exist, where the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate, and where velocity flow may be evident. Such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.

- (e) **Base Flood Elevation (BFE)** means the elevation of the one-percent annual chance flood.
- (f) **Basement** means that portion of a structure having its floor sub-grade (below ground level) on all sides.
- (g) **Building** – see “Structure.”
- (h) **Community** means a political entity that has the authority to adopt and enforce floodplain ordinances for the area under its jurisdiction.
- (i) **Community Rating System (CRS)** means a program developed by the Federal Insurance Administration to provide incentives for those communities in the Regular Program that have gone beyond the minimum floodplain management requirements to develop extra measures to provide protection from flooding.
- (j) **Critical facility** means a facility for which even a slight chance of flooding might be too great. Critical facilities include, but not limited to, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, police, fire, and emergency response installations, installations which produce, use or store hazardous materials or hazardous waste.
- (k) **Development** means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate including but not limited to:
  - (1) construction, reconstruction, or placement of a structure or any addition to a Structure;
  - (2) installing a manufactured home on a site, preparing a site for a manufactured home or installing recreational vehicle on a site for more than 180 days;
  - (3) installing utilities, erection of walls and fences, construction of roads, or similar projects;
  - (4) construction of flood control structures such as levees, dikes, dams, channel improvements, etc.;
  - (5) mining, dredging, filling, grading, excavation, or drilling operations;

- (6) construction and/or reconstruction of bridges or culverts;
- (7) storage of materials; or
- (8) any other activity that might change the direction, height, or velocity of flood or surface waters.

“Development” does not include activities such as the maintenance of existing structures and facilities such as painting, re-roofing; resurfacing roads; or gardening, plowing, and similar agricultural practices that do not involved filling, grading, excavation, or the construction of permanent structures.

- (l) **Elevated structure** means a non-basement structure built to have the lowest floor elevated above the ground level by means of fill, solid foundation perimeter walls, pilings, or columns (posts and piers)
- (m) **Elevation Certificate** is a certified statement that verifies a structure’s elevation information.
- (n) **Emergency Program** means the first phase under which a community participates in the NFIP. It is intended to provide a first layer amount of insurance at subsidized rates on all insurable structures in that community before the effective date of the initial FIRM.
- (o) **Encroachment** means the advance or infringement of uses, fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or development into a floodplain, which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain.
- (p) **Existing Construction** means any structure for which the “start of construction” commenced before the effective date of the community’s first floodplain ordinance.
- (q) **Existing manufactured home park or subdivision** means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before the effective date of the community’s first floodplain ordinance.

- (r) **Expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision** means the preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads.)
- (s) **FEMA** means the Federal Emergency Management Agency
- (t) **Five-hundred-year flood (500-yr flood)** means the flood that has a 0.2 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any year.
- (u) **Flood** means a general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow, the unusual and rapid accumulation, or the runoff of surface waters from any source.
- (v) **Flood Boundary and Floodway Map (FBFM)** means an official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) has delineated the areas of flood hazards and regulatory floodway.
- (w) **Flood Hazard Boundary Map (FHBM)** means an official map of a community, issued by FEMA, where the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazard have been identified as Zone A.
- (x) **Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)** means an official map of a community, on which FEMA has delineated both the area of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones applicable to the community
- (y) **Flood Insurance Study (FIS)** is the official hydraulic and hydrologic report provided by FEMA. The report contains flood profiles, as well as the FIRM, FBFM (where applicable), and the water surface elevation of the base flood.
- (z) **Floodplain** means the channel proper and the areas adjoining any wetland, lake or watercourse which have been or hereafter may be covered by the regulatory flood. The floodplain includes both the floodway and the fringe districts.
- (aa) **Floodplain management** means the operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage and preserving and

enhancing, where possible, natural resources in the floodplain, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodplain management regulations, and open space plans.

- (bb) **Floodplain management regulations** means this ordinance and other zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances, and other applications of police power which control development in flood-prone areas. This term describes federal, state, or local regulations in any combination thereof, which provide standards for preventing and reducing flood loss and damage. Floodplain management regulations are also referred to as floodplain regulations, floodplain ordinance, flood damage prevention ordinance, and floodplain management requirements.
- (cc) **Flood Protection Grade (FPG)** is the elevation of the regulatory flood plus two feet at any given location in the SFHA (see “Freeboard”)
- (dd) **Flood-proofing (dry flood-proofing)** is a method of protecting a structure that ensures that the structure, together with attendant utilities and sanitary facilities, is watertight to the flood proofed design elevation with walls that are substantially impermeable to the passage of water. All structural components of these walls are capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic flood forces, including the effects of buoyancy, and anticipated debris impact forces.
- (ee) **Flood-proofing certificate** is a form used to certify compliance for non-residential structures as an alternative to elevating structures to or above the FPG. The certification must be by a Registered Professional Engineer or Architect.
- (ff) **Floodway** is the channel of a river or stream and those portions of the floodplains adjoining the channel which are reasonably required to efficiently carry and discharge the peak flood flow of the regulatory flood of any river or stream.
- (gg) **Freeboard** means a factor of safety, usually expressed in feet above the BFE, which is applied for the purposes of floodplain management. It is used to compensate for the many unknown factors that could contribute to flood heights greater than those calculated for the base flood.
- (hh) **Fringe** is those portions of the floodplain lying outside the floodway.

- (ii) **Functionally dependent facility** means a facility which cannot be used for its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water, such as a docking or port facility necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, shipbuilding, ship repair, or seafood processing facilities. The term does not include long-term storage, manufacture, sales, or service facilities.
- (jj) **Hardship** (as related to variances of this ordinance) means the exceptional hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance. The Board of Zoning Appeals requires that the variance is exceptional, unusual, and peculiar to the property involved. Mere economics or financial hardship alone is NOT exceptional. Inconvenience, aesthetic considerations, physical handicaps, personal preferences, or the disapproval of one's neighbors likewise cannot, as a rule, qualify as an exceptional hardship. All of these problems can be resolved through other means without granting a variance, even if the alternative is more expensive, or requires the property owner to build elsewhere or put the parcel to a different use than originally intended.
- (kk) **Highest adjacent grade** means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface, prior to the start of construction, next to the proposed walls of a structure.
- (ll) **Historic structure** means any structure individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Indiana State Register of Historic Sites and Structures.
- (mm) **Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC)** means the cost to repair a substantially damaged structure that exceeds the minimal repair cost and that is required to bring a substantially damaged structure into compliance with the local flood damage prevention ordinance. Acceptable mitigation measures are elevation, relocation, demolition, or any combination thereof. All renewal and new business flood insurance policies with effective dates on or after June 1, 1997, will include ICC coverage.
- (nn) **Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA)** means an amendment to the currently effective FEMA map that establishes that a property is not located in a SFHA. A LOMA is issued only by FEMA.

- (oo) **Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)** means an official revision to the currently effective FEMA map. It is issued by FEMA and changes flood zones, delineations, and elevation.
- (pp) **Letter of Map Revision Based on Fill (LOMR-F)** means an official revision by letter to an effective NFIP map. A LOMR-F provided FEMA's determination concerning whether a structure or parcel has been elevated on fill above BFE and excluded from SFHA.
- (qq) **Lowest adjacent grade** means the lowest elevation, after completion of construction, of the ground, sidewalk, patio, deck support, or basement entryway immediately next to the structure.
- (rr) **Lowest floor** means the lowest of the following:
- (1) the top of the lowest level of the structure;
  - (2) the top of the basement floor;
  - (3) the top of the garage floor, if the garage is the lowest level of the structure;
  - (4) the top of the first floor of a structure elevated on pilings or pillars;
  - (5) the top of the first floor of a structure constructed with a crawl space, provided that the lowest point of the interior grade is at or above the BFE and construction meets requirements of a 6.A; or
  - (6) the top of the floor level of any enclosure, other than a basement, below an elevated structure where the walls of the enclosure provide any resistance to the flow of flood waters unless:
    - (A) the walls are designed to automatically equalize the hydrostatic flood forces on the walls by allowing for the entry and exit of flood waters, by providing a minimum of two openings (in addition to doorways and windows) having a total net area of one (1) square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding. The bottom of all such openings shall be no higher than one (1) foot above grade; and,
    - (B) such enclosed space shall be usable solely for the parking of vehicles and building access.

- (ss) **Manufactured home** means a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term “manufactured home” does not include a “recreational vehicle.”
- (tt) **Manufactured home park or subdivision** means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for rent or sale.
- (uu) **Map amendment** means a change to an effective NFIP map that results in the exclusion from the SFHA of an individual structure or a legally described parcel of land that has been inadvertently included in the SFHA (i.e. no alterations of topography have occurred since the date of the first NFIP map that showed the structure or parcel to be within the SFHA).
- (vv) **Map panel number** is the four-digit number followed by a letter suffix assigned by FEMA on a flood map. The first four digits represent the map panel, and the letter suffix represents the number of times the map panel has been revised. (The letter “A” is not used by FEMA, the letter “B” is the first revision.)
- (ww) **Market value** means the building value, excluding the land (as agreed to between a willing buyer and seller), as established by what the local real estate market will bear. Market value can be established by independent certified appraisal, replacement cost depreciated by age of building (actual cash value), or adjusted assessed values.
- (xx) **Mitigation** means sustained actions taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from hazards and their effects. The purpose of mitigation is two-fold: to protect people and structures, and to minimize the cost of disaster response and recovery.
- (yy) **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)** is the federal program that makes flood insurance available to owners of property in participating communities nationwide through the cooperative efforts of the Federal Government and the private insurance industry.
- (zz) **National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD)** as corrected in 1929 is a vertical control used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.



- (aaa) **New construction** means any structure for which the “start of construction” commenced after the effective date of the community’s first floodplain ordinance.
- (bbb) **New manufactured home park or subdivision** means a manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after the effective date of the community’s first floodplain ordinance.
- (ccc) **North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)** as adopted in 1993 is a vertical control datum used as a reference for establishing varying elevations within the floodplain.
- (ddd) **Obstruction** includes, but is not limited to, any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, protection, excavation, canalization, bridge, conduit, culvert, building, wire, fence, rock, gravel, refuse, fill, structure, vegetation, or other material in, along, across or projecting into any watercourse which may alter, impede, retard, or change the direction and/or velocity of the flow of water, due to its location, its propensity to snare or collect debris carried by the flow of water, or its likelihood of being carried downstream.
- (eee) **One-hundred-year flood (100-year flood)** is the flood that has a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Any flood zone that begins with the letter A is subject to the one-percent annual chance flood. See “Regulatory Flood”.
- (fff) **One-percent annual chance flood** is the flood that has a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Any flood zone that begins with the letter A is subject to the one-percent annual chance flood. See “Regulatory Flood”.
- (ggg) **Participating community** is any community that voluntarily elects to participate in the NFIP by adopting and enforcing floodplain management regulations that are consistent with the standards of the NFIP.
- (hhh) **Physical Map Revision (PMR)** is an official republication of a community’s FEMA map to effect changes to base (1-percent annual chance)

flood elevation, floodplain boundary delineations, regulatory floodways, and planimetric features. These changes typically occur as a result of structural works or improvements, annexations resulting in additional flood hazard areas, or correction to base flood elevations of SFHAs.

- (iii) **Post-FIRM construction** means construction or substantial improvement that started on or after the effective date of the initial FIRM of the community or after December 31, 1974, whichever is later.
- (jjj) **Pre-FIRM construction** means construction or substantial improvement, which started on or before December 31, 1974, or before the effective date of the initial FIRM of the community, whichever is later.
- (kkk) **Probation** is a means of formally notifying participating communities of violations and deficiencies in the administration and enforcement of the local floodplain management regulations.
- (lll) **Public safety and nuisance**, is defined as anything which is injurious to the safety or health of an entire community, neighborhood or any considerable number of persons, or lawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, or any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin.
- (mmm) **Recreational vehicle** means a vehicle which is (1) built on a single chassis; (2) 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projections; (3) designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and (4) designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling, but as a quarters for recreational camping, travel, or seasonal use.
- (nnn) **Regular program** means the phase of the community's participations in the NFIP where more comprehensive floodplain management requirements are imposed and higher amounts of insurance are available based upon risk zones and elevations determined in a FIS.
- (ooo) **Regulatory flood** means the flood having a one percent (1%) chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year, as calculated by a method and procedure that is acceptable to and approved by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The regulatory flood elevation at any location is as defined in Article 3 (B) of the ordinance. The

“Regulatory Flood: is also known by the term “Base Flood”, “One-Percent Annual Chance Flood”, and “100-Year Flood”.

**(ppp) Repetitive loss** means flood-related damages sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period ending on the date of the event for which the second claim is made, in which the cost of the repairing the flood damage, on the average, equaled or exceeded 25% of the market value of the structure at the time of each such flood event.

**(qqq) Section 1316** is that section of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, which states that no new flood insurance coverage shall be provided for any property that the Administrator finds has been declared by a duly constituted state or local zoning authority or other authorized public body to be in violation of state or local laws, regulations, or ordinances that intended to discourage or otherwise restrict land development or occupancy in flood-prone areas.

**(rrr) Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)** means those lands within the jurisdiction of Rush County, the Town of Glenwood, and the Town of Carthage subject to inundation by the regulatory flood. The SFHAs of Rush County are generally identified as such on the Flood Insurance Rate Map of the County dated December 1, 1982, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The SFHAs of the City of Rushville are generally identified as such on the Flood Insurance Rate Map prepared for the City of Rushville by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and dated November 3, 1982. The SFHAs of the Town of Carthage are generally identified as such on the Flood Insurance Rate Map prepared for the Town of Carthage by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and dated November 2, 1983. (These areas are shown on the FHBM or FIRM as Zone A, AE, A1-A30, AH, AR, A99, AO).

**(sss) Start of construction** includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, or improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means the first placement or permanent construction of a structure (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of slabs or footing,

installation of piles, construction of columns, or any work beyond the stage of excavation for placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent constructions does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, foundations, or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. For substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that affects the external dimensions of the building.

(ttt) **Structure** means a structure that is principally above ground and is enclosed by walls and a roof. The term includes a gas or liquid storage tank, a manufactured home, or a prefabricated building. The term also includes recreational vehicles to be installed on a site for more than 180 days. See also 5.1.54)

(uuu) **Substantial improvement** means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures that have incurred “repetitive loss” or substantial damage” regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not include improvements of structures to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code requirements or any alteration of a “historic structure”, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structures continued designation as a “historic structure”.

(vvv) **Suspension** means the removal of a participating community from the NFIP because the community has not enacted and/or enforced the proper floodplain management regulations required for participation in the NFIP.

(www) **Variance** is a grant of relief from the requirements of this ordinance, which permits construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this ordinance where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

(xxx) **Violation** means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with this ordinance. A structure or other development without the

elevation, other certification, or other evidence of compliance required in this ordinance is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

(yyy) **Watercourse** means a lake, river, creek, stream, wash, channel or other topographic feature on or over which waters flow at least periodically. Watercourse includes specifically designated areas in which substantial flood damage may occur.

(zzz) **Water surface elevation** means the height, in relation to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) or National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, (or other datum where specified) of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of riverine areas.

(aaaa) **X zone** means the area where the flood hazard is less than that in the SFHA. Shaded X zones shown on recent FIRMs (B zones on older FIRMS) designated areas subject to inundation by the flood with a 0.2 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded (the 500-year flood). Unshaded X zones (C zones on the older FIRMs) designate areas where the annual exceedance probability of flooding is less than 0.2 percent.

(bbbb) **Zone** means a geographical area shown on the FHBM or FIRM that reflects the severity or type of flooding in the area.

(cccc) **Zone A** (see definition for A zone)

(dddd) **Zone B, C, and X** means areas identified in the community as areas of moderate or minimal hazard from the principal source of flood in the area. However, buildings in these zones could be flooded by severe, concentrated rainfall coupled with inadequate local drainage systems. Flood insurance is available in participating communities but is not required by regulation in these zones. (Zone X is used on new and revised maps in place of Zones B and C.).

### 6.4.3) Article 3

#### General Provision

**(a) Lands to Which This Ordinance Applies**

This ordinance shall apply to all SFHAs within the jurisdiction of Rush County, and the Towns of Carthage and Glenwood.

**(b) Basis for Establishing Regulatory Flood Data**

This ordinance's protection standard is the regulatory flood. The best available regulatory flood data is listed below. Whenever a party disagrees with the best available data, the party submitting the detailed engineering study needs to replace existing data with better data and submit it to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for review and approval.

**(1)** The regulatory flood elevation, floodway, and fringe limits for the studied SFHAs of the Big Blue River, the Flatrock River, Six Mile Creek, Goose Creek, Three Mile Creek, and Charlottes Brook shall be delineated on the 100-year flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study of Rush County dated June 1, 1982 and the corresponding FBFM dated December 1, 1982 prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the most recent date.

**(2)** The regulatory flood elevation, floodway, and fringe limits for the studied SFHAs of the Flatrock River and Hodges Branch shall be as delineated on the 100-year flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study of the City of Rushville dated May 3, 1982 and the corresponding FBFM dated November 3, 1982 prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the most recent date including the Letter of Map Revision dated July 20 2001, for the Flatrock River at Rushville, IN.

**(3)** The regulatory flood elevation, floodway, and fringe limits for the studied SFHAs of the Big Blue River shall be as delineated on the 100-year flood profiles in the Flood Insurance Study of the Town of Carthage dated May 2, 1983 and the corresponding FBFM dated November 2, 1983, prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the most recent date.

(4) The regulatory flood elevation, floodway, and fringe limits for each of the remaining SFHAs delineated as “Zone A” on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps of Rush County, the and the Towns of Carthage and Glenwood shall be according to the best data available as provided by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

**(c) Establishment of Floodplain Development Permit**

A Floodplain Development Permit shall be required in conformance with the provisions of this ordinance prior to the commencement of any development activities in areas of special flood hazard.

**(d) Compliance**

No structure shall hereafter be located, extended, converted or structurally altered within the SFHA without full compliance with the terms of this ordinance and other applicable regulations. No land or stream within the SFHA shall hereafter be altered without full compliance with the terms of the ordinance and other applicable regulation.

**(e) Abrogation and Great Restrictions**

This ordinance is not intended to repeal, abrogate or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions. However, where this ordinance and another conflict or overlap, whichever imposes the more stringent restrictions shall prevail.

**(f) Discrepancy between Mapped Floodplain and Actual Ground Elevations**

(1) In cases where there is a discrepancy between the mapped floodplain (SFHA) or the FIRM and the actual ground elevations, the elevation provided on the profiles shall govern.

(2) If the elevation of the site in question is below the base flood elevation, that site shall be included in the SFHA and regulated accordingly.

(3) If the elevation (natural grade) of the site in question is above the base flood elevation, that site shall be considered outside the SFHA and the floodplain regulations will not be applied. The property owner should be advised to apply for a LOMA.

**(g) Interpretation**

In the interpretation and application of this ordinance all provisions shall be:

- (1) Considered as minimum requirements
- (2) Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and,
- (3) Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.

**(h) Warning and Disclaimer of Liability**

The degree of flood protection required by this ordinance is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on available information derived from engineering and scientific methods of study. Larger floods can and will occur on rare occasions. Therefore, this ordinance does not create any liability on the part of Rush County, the Town of Carthage, the Town of Glenwood, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, or the State of Indiana, for any flood damage that results from reliance on this ordinance or any administrative decision made lawfully there under.

**(i) Penalties for Violation**

Failure to obtain a Floodplain Development Permit in the SFHA or failure to comply with the requirements of a Floodplain Development Permit or conditions of a variance shall be deemed to be a violation of this ordinance. All violations shall be considered a common nuisance and be treated as such in accordance with the provisions of the Zoning Code for Rush County. All violations shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$2,500.00

- (1) A separate offense shall be deemed to occur for each day the violation continues to exist.
- (2) The Rush County Area Plan Commission shall inform the owner that any such violation is considered a willful act to increase flood damages and therefore, may cause coverage by a Standard Flood Insurance Policy to be suspended.
- (3) Nothing herein shall prevent the Rush County Area Plan Commission and/or the Board of Zoning Appeals from taking such other



lawful action to prevent or remedy any violations. All costs connected therewith shall accrue to the person or persons responsible

#### **6.4.4) Article 4**

### **Administration**

#### **(a) Designation of Administrator**

The County Commissioners of Rush County, and the Town Boards of the towns of Carthage and Glenwood, In, hereby appoints the Executive Director of the Rush County Area Plan Commission to administer and implement the provisions of this ordinance and is herein referred to as the Floodplain Administrator.

#### **(b) Permit Procedures**

Application for a Floodplain Development Permit shall be made to the Floodplain Administrator on forms furnished by him or her prior to any development activities, and may include, but not be limited to, the following plans in duplicate drawn to scale showing the nature, location, dimensions, and elevations of the area in question; existing or proposed structures, earthen fill, storage of materials or equipment, drainage facilities, and the location of the foregoing. Specifically, the following information is required:

##### **(1) Application stage.**

**(A)** A description of the proposed development;

**(B)** Location of the proposed development sufficient to accurately locate property and structure in relation to existing roads and streams.

**(C)** A legal description of the property site;

**(D)** A site development plan showing existing and proposed development locations and existing and proposed land grades;

**(E)** Elevation of the top of the lowest floor (including basement) of all proposed buildings. Elevation should be in NAVD 88 or NGVD.

**(F)** Elevation (in NAVD88 or NGVD) to which any non-residential structure will be floodproofed;

(G) Description of the extent to which any watercourse will be altered or related as a result of proposed development, and;

(2) Construction stage.

Upon placement of the lowest floor; or floodproofing, it shall be the duty of the permit holder to submit to the Floodplain Administrator a certification of the NAVD 88 or NGVD elevation of the lowest floor or floodproofed elevation, as built. Said certification shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a registered land surveyor or professional engineer and certified by the same. When floodproofing is utilized for a particular structure said certification shall be prepared by or under the direct supervision of a professional engineer or architect and certified by same. Any work undertaken prior to submission of the certification shall be at the permit holder's risk. (The Floodplain Administrator shall review the lowest floor and floodproofing elevation survey data submitted.) The permit holder shall correct deficiencies detected by such review before any further work is allowed to proceed. Failure to submit the survey or failure to make said corrections required, hereby, shall be cause to issue a stop-work order for the project.

(c) **Duties and Responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator**

The Floodplain Administrator and/or designated staff is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this ordinance. The administrator is further authorized to render interpretations of this ordinance, which are consistent with its spirit and purpose.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator shall include, but not limited to:

(1) Review all floodplain development permits to assure that the permit requirements of this ordinance have been satisfied.

(2) Inspect and inventory damaged structures in SFHA and complete substantial damage determinations.

(3) Ensure that construction authorization has been granted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for all development projects

subject to Article 5, Section E and G (1) of this ordinance, and maintain a record of such authorization (either copy of actual permit or floodplain analysis/regulatory assessment.)

**(4)** Ensure that all necessary federal or state permits have been received prior to issuance of the local floodplain development permit. Copies of such permits are to be maintained on file with the floodplain development permit.

**(5)** Notify adjacent communities and the Stated Floodplain Coordinator prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submit copies of such notifications to FEMA.

**(6)** Maintain for public inspection and furnish upon request local permit documents, damaged structure inventories, substantial damage determinations, regulatory flood data, SFHA maps, Letters of Map Amendment (LOMA), Letters of Map Revision (LOMR), copies of DNR permits and floodplain analysis and regulatory assessments (letters of recommendation), federal permit documents, and “as built” elevation and flood-proofing data for all buildings constructed subject to the ordinance.

**(7)** Utilize and enforce all letters of Map Revision (LOMR) or Physical Map Revisions (PMR) issued by FEMA for the currently effective SFHA maps of the community.

**(8)** Assure that maintenance is provided within the altered or relocated portion of said watercourse so that the flood-carrying capacity is not diminished.

**(9)** Verify and record the actual elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantial improved structures, in accordance with Article 4, Section B.

**(10)** Verify and record the actual elevation to which any new or substantially improved structures have been floodproofed, in accordance with Article 4, Section B.

**(11)** Review certified plans and specifications for compliance.

**(12)** Stop Work Orders

(A) Upon notice from the Floodplain Administrator, work on any building, structure or premises that is being done contrary to the provisions of this ordinance shall immediately cease.

(B) Such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to the owner of the property. Or to her/his agent, or to the person doing the work, and shall state the conditions under which work may be resumed.

**(13) Revocation of Permits**

(14) The Floodplain Administrator may revoke a permit or approval, issued under the provisions of the ordinance, in cases where there has been any false statement or misrepresentation as to the material fact, in the application or plans on which the permit or approval was based.

(A) The Floodplain Administrator may revoke a permit upon determination by the Floodplain Administrator that the construction, erection, alteration, repair, moving, demolition, installation, or replacement of the structure for which the permit was issued is in violation of, or not in conformity with, the provisions of this ordinance.

**6.4.5) Article 5**

**Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction**

**(a) *General Standards***

In all SFHAs the following provisions are required:

(1) New construction and substantial improvements shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure;

(2) Manufactured homes shall be anchored to prevent flotation, collapse, or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring may include, but not limited to, use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors. This standard shall be in addition to and consistent with applicable state requirements for resisting wind forces;

(3) New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed with materials and utility equipment resistant to flood damage below the FPG;

- (4) New construction and substantial improvements shall be constructed by methods and practices that minimize flood damage;
- (5) Electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing, air conditioning equipment and other service facilities shall be designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding;
- (6) New and replacement water supply systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system.
- (7) New and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system.
- (8) On-site water disposal systems shall be located and constructed to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
- (9) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction or improvements to a structure that is in compliance with the provisions of the ordinance shall meet the requirements of the “new construction” as contained in the ordinance, and,
- (10) Any alteration, repair, reconstruction, or improvement to a structure that is not in compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, shall be undertaken only if said non-conformity is not further, extended, or replaced.

**(b) Specific Standards.**

In all SFHAs, the following provisions are required:

- (1) In addition to the requirements of Article 5, Section A, all structures to be located in the SFHA shall be protected from flood damage below the FPG. This building protection requirement applies to the following situations:
  - (A) Construction or placement of any new structure having a floor area greater than 400 square feet;

- (B)** Structural alterations made to:
  - i an existing (previously unaltered structure), the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the value of the pre-altered structure (excluding the value of the land);
  - ii any previously altered structure.

**(C)** Reconstruction or repairs made to a damaged structure that are valued at more than 50% of the market value of the structure (excluding the value of the land) before damage occurred;

**(D)** Installing a travel trailer or recreational vehicle on a site for more than 180 days;

**(E)** Installing a manufactured home on a new site or a new manufactured home on an existing site. This ordinance does not apply to returning the existing manufactured home to the same site it lawfully occupied before it was removed to avoid flood damage, and

**(F)** Reconstruction or repairs made to a repetitive loss structure.

**(2)** Residential Construction. New construction or substantial improvement of any residential structure (or manufactured home) shall have the lowest floor, including the basement, at or above the FPG (two feet above the base flood elevation). Should solid foundation perimeter walls be used to elevate a structure, openings sufficient to facilitate the unimpeded movements of floodwaters shall be provided in accordance with the standards of Article 5, Section B (4).

**(3)** Non-Residential Construction. New construction or substantial improvement of any commercial, industrial, or non-residential structure (or manufactured) shall have the lowest floor, including basement, elevated to or above the FPG (two feet above the base flood elevation). Structures located in all “A Zones” may be flood-proofed in lieu of being elevated if done in accordance with the following:

**(A)** A Registered Professional Engineer or Architect shall certify that the structure has been designed so that below the FPG the structure and attendant utility facilities are watertight and capable of resisting the

effects of the regulatory flood. The structure design shall take into account flood velocities, duration, rate of rise, hydrostatic pressures, and impacts from debris or ice. Such certification shall be provided to the official as set forth in Article 4, Section C (10).

**(B)** Floodproofing measures shall be operable without human intervention and without an outside source of electricity.

**(4) Elevated Structures.** New construction or substantial improvements of elevated structures that included fully enclosed areas formed by foundation and other exterior walls below the base flood elevations shall be designed to preclude finished living space and designed to allow for the entry and exit of floodwaters to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls.

**(A)** Designs for complying with this requirement must either be certified by a professional engineer or architect or meet the following minimum criteria:

i provide a minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding.

ii the bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above foundation interior grade (which must be equal to or higher in elevation than the exterior foundation grade); and

iii openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided they permit the automatic flow of floodwaters in both directions.

iv access to the enclosed area shall be the minimum necessary to allow for parking for vehicles (garage door) or limited storage of maintenance equipment used in connection with the premises (standard exterior door) or entry to the living area (stairway or elevator); and

v the interior portion of such enclosed area shall not be partitioned or finished into separate rooms.

vi portions of the building below the flood protection grade must be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage.

**(5) Structures Constructed on Fill.** A residential or nonresidential structure may be constructed on a permanent land fill in accordance with the following:

**(A)** The fill shall be placed in layers no greater than 1-foot deep before compacting to 95% of the maximum density obtainable with the Standard Proctor Test method.

**(B)** The fill should extend at least ten feet beyond the foundation of the structure before sloping below the FPG.

**(C)** The fill shall be protected against erosion and scour during flooding by vegetative cover, riprap, or bulkheading. If vegetative cover is used, the slopes shall be no steeper than 3 horizontal to 1 vertical.

**(D)** The fill shall not adversely affect the flow of surface drainage from or onto neighboring properties.

**(E)** The top of the lowest floor including basements shall be at or above the FPG.

**(6) Standards for Structures Constructed with a Crawlspace.** A residential or nonresidential structure may be constructed with a crawlspace located below the flood protection grade provided that the following conditions are met:

**(A)** The building must be designed and adequately anchored to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy, and:

**(B)** Any enclosed area below the flood protection grade shall have openings that equalize hydrostatic pressures by allowing for the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters. Provide a minimum of two openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every one square foot of enclosed area. The bottom of the openings shall be no more than one foot above grade; and



(C) The interior grade of the crawlspace must be at or above the base flood elevation; and

(D) The interior height of the crawlspace measured from the interior grade of the crawlspace to the top of the foundation wall must not exceed four feet at any point; and

(E) An adequate drainage system must be installed to remove floodwaters from the interior area of the crawlspace within a reasonable period of time after a flood event; and

(F) Portions of the building below the flood protection grade must be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage; and

(G) Utility systems within the crawlspace must be elevated above the flood protection grade.

(7) Standards for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles.

Manufactured homes and recreational vehicles to be installed or substantially improved on a site for more than 180 days must meet one of the following requirements:

(A) The manufactured home shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor shall be at or above the FPG and securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement. This requirement applies to all manufactured homes to be placed on a site;

i outside a manufactured home park or subdivision;

ii in a new manufactured home park or subdivision;

iii in an expansion to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision; or

iv in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision on which a manufactured home has incurred “substantial damage” as a result of a flood.

(B) The manufactured home shall be elevated so that the lowest floor of the manufactured home chassis is supported by reinforced piers or other foundation elevations that are no less than 36 inches in height

above grade and be securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement. This requirement applies to all manufactured homes to be placed on a site in an existing manufactured home park or subdivision that has not been substantially damaged by a flood.

(C) Recreational vehicles placed on a site shall either:

- i be on site for less than 180 days; and,
- ii be fully licensed and ready for highway use (defined as being on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and security devices, and has no permanently attached additions); or
- iii meet the requirements for “manufactured home” as stated earlier in this section.

**(c) Standards for Subdivision Proposals**

(1) All subdivision proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.

(2) All subdivision proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electric, and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage.

(3) All subdivision proposals shall have adequate drainage provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards, and,

(4) Base flood elevation data shall be provided for subdivision proposals and other proposed development (including manufactured home parks and subdivisions), which is greater than the lesser of fifty lots or five acres.

**(d) Critical Facility.**

Construction of new critical facilities shall be, to the extent possible, located outside the limits of the SFHA. Construction of new critical facilities shall be permissible within the SFHA if no feasible alternative site is available.

Critical facilities constructed within the SFHA shall have the lowest floor elevated to or above the FPG at the site. Floodproofing and sealing measures must be taken to ensure that toxic substances will not be displaced by or

released into floodwaters. Access route elevated to or above the FPG shall be provided to all critical facilities to the extent possible.

**(e) Standards for Identified Floodways.**

Located within SFHAs, established in Article 3, Section B. are areas designated as floodways. The floodway is an extremely hazardous area due to the velocity of floodwaters, which carry debris, potential projectiles, and has erosion potential. If the site is in an identified floodway, the Floodplain Administrator shall require the applicant to forward the application, along with all pertinent plans and specifications, to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and apply for a permit for construction in a floodway. Under the provisions of Indiana Code, a permit for construction in a floodway from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources is required prior to the issuance of a local building permit for an excavation, deposit, construction or obstruction activity located in the floodway. This includes land preparation activities such as filling, grading, clearing, paving, etc, undertaken before the actual start of construction of the structure. However, it does exclude non-substantial additions/improvements to existing (lawful) residences in a non-boundary river floodway. (Indiana Code allows construction of non-substantial additions/improvements to residences in a non-boundary river floodway without obtaining a permit for construction in a floodway from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Please note that if fill is needed to elevate an addition above the existing grade, prior approval (construction in a floodway permit) for the fill is required from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.)

The Floodplain Administrator shall take no action until a permit (when applicable) has been issued by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources granting approval for construction in a floodway. Once a permit for construction in a floodway has been issued by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the Floodplain Administrator may issue the local Floodplain Development Permit, provided the provisions contained in Article 5 of this ordinance has been met. The Floodplain Development Permit cannot be

less restrictive than the permit for construction in a floodway issued by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. However, a community's more restrictive regulations (if any) shall take precedence.

No development shall be allowed which acting alone or in combination with existing or future development will increase the regulatory flood more than 0.14 of one foot.

For all projects involving channel modifications of fill (including levees) the Rush County Area Plan Commission shall submit the data and request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency revise the regulatory flood data.

**(f) Standards for Identified Fringe.**

If the site is located in an identified fringe, then the Floodplain Administrator may issue the local Floodplain Development Permit provided the provisions contained in Article 5 of this ordinance have been met. The key provision is that the top of the lowest floor of any new or substantially improved structure shall be at or above the FPG.

**(g) Standards for SFHAs Without Established Base Flood Elevation and/or Floodways/Fringes.**

**(1)** Drainage area upstream of the site is greater than one square mile: If the site is in an identified floodplain where the limits of the floodway and fringe have not yet been determined, and the drainage area upstream of the site is greater than one square mile, the Floodplain Administrator shall require the applicant to forward the application, along with all the pertinent plans and specifications, to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for review and comment.

No action shall be taken by the Floodplain Administrator until either a permit for construction in the floodway or a floodplain analysis/regulatory assessment citing the 100-year flood elevation and the recommended Flood Protection Grade have been received from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Once the Floodplain Administrator has received the proper construction in a floodway permit or floodplain analysis/regulatory assessment approving the

proposed development, a Floodplain Development Permit may be issued provided the conditions of the Floodplain Development Permit are not less restrictive than the conditions received from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and the provisions contained in Article 5 of this ordinance have been met.

(2) Drainage area upstream of the site is less than one square mile: If the site is in an identified floodplain where the limits of the floodway and fringe have not yet been determined and the drainage area upstream of the site is less than one square mile, the Floodplain Administrator shall require the applicant to provide an engineering analysis showing the limits of the floodway, fringe and 100-year flood elevation for the site.

#### **6.4.6) Article 6**

### **Variance Procedures**

#### **(a) Designation of Variance and Appeals Board**

The Board of Zoning Appeals as established by the County Commissioners of Rush County, the Common Council of the City of Rushville, and the Town Boards of Glenwood and Carthage, shall hear and decide appeals and requests for variances from requirements of this ordinance.

#### **(b) Duties of Variance and Appeals Board**

The board shall hear and decide appeals when it is alleged an error in any requirement, decision, or determination is made by the Floodplain Administrator in the enforcement or administration of this ordinance. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the board may appeal such decision to the Rush County Circuit Court, as provided for in Indiana Statutes.

#### **(c) Variance Procedures**

In passing upon such applications, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall consider all technical evaluations, all relevant factors, all standards specified in other sections of this ordinance, and;

(1) The danger of life and property due to flooding or erosion damage;

- (2) The susceptibility of the proposed facility and its contents to flood damage and the effect of such damage on the individual owner;
  - (3) The importance of the services provided by the proposed facility to the community;
  - (4) The necessity to the facility of a waterfront location, where applicable;
  - (5) The availability of alternative locations for the proposed use which are not subject to flooding or erosion damage;
  - (6) The compatibility of the proposed use with existing and anticipated development;
  - (7) The relationship of the proposed use to the comprehensive plan and floodplain management program for that area;
  - (8) The safety of access to the property in times of flood for ordinary and emergency vehicles;
  - (9) The expected height, velocity, duration, rate of rise, and sediment of transport of the floodwaters at the site; and
  - (10) The costs of providing governmental services during and after flood conditions, including maintenance and repair of public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical, water systems, streets and bridges.
- (d) Conditions for Variances**
- (1) Variances shall only be issued when there is:
    - (A) A showing of good and sufficient cause;
    - (B) A determination that failure to grant the variance would result in exceptional hardship; and,
    - (C) A determination that the granting of a variance will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud or victimization of the public, or conflict with existing laws or ordinances.
  - (2) No variance for a residential use within a floodway subject to 6.4.5)(e) or 6.4.5)(g)(1) of this ordinance may be granted.

- (3) Any variance granted in a floodway subject to 7.14.5(e) or (g1) of this ordinance will require a permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.
- (4) Variances to the Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction of 6.4.5)(b) may be granted only when a new structure is to be located on a lot of one-half acre or less in size, contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the flood protection grade.
- (5) Variances shall only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard to afford relief.
- (6) Variances may be granted for the reconstruction or restoration of any structure individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the Indiana State Register of Historic Sites and Structures.
- (7) Any application to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice specifying the difference between the base flood elevation and the elevation to which the lowest floor is to be built and stating that the cost of the flood insurance will be commensurate with the increased risk resulting from the reduced lowest floor elevation (See Section e).
- (8) The Floodplain Administrator shall maintain the records of appeal actions and report any variances to the Federal Emergency Management Agency or the Indiana Department of Natural Resources upon request. (See Section E).

**(e) Variance Notification**

Any applicant to whom a variance is granted shall be given written notice over the signature of the floodplain administrator that:

- (1) The issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood elevation will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage; and,
- (2) Such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

The Floodplain Administrator will maintain a record of all variance actions, including justification for their issuance, and report such variances issued in

the community’s biennial report submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

**(f) Historical Structure**

Variations may be issued for the repair or rehabilitation of “historic structures” upon a determination that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as an “historic structure” and the variance is the minimum to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.

**(g) Special Conditions**

Upon the consideration of the factors listed in Article 6, and the purposes of this ordinance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may attach such conditions to the granting of variations as it deems necessary to further the purposes of this ordinance.

**6.4.7) Article 7**

**Severability**

If any section, clause, sentence, or phrase of the Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

**6.4.8) Article 8**

**Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage by the Rush County Commissioners, the Town Board of Carthage, and the Town Board of Glenwood.

**OPEN LAND OVERLAY DISTRICT (O) (Flood Hazard Area)**

**Permitted Uses**

1. Automobile Parking
2. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
3. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)
4. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)



5. Farms (predominately crop – Fruits, Tree Nuts, or Vegetables)
6. Farms (predominately Dairy Products)
7. Farms and Ranches (Livestock other than Dairy)
8. Farms (predominately Poultry)
9. Farms (General – no predominance)
10. Other Agriculture & Related Activities
11. Animal Husbandry Services
12. Commercial Forestry Production
13. Forest Reserves
14. Flood Plains
15. Secondary Voltage Connected SES

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Freeways
2. Expressways
3. Parkways
4. Arterial Streets
5. Collector/Distributor Streets
6. Local Access Streets
7. Alleys
8. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
9. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
10. Swimming Areas
11. Marinas
12. Other Recreation (including camping and picnic areas)
13. Group or Organized Camps
14. Parks – General Recreation
15. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
16. Other Parks
17. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
18. Agriculture Use, Less Than 10 Acres (other than confinement feeding)
19. Forestry Service
20. Other Forestry Activities
21. Fisheries and Marine Products
22. Other Fishery Activities and Related Services
23. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
24. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
25. Primary Voltage Connected SES

## **7) Section 7: Restrictions Per District**

### **7.1) Residential District (R1, R, or RS)**

#### **7.1.1) Intent**

This district is intended to provide a variety and mix of dwelling types with densities that enable larger developments.

#### **7.1.2) Floor Area Ratio – Not to exceed .4.**

#### **7.1.3) Lot Area**

Not less than 8,000 square feet per D.U. if connected to city water and sewer; not less than one acre per D.U. if connected to a septic tank system. (As amended effective 08-09-93)

#### **7.1.4) Lot Width – Not less than 70 feet.**

#### **7.1.5) Signs intended to be seen outside lot lines.**

- (a) Non-illuminated business signs are permitted.
- (b) No sign shall project beyond a lot line, obstruct in any way a driver's vision of the road, or hinder her/his passage in any way.
- (c) No sign shall be placed so as to hinder or obstruct any pedestrian along any pedestrian path.
- (d) No sign shall be larger than 4 sq. ft. per side.
- (e) Real Estate Signs
  - (1) Maximum size 7 ½ square feet per side
  - (2) Temporary only

#### **7.1.6) Parking – 2 off street parking stalls shall be provided per D.U.**

#### **7.1.7) Visibility at Intersections**

On a corner lot in any residential district, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted or allowed to grow in such a manner as materially to impede vision between a

height of 2 ½ and 10 feet above the centerline grades of the intersection streets, in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line joining points along the edge of any yard, provided that no fence, wall, or hedge along the sides street line 50 feet from the point of the intersection.

#### **7.1.8) Fences, Walls, and Hedges**

Notwithstanding other provisions of this ordinance, fences, walls and hedges may be permitted in any required yard, provided that no fence, wall, or hedge to be over seven feet in height, and any fence forward of the most restrictive of the front plane of the dwelling or setback line must be chain link or wire woven that will not impede or obstruct vision, and not exceed seven feet in height. Additionally, if no dwelling is present, only chain link or wire woven fences that do not impede or obstruct vision may be allowed past the front setback line and are also limited to seven feet in height.

#### **7.1.9) Parking and Storage**

Automotive vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored for more than 7 days on any residentially zoned property other than in completely enclosed buildings except for antique vehicles. No residentially zoned property shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, including but not limited to; trash, garbage, metal, rope, bags of paper, rags, glass, rubber, lumber, millwork, brick, or concrete blocks, however, such rubbish may be stored in a completely enclosed building or, may be kept in a sanitary container for a maximum of 7 days.

#### **7.1.10) Housing setbacks**

- (a)** Setbacks shall not be less than 30 feet from right-of-way line.
- (b)** Side yards shall not be less than 10 feet wide. Side Yards adjoining streets shall be not less than 30 feet wide.
- (c)** Rear yards shall be not less than 10 feet deep.
- (d)** For all side and rear yards:

For each full story above ground in excess of the ground floor, increase minimum side and rear yard distances by 8 feet. A story which is more than half below ground level from floor to ceiling shall be not considered a story for the purpose of this ordinance.

EXAMPLE: A 2-story building shall have side and rear yards at least 18 feet wide.

**7.1.11) A mobile home may be permitted as a Temporary Special Exception on a lot where a permanent dwelling unit exists and may be used by a blood relative who requires nursing care from the resident of the existing dwelling unit.**

**7.1.12) Restrictions for Special Exceptions**

**(a) Restrictions for Home Occupations**

**(1)** No structural additions are permitted on front or side of existing D.U.

**(2)** No more than 25% of the structure shall be used for non-residential purposes.

**(3)** Parking lots shall not exceed 4 stalls and shall not be within 30 feet of lot limits.

**(4)** The occupation shall be conducted primarily by the resident of the D.U. in which the activity is taking place.

**(5)** No unsafe, uncomfortable, or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.

**(b) Restrictions for:**

**Rooming and Boarding Houses**

**Retirement Homes and Orphanages**

**Religious Quarters**

**Residential Hotels**

**(1)** Setbacks shall be not less than 30 feet from right-of-way line

**(2)** Side yards shall not be less than 30 feet wide.

(3) Parking lots shall be placed behind or alongside the principal buildings and shall be screened from the view of the surrounding D.U.'s.

(4) Parking areas shall not be located within 30 feet of lot lines.

(c) **Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities refer to Section 6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities**

(d) **Wind Energy Facilities refer to Section 6.3) Wind Energy Conversion Systems**

(e) **Restrictions for Utilities Substations**

(1) No structure shall be placed within 30 feet of any lot line.

(2) All structures erected, placed, or moved specifically for the operation of the utility to which the lot is devoted shall be completely surrounded or enclosed by a building or fence. A fence shall be at least 7 feet high, in compliance with the National Electric Safety Code.

(3) No unsafe, uncomfortable, or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.

(f) **Restrictions for Medical and other health services.**

(1) Facilities shall be located on a major street (any street other than a local street as designated in Rush County Comprehensive Plan or its revision).

(2) Facilities shall be separated as much as possible from surrounding D.U.'s by streets, open space, fences and vegetation.

(3) No unsafe, uncomfortable or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors, or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.

(4) No structure or parking lot is permitted within 30 feet of any lot line.

(5) **At least one parking stall per each five seats of waiting room space.**

(g) **Restrictions for Nursery, Primary, and Secondary Education**

(1) Facilities shall be separated as much as possible from surrounding D.U.'s by streets, open space, fences, and vegetation.

- (2) No structure or parking lot shall be located within 30 feet of any lot line.

## **RESIDENTIAL (R-1)**

### **Permitted Uses**

1. Dwelling unit
2. Freeways
3. Expressways
4. Parkways
5. Arterial Streets
6. Collector/Distributor Streets
7. Local Access Streets
8. Alleys
9. Automobile Parking
10. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
11. Parks – General Recreation
12. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
13. Secondary Connected SES
14. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Home Occupations
2. Rooming & Boarding Houses
3. Fraternity & Sorority Houses
4. Residents Halls or Dormitories
5. Retirement Homes & Orphanages
6. Religious Quarters
7. Other Group Quarters
8. Residential Hotels
9. Other Residential
10. Rapid Rail Transit & Street Railway Transportation
11. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
12. Telephone Communications (Local)
13. Telegraph Communications
14. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and Radio)
15. Electric Utility
16. Gas Utility
17. Water Utilities and Irrigation
18. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
19. Retail – Grocers (with or without meat)
20. Retail – Meats and Fish

21. Retail – Fruits and Vegetables
22. Retail – Candy, Nut, Confectionery
23. Retail – Dairy Products
24. Retail – Bakeries
25. Retail – Other Food Trade
26. Retail – Eating Places
27. Retail – Drinking Places (alcoholic beverages)
28. Retail – Drug and Proprietary
29. Retail – Antiques and Secondhand Merchandise
30. Retail – Book and Stationery
31. Retail – Jewelry
32. Greenhouses
33. Banking and Bank-related Functions
34. Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers & Services
35. Real Estate and Related Services
36. Beauty & Barber Services
37. Funeral and Crematory Services
38. Cemeteries
39. Employment Services
40. Medical & Other Health Services
41. Legal Services
42. Sanitariums, Convalescent & Rest Home Services
43. Other Professional Services
44. Executive, Legislative & Judicial Functions
45. Protective Functions & their Related Activities
46. Postal Services
47. Nursery, Primary & Secondary Education
48. Religious Activities
49. Welfare & Charitable Services
50. Other Miscellaneous Services
51. Cultural Activities
52. Other Cultural Activities & Nature Exhibitions
53. Entertainment Assembly
54. Public Assembly, Misc. Purposes
55. Other Public Assembly
56. Sports Activities
57. Swimming Areas
58. Other Recreation (including camping & picnic areas)
59. Other Parks
60. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
61. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
62. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)
63. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
64. Secondary Connected WES
65. Primary Voltage Connected SES
66. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

**7.2) Residential District (R 2) Added Effective 09-05-2006**

**7.2.1) Intent**

The district has been created for the purpose of providing suburban size lots for single family dwelling units in areas adjacent to cities and towns.

**7.2.2) Floor Area ratio – Not to exceed 0.4.**

**7.2.3) Lot Area**

Not less than 20,000 square feet per Dwelling Unit. Lot must be connected to a municipal sanitary sewer collection system, a municipal storm sewer and, to a public water supply system in accord with Indiana Administrative Code.

Individual wells and septic tanks are prohibited; however, in the Western Rush County Regional Water & Sewer District and, in the Mays-Raleigh area where a public water supply system is not available, a community well or individual wells may be utilized. The sub-divider may provide a “package wastewater treatment plant” and a certified operator or, may enter into an agreement with the municipality for the cost of wastewater treatment.

**7.2.4) Lot width – Not less than 100 feet.**

**7.2.5) Signs intended to be seen outside lot lines:**

- (a) Non-illuminated business signs are permitted.
- (b) No sign shall project beyond a lot line, obstruct in any way a driver’s vision of the road, or hinder her/his passage in any way.
- (c) No sign shall be placed so as to hinder or obstruct any pedestrian along any pedestrian path.
- (d) No sign shall be larger than 4 square feet per side.
- (e) Real Estate Signs:
  - (1) Maximum size 7 ½ square feet per side.
  - (2) Temporary only.

**7.2.6) Parking – 2 off-street parking stalls shall be provided per Dwelling Unit.**

**7.2.7) Visibility at Intersections**



On a corner lot in any residential district, nothing shall be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow in such a manner as materially to impede vision between a height of 2 ½ and 10 feet above the centerline grades of the intersection streets, in the area bounded by the street lines of such corner lots and a line joining points along said street line 50 feet from the point of the intersection.

**7.2.8) Fences, Walls, and Hedges**

Notwithstanding other provisions of this ordinance, fences, walls and hedges may be permitted in any required yard, or along the edge of any yard, provided that no fence, wall or hedge along the sides or front edge or any front yard shall be over 4 feet in height. However, a chain link or woven wire fence, that will not materially impede or obstruct vision, may be erected between a height of 2 ½ and 7 feet.

**7.2.9) Parking & Storage**

Automotive vehicles or trailers of any kind or type without current license plates shall not be parked or stored for more than 7 days on any residentially zoned property other than in completely enclosed buildings with the exception of antique vehicles. No residentially zoned property shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, including but not limited to: trash, garbage, metal, rope, bags, paper, rags, glass, rubber, lumber, millwork, brick or concrete blocks; however, such rubbish may be stored in a completely enclosed building or, may be kept in a sanitary container for a maximum of 7 days.

**7.2.10) Restrictions for Dwelling Units. If built on a block or road where previous development has taken place:**

- (a) Housing setbacks
- (b) Setbacks shall not be less than 30 feet from right-of-way line.
- (c) Side yards shall not be less than 10 feet wide. Side Yards adjoining streets shall be not less than 30 feet wide.
- (d) Rear yards shall be not less than 10 feet deep.
- (e) For all side and rear yards:  
For each full story above ground in excess of the ground floor, increase minimum side and rear yard distances by 8 feet. A story which is more than half

below ground level from floor to ceiling shall be not considered a story for the purpose of this ordinance.

EXAMPLE: A 2-story building shall have side and rear yards at least 18 feet wide.

**7.2.11) Restrictions for Special Exceptions**

**(a) Restrictions for Home Occupations:**

- (1)** No structural additions are permitted on front or side of existing dwelling unit.
- (2)** No more than 25% of the structure shall be used for non-residential purposes.
- (3)** Parking lots shall not exceed 4 stalls and shall be not within 30 feet of lot limits.
- (4)** The occupation shall be conducted primarily by the resident of the dwelling unit in which the activity is taking place.
- (5)** No unsafe, uncomfortable, or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.

**(b) Restrictions for Retirement Homes and Orphanages & Religious Quarters**

- (1)** Setbacks shall not be less than 30 feet from right-of-way line.
- (2)** Side yards shall not be less than 30 feet wide.
- (3)** Parking lots shall be placed behind or alongside the principal buildings and shall be screened from the view of the surrounding dwelling units.
- (4)** Parking areas shall not be located within 30 feet of lot lines.

**(c) Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities**

Refer to Section 6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

**(d) Restrictions for Wind Energy Conversion System.**

Refer to Section 6.3) Wind Energy Conversion Systems

- (e) Restrictions for Utilities and Electric Substations
  - (1) No structure shall be placed within 30 feet of any lot line.
  - (2) All structures erected, placed, or moved specifically for the operation of the utility to which the lot is devoted shall be completely surrounded or enclosed by a building or fence. A metal fence used to enclose electric supply stations shall be at least 7 feet high, and shall be grounded in compliance with the National Electrical Safety Code.
  - (3) No unsafe, uncomfortable, or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.
- (f) Restrictions for Nursery, Primary and Secondary Education
  - (1) Facilities shall be separated as much as possible from surrounding dwelling units by streets, open space, fences and vegetation.
  - (2) No structure or parking lot shall be located within 30 feet of any lot line.

## **RESIDENTIAL – 2 (R-2)**

### **Permitted Uses**

1. Dwelling Unit
2. Freeways
3. Expressways
4. Parkways
5. Arterial Streets
6. Collector/Distributor Streets
7. Local Access Streets
8. Alleys
9. Automobile Parking
10. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
11. Parks – General Recreation
12. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
13. Other Parks
14. Secondary Connected SES
15. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Home Occupations

2. Fraternity & Sorority Houses
3. Residents Halls or Dormitories
4. Retirement Homes & Orphanages
5. Religious Quarters
6. Rapid Rail Transit & Street Railway Transportation
7. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
8. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
9. Telephone Communications (Local)
10. Telegraph Communications
11. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and Radio)
12. Electric Utility
13. Gas Utility
14. Water Utilities and Irrigation
15. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
16. Cemeteries
17. Other Professional Services
18. Executive, Legislative & Judicial Functions
19. Protective Functions & their Related Activities
20. Postal Services
21. Nursery, Primary, & Secondary Education
22. Religious Activities
23. Welfare & Charitable Services
24. Other Miscellaneous Services
25. Cultural Activities
26. Other Cultural Activities & Nature Exhibitions
27. Entertainment Assembly
28. Public Assembly, Misc. Purposes
29. Other Public Assembly
30. Sports Activities
31. Swimming Areas
32. Other Recreation (including camping & picnic areas)
33. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
34. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
35. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)
36. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
37. Secondary Connected WES
38. Primary Voltage Connected SES
39. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

**7.3) Planned Unit Development District (PUD) (Added effective 05-18-2004)**

**7.3.1) Intent**

The district has been created for the purpose of providing development flexibility and to encourage creative land planning and the preservation of open space.

**7.3.2) Rezoning Required-In accord with Indiana Code, rezoning of the land tract by the Area Plan Commission and the appropriate legislative body is required as set forth in Indiana Code.**

**7.3.3) Filing Procedure**

The Developer shall submit three copies of a preliminary plan to the Area Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. The preliminary plan shall include:

- (a) Location and boundaries of the tract
- (b) Existing zoning of adjacent tracts
- (c) Proposed layout of streets, open space and lots.
- (d) Proposals for handling vehicular traffic.

Proposals to connect the development to a municipal sanitary sewer collections system (in accordance with Indiana Administrative Code) and either a municipal storm sewer system in accordance with Indiana Administrative Code or a Storm Water Management Plan according to the Subdivision Control Ordinance; or to connect to a public water supply system in accord with Indiana Administrative Code if available.

- (e) Proposals to permanently reserve 15% of the total land area as open space suitable for the common use of the public or the owners in the development by covenant, dedication or easements. The land may be used for forest preserve, recreational or open space.
- (f) Proposed covenants or commitments to be made a part of the development.
- (g) Proposals to mitigate any adverse effects to adjoining property.

- (h) Proposed timetable for completing the development.

#### **7.3.4) Preliminary Plan Hearing**

Within twenty (20) days of the petitioner’s filing of the Preliminary Development Plan, the Executive Director shall set a public hearing by the Area Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals and after the hearings, the Commission and the Board may approve, amend, or disapprove the plan and may impose any reasonable condition upon its approval. If approved, the plan shall be stamped “APPROVED PRELIMINARY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT and shall be signed and dated by the President of the Commission and the Board. The approved Preliminary Planned Unit Development shall then be certified to the appropriate legislative body for adoption as a PUD District Ordinance in accord with Indiana Code. Upon adoption by the legislative body, the Planned Unit Development shall be returned to the Area Plan Commission which shall exercise further jurisdiction pursuant to Indiana Code.

#### **7.3.5) Detailed Plan**

Before any development occurs, the Developer shall prepare detailed engineering plans showing the location of all streets, lots, utilities, building setback lines, open space and other site development features in accord with the Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance . The detailed plans shall be set for a public hearing by the Area Plan Commission. Upon secondary review and a finding that the detailed plans are consistent with the Approved Preliminary Planned Unit Development, the Area Plan Commission shall grant secondary approval of the detailed plans which shall then be stamped “APPROVED DETAILED PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT” and which shall be signed and dated by the President of the Commission.

#### **7.3.6) Platting and Recording**

In accord with Indiana Code, the Approved Detailed Planned Unit Development Plan shall qualify as the Secondary Plat required by the Rush County Subdivision

Control Ordinance and shall be the document recorded by the county recorder. The Secondary Plat shall include covenants as approved by the Area Plan Commission and shall provide for a property owners association to own and manage the required open space and any private streets.

**7.3.7) Bonding**

In accord with Indiana Code, the Developer shall comply with the bonding requirements of the Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance. Upon the furnishing of said bond, the Executive Director may issue an Improvement Location Permit.

**7.3.8) Expiration**

In the event that the Detailed Plan required by Section 7.3.5 has not been approved within one (1) year from the date of approval by the legislative body of the Preliminary Plan required by Section 7.3.4, the Approved Preliminary Planned Unit Development shall expire and the PUD rezoning shall be reclassified to its prior zoning category. The Area Plan Commission may grant a one (1) time, one (1) year extension of time to obtain secondary approval of the Detailed Plan.

**7.3.9) Construction**

Installation of improvement shall comply with the construction Standards contained in Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance. All construction must be completed within five (5) years of the date of the Approved Detailed Planned Unit Development; otherwise, the legislative body shall exercise its claim to the construction bonding.

**7.3.10) Restrictions for Special Exceptions**

**(a) Restrictions for Home Occupations:**

- (1) No more than 25% of the dwelling unit shall be used for non-residential purposes.**

- (2) The occupation shall be conducted primarily by the resident of the dwelling unit in which the activity is taking place.
  - (3) No unsafe, uncomfortable, or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors, or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.
- (b) Restrictions for Retirement Homes and Orphanages and Religious Quarters
- (1) Setbacks shall not be less than 40 feet from right-of-way line.
  - (2) Side yards shall not be less than 30 feet wide.
  - (3) Parking lots shall be placed behind or alongside the principal buildings and shall be screened from the view of the surrounding dwelling units.
  - (4) Parking areas shall not be located within 30 feet of the lot lines.
- (c) Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facility  
Refer to Section 6.2. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
- (d) Restrictions for Wind Energy Conversion System  
Refer to Section 6.3 Wind Energy Conversion Systems
- (e) Restrictions for Utilities and Electric Substations
- (1) No structure shall be placed within 30 feet of any lot line.
  - (2) All structures erected, placed, or moved specifically for the Operation of the utility to which the lot is devoted shall be Completely surrounded or enclosed by a building or fence. A metal fence used to enclose electric supply stations shall be at least 7 feet high, and shall be grounded in compliance with the National Electrical Safety Code.
  - (3) No unsafe, uncomfortable, or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors, or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.
- (f) Restrictions for Nursery, Primary and Secondary Education
- (1) Facilities shall be separated as much as possible from Surrounding dwelling units by streets, open spaces, fences and vegetation.



- (2) No structure or parking lot shall be located within 30 feet of any lot line.

## **PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PUD)**

### **Permitted Uses**

1. Dwelling
2. Freeways
3. Expressways
4. Parkways
5. Arterial Streets
6. Collector/Distributor Streets
7. Local Access Streets
8. Alleys
9. Automobile Parking
10. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
11. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
12. Parks – General Recreation
13. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
14. Other Parks
15. Secondary Connected SES
16. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Home Occupations
2. Residents Halls or Dormitories
3. Retirement Homes & Orphanages
4. Religious Quarters
5. Rapid Rail Transit & Street Railway Transportation
6. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
7. Electric Utility
8. Gas Utility
9. Water Utilities & Irrigation
10. Nursery, Primary & Secondary Education
11. Religious Activities
12. Other Miscellaneous Services
13. Cultural Activities
14. Public Assembly, Misc. Purposes
15. Swimming Areas
16. Other Recreation (including camping & picnic areas)
17. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
18. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
19. Primary Voltage Connected SES

**7.4) Mobile Home District**

**7.4.1) This district has been created to accommodate the higher density, and leased lots usually associated with a mobile home park. This district does not involve the sales of Mobile Home Dwellings in which unoccupied units are parked for inspection or sale.**

**7.4.2) Floor area ratio not to exceed .4.**

**7.4.3) No mobile home is permitted within 30 feet of lot lines of the mobile home park or court.**

**7.4.4) All mobile homes shall be placed so that they can be moved and removed individually without moving any other mobile home.**

**7.4.5) Signs intended to be viewed from outside the mobile home court:**

**(a) One illuminated non-flashing sign is allowed per court, not to exceed 16 square feet in area.**

**7.4.6) If the mobile home court is designed to be occupied by 10 mobile homes or more, not less than 15% of the gross land area of the court shall be improved for recreational activities for the residents of the court.**

**7.4.7) Restrictions for Special Exceptions**

**(a) Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facility**

Refer to 6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

**(b) Restrictions for Wind Energy Conversion System**

Refer to 6.3) Wind Energy Conversion Systems

**(c) Restrictions for Utilities Substations**

See Section 7.1.13)(e) Residential District Special Exceptions,

## **MOBILE HOME DISTRICT (MH)**

### **Permitted Uses**

1. Mobile Home Parks or Courts
2. Automobile Parking
3. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
4. Swimming Areas
5. Parks – General Recreation
6. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
7. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
8. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Parkways
2. Arterial Streets
3. Collector/Distributor Streets
4. Local Access Streets
5. Alleys
6. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
7. Telephone Communications (Local)
8. Telegraph Communications
9. Electric Utility
10. Gas Utility
11. Water Utilities and Irrigation
12. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
13. Other Parks
14. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
15. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
16. Primary Voltage Connected SES
16. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

**7.5) Manufacturing District (M)**

**7.5.1)** This district has been created to set aside certain lands where manufacturing uses may efficiently locate with a minimum of adverse effects to other uses in the county.

**7.5.2)** Floor area ratio – not to exceed 1.

**7.5.3)** Lot area – not less than 10,000 sq. ft.

**7.5.4)** Any new industry shall provide a setback of at least 30 feet from right-of-way lines.

**7.5.5)** Any new industry shall not build any structure other than parking lots and fences or vision screening walls within 20 feet of any side or rear lot line.

**7.5.6)** Where any new industrial lot comes within 40 feet of a residential zone boundary line, all uses shall be conducted within a building or within an area enclosed on all sides with a solid wall, compact evergreen screen or uniformly painted fence not less than 7 feet in height.

**7.5.7)** No manufacturing use structure, except fences and sign posts, shall come within 35 feet of an R1, R2, PUD, or MH district boundary line.

**7.5.8)** At least one off-street parking stall shall be provided for each two workers.

**7.5.9)** Signs intended to be seen outside lot lines.

**(a)** Illuminated business signs are permitted.

**(b)** No sign shall project beyond a lot line, obstruct in any way a driver's vision of the road, or hinder her/his passage in any way.

- (c) No sign shall be placed so as to hinder or obstruct any pedestrian along any pedestrian path.
- (d) No sign shall be larger than 50 square feet per side.

**7.5.10)** All manufacturing uses must comply with Federal, State, and Local regulations. Any use adversely impacting other properties could be considered a common nuisance.

- (a) Electrical Disturbance: No use shall cause an electrical disturbance adversely affecting electrical/electronic, or other equipment in the vicinity.
- (b) Noise: No use shall produce noise in such a manner as to be objectionable because of volume, frequency, intermittence, beat, shrillness, or vibration. Said noise shall be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to become detrimental. However, public safety sirens and related apparatus used solely for public purposes shall be exempt from this standard. This provision does not apply to A1, A2, A3 or A4 zoning districts.
- (c) Vibration: No use shall cause vibrations or concussions detectable beyond the lot lines without the aid of instruments.
- (d) Odor: No use shall emit across the lot lines malodorous gas or matter in such quantity as to be detectable at any point along the lot lines. This provision does not apply to A1, A2, A3 or A4 zoning districts.
- (e) G. Air Pollution: No use shall discharge across the lot lines fly ash, dust, smoke, vapors, noxious, toxic or corrosive matter, or other air pollutants in such concentration as to be detrimental to health, animals, vegetation, or property, or conflict with public air quality standards. Outdoor furnaces, corn burners, and the like are not permitted. This provision does not apply to A1, A2, A3 or A4 zoning districts.
- (f) Heat and Glare: No use shall produce heat or glare in such a manner as to be a nuisance or create a hazard perceptible from any point beyond the lot lines.
- (g) Water and Solid Waste Pollution: No use shall produce erosion or pollutants in such quantity as to be detrimental to adjacent properties or conflict with public water quality standards. No use shall accumulate within the lot or

discharge beyond the lot lines any waste matter, whether liquid or solid, in conflict with applicable public health, safety, and welfare standards and regulations.

**7.5.11) Restrictions for Special Exceptions**

(a) Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Refer to 6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

(b) Restrictions for Wind Energy Conversion Systems

Refer to 6.3) Wind Energy Conversion Systems

(c) Restrictions for Utilities Substations

See Section 7.1.13)(e): Residential District Special Exceptions, Restrictions for Utilities Substations.

(d) Restrictions for Solid Wastes Disposal and Major Utilities, Stations and Plants.

See Section 7.1.13)(e): Commercial District Special Exceptions, Restrictions

(e) Restrictions for Agriculture use on less than 10 acres and Livestock on less than 10 acres

(1) If there is a dwelling unit on the lot, one acre shall be allocated to the dwelling unit.

(2) Limit of one quadruped per acre of land.

(3) Limit of ten fowl per acre of land.

(4) Limit of five domesticated pets per acre of land.

**MANUFACTURING DISTRICT (M)**

**Permitted Uses**

1. Manufacturing – Meat Products
2. Manufacturing – Dairy Products
3. Canning & Preserving Fruits, Vegetables, Seafood
4. Manufacturing – Grain Mill Products
5. Manufacturing – Bakery Products
6. Manufacturing Sugar
7. Manufacturing – Confectionary & Related Products

8. Manufacturing – Beverage
9. Manufacturing – Other Food Preparations & Kindred Products
10. Manufacturing – Other Small Wares (Cotton, Man-made Fibers, Silk, Wool)
11. Manufacturing – Knit Goods
12. Manufacturing – Dye & Finish of Textiles (except wool fabrics/knit goods)
13. Manufacturing – Floor Coverings (rug & carpets)
14. Manufacturing – Yarns and Thread
15. Manufacturing – Other Textile Goods
16. Manufacturing – Men’s, Youth & Boys’ Suit, Coats, Overcoats
17. Manufacturing – Men’s, Youth’s & Boy’s Furnishings, Work Clothing and Allied Garments
18. Manufacturing – Women’s, Misses, Junior’s, Girl’s, Children and Infants’ Outerwear
19. Manufacturing – Women’s, Misses’, Children and Infant Outerwear
20. Manufacturing – Hats, Caps, and Millinery
21. Manufacturing – Leather and Leather Goods
22. Manufacturing – Fur Goods
23. Manufacturing – Miscellaneous Apparel and Accessories
24. Manufacturing – Other Fabricated Textile Products
25. Manufacturing – Sawmills and Planing Mills
26. Manufacturing – Millwork, Veneer, Plywood and Prefabricated Structural Wood Products
27. Manufacturing – Wooden Containers
28. Manufacturing – Other Lumber and Wood Products (except furniture)
29. Manufacturing – Household Furniture
30. Manufacturing – Office Furniture
31. Manufacturing – Public Building and Related Furniture
32. Manufacturing – Partitions, Shelving, Lockers, Office & Store Fixtures
33. Manufacturing – Other Furniture and Fixtures
34. Manufacturing – Pulp
35. Manufacturing – Paper (except building paper)
36. Manufacturing – Paperboard
37. Manufacturing – Converted Paper and Paperboard Products (except containers and boxes)
38. Manufacturing – Paperboard Containers and Boxes
39. Manufacturing – Building Paper and Building Board
40. Periodicals: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
41. Newspapers: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
42. Books: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
43. Commercial Printing
44. Manifold Business Forms
45. Manufacturing – Greeting Cards
46. Manufacturing – Bookbinding & Related Industries
47. Printing Trade Service Industries
48. Other Printing and Publishing
49. Manufacturing – Industrial Inorganic & Organic Chemicals
50. Manufacturing – Plastics, Materials & Synthetic Resins, Resins, Synthetic Rubber, Synthetic and other Man-made Fibers (except glass)
51. Manufacturing – Soap, Detergents & Cleaning Preparations, Perfumes, Cosmetics, and other toilet preparations

52. Manufacturing – Paints, Varnishes, Lacquers, Enamels, and Allied Products
53. Manufacturing – Gum & Wood Chemicals
54. Manufacturing – Agricultural Chemicals
55. Manufacturing – Petroleum Refining
56. Manufacturing – Paving & Roofing Materials
57. Other Petroleum Refining and Related Industries
58. Manufacturing – Tires and Inner Tubes
59. Manufacturing – Rubber Footwear
60. Reclaiming Rubber
61. Manufacturing – Miscellaneous Plastic Products
62. Manufacturing – Other Fabricated Rubber Products
63. Manufacturing – Flat Glass
64. Manufacturing – Glass and Glassware (pressed or blown)
65. Manufacturing – Cement (hydraulic)
66. Manufacturing – Structural Clay Products
67. Manufacturing – Pottery and Related Products
68. Manufacturing – Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products
69. Manufacturing – Cut Stone and Stone Products
70. Manufacturing – Abrasive, Asbestos & Misc. Non-metallic Mineral Products
71. Blast Furnaces, Steel Works, Rolling & Finishing Ferrous Metals
72. Iron and Steel Foundries
73. Primary Smelting & Refining of Nonferrous Metals
74. Secondary Smelting & Refining of Nonferrous Metals and Alloys
75. Rolling, Drawing and Extruding of Nonferrous Metals
76. Nonferrous Foundries
77. Other Primary Metal Industries
78. Ordnance & Accessories
79. Manufacturing – Machinery (except electrical)
80. Manufacturing – Electrical Machinery, Equipment & Supplies
81. Manufacturing – Transportation Equipment
82. Manufacturing – Other Fabricated Metal Products
83. Manufacturing – Engineering, Laboratory, Scientific and Research Instruments and Associated Equipment
84. Manufacturing – Instruments for Measuring, Controlling and Indicating Physical Characteristics
85. Manufacturing – Optical Instruments and Lenses
86. Manufacturing – Surgical, Medical, and Dental Instruments & Supplies
87. Manufacturing – Ophthalmic Goods
88. Manufacturing – Photographic Equipment & Supplies
89. Manufacturing – Watches, Clocks, Clockwork Operated Devices & Parts
90. Manufacturing – Jewelry, Silverware & Plated Ware
91. Manufacturing – Musical Instruments and Parts
92. Manufacturing – Toys, Amusement, Sporting and Athletic Goods
93. Manufacturing – Pen, Pencils and Other Office and Artist Materials
94. Manufacturing – Novelties, Buttons, and Misc. Notions (except precious metals)
95. Manufacturing – Tobacco



96. Motion Picture Production
97. Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing
98. Railroad Transportation
99. Motor Freight Transportation
100. Freeways
101. Expressways
102. Parkways
103. Arterial Streets
104. Collector/Distributor Streets
105. Local Access Streets
106. Alleys
107. Automobile Parking
108. Transportation Services
109. Wholesale – Motor Vehicles & Automotive Equipment
110. Wholesale – Drugs, Chemicals, and Allied Products
111. Wholesale – Dry Goods & Apparel
112. Wholesale – Grocers and Related Products
113. Wholesale – Farm Products (raw materials)
114. Wholesale – Electrical Goods
115. Wholesale – Hardware, Plumbing, Heating Equipment & Supplies
116. Wholesale – Machinery, Equipment and Supplies
117. Wholesale – Other Wholesale Trade
118. Warehousing & Storage Services
119. Other Business Services
120. Other Professional Services
121. General Contract Construction Services
122. Special Construction Trade Services
123. Protective Functions & their Related Activities
124. Postal Services
125. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
126. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)
127. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
128. Farms (predominately crop – Fruits, Tree Nuts, or Vegetables)
129. Farms (predominately Dairy Products)
130. Farms & Ranches (Livestock other than Dairy)
131. Farms (predominately Poultry)
132. Farms (General – no predominance)
133. Other Agriculture & Related Activities
134. Animal Husbandry Services
135. Commercial Forestry Production
136. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
137. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exception**

1. Rapid Rail Transit & Street Railway Transportation

2. Other Motor Vehicle Transportation
3. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
4. Telephone Communications (Local)
5. Telegraph Communications
6. Radio Communications
7. Television Communication
8. Radio and Television Communication (combined systems)
9. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and Radio)
10. Other Communications
11. Electric Utility
12. Gas Utility
13. Water Utilities and Irrigation
14. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
15. Solid Waste Disposal
16. Major Utilities, Stations and Plants
17. Other Utilities
18. Other Pipeline Right-of-Way and Pressure Control Stations
19. Other Transportation, Communication & Utilities
20. Wholesale – Junkyard
21. Retail – Lumber and Other Building Materials
22. Retail – Heating and Plumbing Equipment
23. Retail – Paint, Glass, and Wallpaper
24. Retail – Electrical Supplies
25. Retail – Hardware and Farm Equipment
26. Retail – Department Stores
27. Retail – Mail Order Houses
28. Retail – Limited Price Variety Stores
29. Retail – Merchandise Vending-Machine Operators
30. Retail – Direct Selling Organizations
31. Retail – Other Trade-General Merchandise
32. Retail – Grocers (with or without meat)
33. Retail – Meats and Fish
34. Retail – Fruits and Vegetables
35. Retail – Candy, Nut, and Confectionery
36. Retail – Dairy Products
37. Retail – Bakeries
38. Retail – Other Food Trade
39. Retail – Motor Vehicles
40. Retail – Tires, Batteries, and Accessories
41. Retail – Gasoline Service Stations
42. Retail – Other Automotive, Marine Craft, Aircraft & Accessories
43. Retail – Men’s and Boy’s Clothing and Furnishings
44. Retail – Women’s Ready-to-Wear
45. Retail – Women’s Accessories and Specialties
46. Retail – Children’s and Infant’s Wear
47. Retail – Family Clothing

48. Retail – Shoes
49. Retail – Custom Tailoring
50. Retail – Furriers and Fur Apparel
51. Retail – Other Apparel & Accessories Trade
52. Retail – Furniture, Home Furnishings and Equipment
53. Retail – Household Appliances
54. Retail – Radios, Televisions and Music Supplies
55. Retail – Eating Places
56. Retail – Drinking Places (alcoholic beverages)
57. Retail – Drug and Proprietary
58. Retail – Liquor
59. Retail – Antiques and Secondhand Merchandise
60. Retail – Book and Stationery
61. Retail – Sporting Goods and Bicycles
62. Retail – Farm and Garden Supplies
63. Retail – Jewelry
64. Retail – Fuel and Ice
65. Retail – Other Trade
66. Greenhouses
67. Banking and Bank-related Functions
68. Credit Services (other than banks)
69. Security & Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges & Services
70. Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers & Services
71. Real Estate and Related Services
72. Holding and Investment Services
73. Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Services
74. Laundering, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Services
75. Photographic Services (including commercial)
76. Beauty & Barber Services
77. Funeral and Crematory Services
78. Other Personal Services
79. Dwelling & Other Building Services
80. News Syndicate Services
81. Employment Services
82. Automobile Repair & Service
83. Other Repair Services
84. Medical & Other Health Services
85. University, College, Junior College & Professional School Education
86. Special Training & Schooling
87. Other Miscellaneous Services
88. Other Cultural Activities & Nature Exhibitions
89. Public Assembly, Miscellaneous Purposes
90. Other Public Assembly
91. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
92. Parks – General Recreation
93. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental

94. Other Parks
95. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
96. Agricultural Processing
97. Confinement Feeding
98. Agricultural Use, Less Than 10 Acres (other than confinement feeding) Special Exception  
in M, A, O Zones
99. Other Agricultural Related Activities
100. Forestry Service
101. Other Forestry Activities
102. Fisheries & Marine Products
103. Other Fishery Activities & Related Services
104. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
105. Primary Voltage Connected SES
106. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

**7.6) Business District (B)**

**7.6.1)** This district has been created to provide areas for services generally found in city and town centers. It is intended to preserve and enhance the usefulness and vitality of these centers through continuous change.

**7.6.2)** No part of a new building shall come closer to a public right-of-way Line than adjacent buildings, or, if there are no immediately Adjacent buildings, the minimum setback shall be the average setbacks of all the buildings on the block, or, if there are no existing buildings on the block, setbacks shall be not less than 15 feet.

**7.6.3)** Side yards are not required except side yards bordering alleys where side yards shall be at least 15 feet.

**7.6.4)** Lot area shall not be less than 8,000 square feet.

**7.6.5)** Any building intended for residential use on the first floor shall have side yards not less than 20 feet wide, and rear yard not less than 40 feet wide.

- (a)** For a building more than three stories in height, there shall be one square foot of open space for each two square feet of gross floor area of such building, except floor area of basement or attics not used for residential purposes. Required yards may be included as a part of such open space, and one-half of parking lots may also be included.

**7.6.6) Parking Requirements**

- (a)** For residential use, at least 2 off-street parking stalls per D.U.
- (b)** For auditoriums, stadiums, theater or other places of public assembly, at least one parking stall per each 8 seats.
- (c)** For hotels, at least one parking stall for each 3 guest sleeping rooms.

- (d) For eating places, at least one parking stall for each 5 seats, except when they are in a building which provides parking space, in which no additional parking stalls are required.
- (e) For hospitals, at least one parking stall for each 5 patients.
- (f) For retail and wholesale stores, at least one parking stall for each 120 square feet of store floor devoted to sales.
- (g) For office uses, at least one parking stall for each 300 square feet of office floor area.
- (h) All parking stalls provided pursuant to this section shall be on the same lot with the building, except that the Board of Zoning Appeals may permit the parking spaces to be on any lot within 500 feet of the building, if it determines that it is impractical to provide parking on the same lot with the building.

#### **7.6.7) Off-Street Loading**

On the same premises with every building or structure erected hereafter and occupied for uses involving the receipt or distribution by vehicle of material or merchandise, there shall be provided and maintained on the lot adequate space for standing, loading, and unloading in order to avoid undue interference with public use of the street or alley. Such space, unless otherwise adequately provided for, shall include a ten (10) foot by twenty-five (25) foot loading space with a fourteen (14) foot height distance for every twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or fraction thereof in excess of three thousand (3,000) square feet of floor area or land area used for the aforementioned purposes. These requirements may upon appeal be increased, modified, or waived by the Board of Zoning Appeals where the conditions or circumstances justify such action provided recommendations have been provided from the Law Enforcement Office under whose jurisdiction the site falls.

- 7.6.8)** Whenever a business use comes within 500 feet of an “R1, R2, PUD, or MH” district, appropriate screening, such as vegetation, a wall, or uniformly painted fence (none of which shall be not less than 7 feet in height), shall be

used to visually screen loading docks, and parking lots from the surrounding D.U.'s (As amended effective 08-09-93).

**7.6.9)** Whenever 60% or more of the property owners adjacent to a property Believe that they have been adversely affected by an activity of the property owner in question, they may present a petition, signed by them, to the Executive Director who shall research the issue and prescribe appropriate action to be taken.

**7.6.10) Restrictions for Special Exceptions**

**(a) Restrictions for Manufacturing Workshop**

- (1)** Manufacturing to be performed by a maximum of 10 full-Time employees.
- (2)** Manufacturing to be performed within an enclosed building.
- (3)** Raw materials and manufactured inventory to be stored within an enclosed building; or within an area enclosed on all sides with a solid wall, compact evergreen screen or uniformly painted fence not less than 7 feet in height.
- (4)** Signs intended to be seen outside lot lines.
  - (A)** Non-illuminated business signs are permitted.
  - (B)** No sign shall project beyond a lot line, obstruct in any way a driver's vision of the road, or hinder her/his passage in any way.
  - (C)** No sign shall be placed so as to hinder or obstruct any pedestrian along any pedestrian path.
  - (D)** No sign shall be larger than 4 sq. ft. per side.
  - (E)** Real Estate Signs
    - i Maximum size 7 ½ square feet per side
    - ii Temporary only

**(b) Restrictions for Manufacturing uses**

- (1)** Employees shall not number greater than 10.

(2) No unsafe, uncomfortable or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects or air pollutants shall radiate across lot lines.

(c) Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Refer to 6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

(d) Restrictions for Wind Energy Conversion Systems

Refer to 6.3) Wind Energy Conversion Systems

(e) Restrictions for Utilities Substations

See Section 7.1.13)(e): Residential District Special Exceptions, Restrictions for Utilities Substations

(f) Restrictions for Warehousing and Storage Services

All activities shall be carried out within a totally enclosed building, except off-street loading facilities, which shall be visually screened from public thoroughfares and pedestrian sidewalks.

## **BUSINESS DISTRICT (B)**

### **Permitted Uses**

1. Hotels, Tourist Courts, Motels
2. Railroad Passenger Terminals
3. Bus Transportation
4. Freeways
5. Expressways
6. Parkways
7. Arterial Streets
8. Collector/Distributor Streets
9. Local Access Streets
10. Alleys
11. Automobile Parking
12. Radio Communications
13. Television Communication
14. Radio and Television Communication (combined systems)
15. Transportation Ticket Arrangements
16. Retail – Lumber and Other Building Materials
17. Retail – Heating and Plumbing Equipment
18. Retail – Paint, Glass, and Wallpaper
19. Retail – Electrical Supplies
20. Retail – Hardware and Farm Equipment
21. Retail – Department Stores



22. Retail – Mail Order Houses
23. Retail – Limited Price Variety Stores
24. Retail – Merchandise Vending-Machine Operators
25. Retail – Direct Selling Organizations
26. Retail – Other Trade-General Merchandise
27. Retail – Grocers (with or without meat)
28. Retail – Meats and Fish
29. Retail – Fruits and Vegetables
30. Retail – Candy, Nut, and Confectionery
31. Retail – Dairy Products
32. Retail – Bakeries
33. Retail – Other Food Trade
34. Retail – Motor Vehicles
35. Retail – Tires, Batteries and Accessories
36. Retail – Gasoline Service Stations
37. Retail – Men’s and Boy’s Clothing and Furnishings
38. Retail – Women’s Ready-to-Wear
39. Retail – Women’s Accessories and Specialties
40. Retail – Children and Infant’s Wear
41. Retail – Family Clothing
42. Retail – Shoes
43. Retail – Custom Tailoring
44. Retail – Furriers and Fur Apparel
45. Retail – Other Apparel & Accessories Trade
46. Retail – Furniture, Home Furnishings and Equipment
47. Retail – Household Appliances
48. Retail – Radios, Televisions and Music Supplies
49. Retail – Eating Places
50. Retail – Drinking Places (alcoholic beverages)
51. Retail – Drug and Proprietary
52. Retail – Liquor
53. Retail – Antiques and Secondhand Merchandise
54. Retail – Book and Stationery
55. Retail – Sporting Goods and Bicycles
56. Retail – Farm and Garden Supplies
57. Retail – Jewelry
58. Retail – Fuel and Ice
59. Retail – Other Trade
60. Greenhouses
61. Banking and Bank-related Functions
62. Credit Services (other than banks)
63. Security & Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges & Services
64. Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers & Services
65. Real Estate and Related Services
66. Holding and Investment Services
67. Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Services

68. Laundering, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Services
69. Photographic Services (including commercial)
70. Beauty & Barber Services
71. Apparel Repair, Alteration & Cleaning Pickup Service, Shoe Repair Service
72. Advertising Services
73. Consumer and Mercantile Credit Reporting Services: Adjustment and Collection Services
74. Duplicating Mailing & Stenographic Services
75. Dwelling & Other Building Services
76. News Syndicate Services
77. Employment Services
78. Other Business Services
79. Other Repair Services
80. Medical & Other Health Services
81. Legal Services
82. Other Professional Services
83. Executive, Legislative & Judicial Functions
84. Postal Services
85. Religious Activities
86. Welfare & Charitable Services
87. Other Miscellaneous Services
88. Cultural Activities
89. Entertainment Assembly
90. Sports Assembly
91. Public Assembly, Miscellaneous Purposes
92. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental.
93. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
94. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Dwelling Unit
2. Home Occupations
3. Rooming & Boarding Houses
4. Fraternity & Sorority Houses
5. Residents Halls or Dormitories
6. Retirement Homes & Orphanages
7. Religious Quarters
8. Other Group Quarters
9. Residential Hotels
10. Other Transient Lodges
11. Other Residential
12. Periodicals: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
13. Newspapers: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
14. Books: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
15. Commercial Printing

16. Printing Trade Service Industry
17. Other Printing and Publishing
18. Manufacturing – Optical Instruments and Lenses
19. Manufacturing – Surgical, Medical and Dental Instruments & Supplies
20. Manufacturing – Ophthalmic Goods
21. Manufacturing – Photographic Equipment & Supplies
22. Manufacturing – Jewelry, Silverware & Plated Ware
23. Manufacturing workshop
24. Rapid Rail Transit & Street Railway Transportation
25. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
26. Telephone Communications (Local)
27. Telegraph Communications
28. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and Radio)
29. Other Communications
30. Electric Utility
31. Gas Utility
32. Water Utilities and Irrigation
33. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
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35. Wholesale – Motor Vehicles & Automotive Equipment
36. Wholesale – Drugs, Chemicals and Allied Products
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40. Wholesale – Electrical Goods
41. Wholesale – Hardware, Plumbing, Heating Equipment & Supplies
42. Wholesale – Machinery, Equipment and Supplies
43. Wholesale – Other Wholesale Trade
44. Wholesale – Junkyard
45. Retail – Other Automotive, Marine Craft, Aircraft & Accessories
46. Funeral and Crematory Services
47. Other Personal Services
48. Warehousing & Storage Services
49. Automobile Repair & Service
50. Sanitariums, Convalescent & Rest Home Services
51. Protective Functions & their Related Activities
52. Correctional Institutions
53. University, College, Junior College & Professional School Education
54. Special Training & Schooling
55. Nature Exhibits
56. Other Cultural Activities & Nature Exhibitions
57. Other Public Assembly
58. Sports Activities
59. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
60. Parks – General Recreation
61. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental

- 62. Other Parks
- 63. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
- 64. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
- 65. Primary Voltage Connected SES
- 65. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

**7.7) Commercial District (C)**

**7.7.1)** This district has been created to provide an area for commercial uses generally found serving local areas in towns, highway traffic, etc.

**7.7.2)** Floor area ratio – not to exceed .7.

**7.7.3)** Lot area shall not be less than 8,000 square feet.

**7.7.4)** Building setbacks shall come within 10 feet either way of the average setback of any buildings within 400 feet on each side of the lot, but shall in no case be less than 30 feet. If no other buildings exist within 400 feet, setback shall not be less than 30 feet.

**7.7.5)** Any building intended for residential use on floors above the ground floor shall have side yards not less than 30 feet wide, and rear yard not less than 40 feet wide.

**(a)** For a building more than three stories in height, there shall be one square foot of open space for each two square feet of gross floor area of such building, except floor areas of basement or attics not used for residence purposes. Required yards may be included as part of such open space and one-half of parking lot area may also be included.

**7.7.6) Parking Requirements**

**(a)** For residential use, at least 2 off-street parking stalls per D.U.

**(b)** For hotels, at least one parking stall for each 3 guest sleeping rooms.

**(c)** For eating and drinking places, at least one parking stall for each 5 seats, except when they are in a building which provides parking space, in which case no additional parking stalls are required.

**(d)** For retail and wholesale stores, at least one parking stall for each 12 square feet of store floor area devoted to sales.

- (e) For office uses, at least one parking stall for each 300 square feet of office floor area.
- (f) All parking stalls provided pursuant to this section shall be on the same lot with the building, except that the Board of Zoning Appeals may permit the parking spaces to be on any lot within 250 feet of the building, if it determines that it is impractical to provide parking on the same lot with the building.

**7.7.7) Off-Street Loading:**

On the same premises with every building or structure erected hereafter and occupied for use involving the receipt or distribution by vehicle of material or merchandise, there shall be provided and maintained on the lot adequate space for standing, loading and unloading in order to avoid undue interference with public use of the street or alley. Such space, unless otherwise adequately provided for, shall include a ten (10) foot height by twenty-five (25) foot loading space with a fourteen (14) foot height distance for every twenty thousand (20,000) square feet or fraction thereof in excess of three thousand (3,000) square feet of floor area or land areas used for the aforementioned purposes. These requirements may upon appeal be increased, modified or waived by the Board of Zoning Appeals where the conditions or circumstances justify such action provided recommendations have been provided from the Law Enforcement Office under whose jurisdiction the site falls.

**7.7.8)** Whenever a commercial use comes within five hundred (500) feet of an R1, R-2, PUD, MH district, appropriate screening such as vegetation, wall, or uniformly painted fence, at least seven (7) feet high, shall be used to screen loading docks and parking lots visually from the surrounding D.U.'s.

**7.7.9)** No commercial building shall come within thirty-five (35) feet of an R1, R2, PUD, or MH district boundary line.

**7.7.10)** Whenever 60% or more of the property owners adjacent to a property believe that they are being adversely affected by an activity of the property owner in question, they may present a petition, signed by them, to the Executive Director who shall research the issue and prescribe appropriate action to be taken.

**7.7.11) Restrictions for Special Exceptions**

**(a) Restrictions for Manufacturing Workshop**

- (1)** Manufacturing to be performed by a maximum of 10 full-time employees.
- (2)** Manufacturing to be performed within an enclosed building.
- (3)** Raw materials and manufactured inventory to be stored within an enclosed building; or within an area enclosed on all sides with a solid wall, **compact** evergreen screen or uniformly painted fence not less than 7 feet in height.
- (4)** Signs intended to be seen outside lot lines.
  - (A)** Non-illuminated business signs are permitted.
  - (B)** No sign shall project beyond a lot line, obstruct in any way a driver's vision of the road, or hinder her/his passage in any way.
  - (C)** No sign shall be placed so as to hinder or obstruct any pedestrian along any pedestrian path.
  - (D)** No sign shall be larger than 4 sq. ft. per side.
  - (E)** Real Estate Signs
    - i Maximum size 7 ½ square feet per side
    - ii Temporary only

**(b) Restrictions for Manufacturing uses**

- (1)** Employees shall not number greater than 15.
- (2)** No unsafe, uncomfortable or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.

**(c) Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities**

Refer to Section 6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

**(d)** Restrictions for Wind Energy Conversion Systems

Refer to Section 6.3) Wind Energy Conversion System

**(e)** Restrictions for Utilities Substations

See Section 7.1.13)(e): Residential District Special Exceptions, Restrictions for Utilities Substations

**(f)** Restrictions for Solid Waste Disposal and Major Utilities, Stations and Plants.

**(1)** No structure shall be placed within sixty (60) feet of any lot line.

**(2)** All structures erected, placed or moved specifically for the operation of the utility or for Solid Waste Disposal shall be completely surrounded or enclosed by a building or fence. A fence shall be at least nine (9) feet high.

**(3)** No unsafe, uncomfortable, or offensive vibrations, noises, visual effects, odors, or air pollutants shall be allowed to radiate across lot lines.

**(4)** All solid waste disposal sites shall conform to the restrictions on their location and operation established by the State Board of Health.

**(g)** Restrictions for Warehousing and Storage Services

All activities shall be carried out within a totally enclosed building except off-street loading facilities, which shall be visually screened from public thoroughfares and pedestrians' sidewalks.

**(h)** Restrictions for Wholesale Junkyards

All junk yards shall be enclosed by a well-maintained solid fence or wall which will effectively conceal such yard from adjoining property, streets and highways, but in any case, not less than six (6) feet high.

## **COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C)**

### **Permitted Uses**

1. Hotels, Tourist Courts, Motels
2. Freeways
3. Expressways



4. Parkways
5. Arterial Streets
6. Collector/Distributor Streets
7. Local Access Streets
8. Alleys
9. Automobile Parking
10. Radio Communications
11. Television Communication
12. Radio and Television Communication (combined systems)
13. Transportation Ticket Arrangements
14. Retail – Lumber and Other Building Materials
15. Retail – Heating and Plumbing Equipment
16. Retail – Paint, Glass, and Wallpaper
17. Retail – Electrical Supplies
18. Retail – Hardware and Farm Equipment
19. Retail – Department Stores
20. Retail – Limited Price Variety Stores
21. Retail – Merchandise Vending-Machine Operators
22. Retail – Other Trade-General Merchandise
23. Retail – Grocers (with or without meat)
24. Retail – Meats and Fish
25. Retail – Fruits and Vegetables
26. Retail – Candy, Nut and Confectionery
27. Retail – Dairy Products
28. Retail – Bakeries
29. Retail – Other Food Trade
30. Retail – Motor Vehicles
31. Retail – Tires, Batteries and Accessories
32. Retail – Gasoline Service Stations
33. Retail – Men’s and Boy’s Clothing and Furnishings
34. Retail – Women’s Ready-to-Wear
35. Retail – Women’s Accessories and Specialties
36. Retail – Children and Infant’s Wear
37. Retail – Family Clothing
38. Retail – Shoes
39. Retail – Custom Tailoring
40. Retail – Furriers and Fur Apparel
41. Retail – Other Apparel & Accessories Trade
42. Retail – Furniture, Home Furnishings and Equipment
43. Retail – Household Appliances
44. Retail – Radios, Televisions and Music Supplies
45. Retail – Eating Places
46. Retail – Drinking Places (alcoholic beverages)
47. Retail – Drug and Proprietary
48. Retail – Liquor
49. Retail – Antiques and Secondhand Merchandise

50. Retail – Book and Stationery
51. Retail – Sporting Goods and Bicycles
52. Retail – Farm and Garden Supplies
53. Retail – Jewelry
54. Retail – Fuel and Ice
55. Retail – Other Trade
56. Greenhouses
57. Banking and Bank-related Functions
58. Credit Services (other than banks)
59. Security & Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges & Services
60. Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers & Services
61. Real Estate and Related Services
62. Holding and Investment Services
63. Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Services
64. Laundering, Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Services
65. Photographic Services (including commercial)
66. Beauty & Barber Services
67. Apparel repair, Alteration & Cleaning Pick-up Service, Shoe Repair Service
68. Consumer and Mercantile Credit Reporting Services: Adjustment and Collection Services
69. Duplicating Mailing & Stenographic Services
70. Dwelling & other Building Services
71. Employment Services
72. Other Business Services
73. Automobile Repair & Service
74. Other Repair Services
75. Medical & Other Health Services
76. Legal Services
77. Other Professional Services
78. Protective Functions & their Related Activities
79. Postal Services
80. Welfare & Charitable Services
81. Entertainment Assembly
82. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
83. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
84. Animal Husbandry Services
85. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
86. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Dwelling Unit
2. Home Occupations
3. Rooming & Boarding Houses
4. Fraternity & Sorority Houses

5. Residents Halls or Dormitories
6. Retirement Homes & Orphanages
7. Religious Quarters
8. Other Group Quarters
9. Residential Hotels
10. Other Transient Lodges
11. Other Residential
12. Manufacturing – Meat Products
13. Manufacturing – Dairy Products
14. Canning & Preserving Fruits, Vegetables, Seafood
15. Manufacturing – Grain Mill Products
16. Manufacturing – Bakery Products
17. Manufacturing – Sugar
18. Manufacturing – Confectionary & Related Products
19. Manufacturing – Beverage
20. Manufacturing – Other Food Preparations & Kindred Products
21. Manufacturing – Other Small Wares (Cotton, Man-made Fibers, Silk, Wool)
22. Manufacturing – Knit Goods
23. Manufacturing – Dye & Finish of Textiles (except wool fabrics/knit goods)
24. Manufacturing – Floor Coverings (rugs & carpets)
25. Manufacturing – Yarns and Thread
26. Manufacturing – Other Textile Goods
27. Manufacturing – Men’s, Youth & Boys’ Suits, Coats, Overcoats
28. Manufacturing – Men’s, Youth & Boys’ Furnishings, Work Clothing and Allied Garments
29. Manufacturing – Women’s, Misses’, Junior’s, Girl’s, Children and Infants Outerwear
30. Manufacturing – Women’s, Misses, Children and Infant Outerwear
31. Manufacturing – Hats, Caps, and Millinery
32. Manufacturing – Leather and Leather Goods
33. Manufacturing – Fur Goods
34. Manufacturing – Miscellaneous Apparel and Accessories
35. Manufacturing – Other Fabricated Textile Products
36. Manufacturing – Millwork, Veneer, Plywood and Prefabricated Structural Wood Products
37. Manufacturing – Wooden Containers
38. Manufacturing – Other Lumber and Wood Products (except furniture)
39. Manufacturing – Household Furniture
40. Manufacturing – Office Furniture
41. Manufacturing – Public Building and Related Furniture
42. Manufacturing – Partitions, Shelving, Lockers, Office & Store Fixtures
43. Manufacturing – Other Furniture and Fixtures
44. Periodicals: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
45. Newspapers: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
46. Books: Publishing, Publishing and Printing
47. Commercial Printing
48. Manifold Business Forms
49. Manufacturing – Greeting Cards
50. Manufacturing – Bookbinding & Related Industries

51. Printing Trade Service Industries
52. Other Printing and Publishing
53. Manufacturing – Engineering, Laboratory, Scientific and Research Instruments and Associated Equipment
54. Manufacturing – Instruments for Measuring, Controlling and Indicating Physical Characteristics
55. Manufacturing – Optical Instruments and Lenses
56. Manufacturing – Surgical, Medical, and Dental Instruments & Supplies
57. Manufacturing – Ophthalmic Goods
58. Manufacturing – Photographic Equipment & Supplies
59. Manufacturing – Watches, Clocks, Clockwork Operated Devices & Parts
60. Manufacturing – Jewelry, Silverware & Plated Ware
61. Manufacturing – Musical Instruments and Parts
62. Manufacturing – Toys, Amusement, Sporting and Athletic Goods
63. Manufacturing – Pen, Pencils and Other Office and Artists Materials
64. Manufacturing – Novelties, Buttons, and Misc. Notions (except precious metals)
65. Manufacturing workshop
66. Motion Picture Production
67. Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing
68. Rapid Rail Transit & Street Railway Transportation
69. Railroad Passenger Terminals
70. Bus Transportation
71. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
72. Telephone Communications (Local)
73. Telegraph Communications
74. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and Radio)
75. Other Communications
76. Electric Utility
77. Gas Utility
78. Water Utilities and Irrigation
79. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
80. Solid Waste Disposal
81. Major Utilities
82. Other Utilities
83. Other Pipeline Right-of-Way
84. Transportation Services
85. Other Transportation, Communication & Utilities
86. Wholesale – Motor Vehicles & Automotive Equipment
87. Wholesale – Drugs, Chemicals and Allied Products
88. Wholesale – Dry Goods and Apparel
89. Wholesale – Grocers and Related Products
90. Wholesale – Farm Products (raw materials)
91. Wholesale – Electrical Goods
92. Wholesale – Hardware, Plumbing, Heating Equipment & Supplies
93. Wholesale – Machinery, Equipment and Supplies
94. Wholesale – Other Wholesale Trade

95. Wholesale – Junkyard
96. Retail – Mail Order Houses
97. Retail – Direct Selling Organizations
98. Retail – Other Automotive, Marine Craft, Aircraft & Accessories
99. Funeral and Crematory Services
100. Cemeteries
101. Other Personal Services
102. Advertising Services
103. News Syndicate Service
104. Warehousing & Storage Services
105. Sanitariums, Convalescent & Rest Home Services
106. Executive, Legislative, & Judicial Functions
107. Correctional Institutions
108. Nursery, Primary & Secondary Education
109. University, College, Junior College & Professional School Education
110. Special Training & Schooling
111. Religious Activities
112. Other Miscellaneous Services
113. Cultural Activities
114. Nature Exhibits
115. Other Cultural Activities & Nature Exhibitions
116. Sports Assembly
117. Public Assembly, Misc. Purposes
118. Other Public Assembly
119. Fairgrounds & Amusement Parks
120. Other Amusements
121. Sports Activities
122. Swimming Areas
123. Parks – General Recreation
124. Other Parks
125. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
126. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
127. Primary Voltage Connected SES
128. Wireless Telecommunication Facilities

**7.8) Rural Residential District (A-1) (Added effective 07-02-2007)**

**7.8.1) Rural Residential (A-1): This district has been created to provide single family housing for those who are not engaged in farming activities but nonetheless seek housing outside the incorporated city limits in a transitional area between traditional agricultural uses and urban areas.**

**7.8.2) Developmental Standards.**

- (a)** The maximum lot size is two (2) acres. The maximum lot size for the subdivision of a lot on which an existing home is located is four (4) acres if such additional acreage is needed to comply with setback requirements, or inclusion of accessory buildings, Homes that utilize municipal sewer services may have a minimum lot size of one-half (1/2) acre.
- (b)** Minimum Lot Width is two hundred feet (200') which shall be measured by using the front property line.
- (c)** Yard Setbacks for CFO

  - (1)** Minimum Front Yard Setback is seven hundred fifty feet (750') from State highways which shall be measured for the edge of the public right-of-way. Minimum Front Yard Setback is one thousand five hundred feet (1500') for Federal highways which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way. These setback requirements may be reduced to six hundred sixty feet (660') and one thousand feet (1000'), respectively, if an industry approved buffer, which is designed according to Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") guideline, is implemented.
  - (2)** Minimum Side Yard Setback is two hundred feet (200') which shall be measured from the property line.
  - (3)** Minimum Rear Yard Setback is two hundred feet (200') which shall be measured from the property line.
  - (4)** New CFO's are not permitted in this district.

- (d) Yard Setbacks for Housing
  - (1) Minimum Front Yard Setback is fifty feet (50') which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way.
  - (2) Minimum Side Yard Setback is twenty feet (20') which shall be measured from the property line.
  - (3) Minimum Rear Yard Setback is twenty feet (20') which shall be measured from the property line.
- (e) Separation Distance from an existing Confined Feeding Operation (“CFO”) structure or an existing house shall be a minimum of seven hundred-fifty feet (750') which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure (including lagoons) to the nearest house. This standard shall apply reciprocally to residential and agricultural development. Separation distance from an existing CFO structure or school shall be a minimum of one (1) mile which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure to the school. This Standard shall apply reciprocally to school and agricultural development.
- (f) Additional Standards
  - (1) A cul-de-sac or T-shaped turnaround shall be provided on a single lot subdivision so that vehicles need not back onto the street or roadway.
  - (2) Private water wells shall be located at least fifty feet (50') from all property lines.
  - (3) All applicants shall sign the “Notice of Agricultural Activity” located in Appendix B and the “Deed of Dedication Agricultural Zone Covenants” as set forth in the *Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance*.
  - (4) Access: If a proposed single lot subdivision does not abut a public road, it may be provided access with a 50-foot-wide strip of land which connects the public right-of-way and the lot and which fifty-foot wide strip of land is platted as a part of the lot (easements are not allowed).

**7.8.3) Existing CFO: Additional Requirements to obtain a CFO Improvement Location Permit**

- (a) An existing CFO located in this district on or before August 29, 2022 may apply for a Special Exception to expand that operation on the same parcel on which they are currently located up to the maximum total number of animals as set forth in the Animal Unit Conversion Chart located in *Table A*. This permitted expansion shall be limited to the species type housed at the CFO on August 29, 2022
- (b) The Site Plan must be submitted to the Area Plan Director along with:
  - (1) Clearly stated owner and operator interests
  - (2) Written permission from either the owner or operator of all existing CFO's located within one (1) mile from the proposed site. (If the owner or operator withholds permission, they must obtain and submit a letter from their veterinarian setting forth industry-proven reasons for such objection along with supporting documentation and/or research.)
  - (3) Fee of two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) for review and site compliance visit.
  - (4) Petition for Special Exception from the BZA.
- (c) The Area Plan Director will score the site using the CFO Site Scoring System located in *Appendix A* and provide that score to the BZA. This site score shall be used for reference only.
- (d) Applicant may not receive a CFO Improvement Location Permit unless granted a Special Exception by the BZA

**AGRICULTURE-1 (A-1)**

**Permitted Uses**

1. Dwelling Unit
2. Home Occupations
3. Retirement Homes and Orphanages
4. Religious Quarters
5. Other Groups Quarters



6. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
7. Automobile Parking
8. Telephone Communications (Local)
9. Telegraph Communications
10. Dwelling & Other Building Services
11. Other Amusements
12. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
13. Farms (predominately crop - Cash Grain)
14. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
15. Farms (predominately crop – Fruits, Tree Nuts, or Vegetables)
16. Farms (General – no predominance)
17. Other Agriculture & Related Activities
18. Agriculture Use, less than 10 Acres (other than confinement feeding)
19. Other Agriculture Related Activities
20. Commercial Forestry Production
21. Forestry Service
22. Other Forestry Activities
23. Forest Reserves
24. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
25. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Rooming & Boarding Houses
2. Fraternity & Sorority Houses
3. Resident Halls or Dormitories
4. Residential Hotels
5. Hotels, Tourist Courts, Motels
6. Other Residential
7. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and radio)
8. Electric Utility
9. Gas Utility
10. Water Utilities and Irrigation
11. Water Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
12. Solid Waste Disposal
13. Major Utilities, Stations and Plants
14. Other Utilities
15. Other Pipeline Right-of-Way and Pressure Control Stations
16. Transportation Service
17. Other Transportation, Communication & Utilities
18. Beauty & Barber Services
19. Cemeteries
20. Other Personal Services
21. Nursery, Primary, & Secondary Education
22. University, College, Junior College & Professional School Education

23. Special Training & Schooling
24. Religious Activities
25. Nature Exhibits
26. Drive-in Movies
27. Fairgrounds & Amusement Parks
28. Sports Activities
29. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
30. Swimming Areas
31. Marinas
32. Other Recreation (including camping & picnic area)
33. Resorts
34. Group or Organized Camps
35. Parks – General Recreation
36. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
37. Other Parks
38. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
39. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
40. Primary Voltage Connected SES
41. Manufacturing workshop
42. Agritourism
43. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

**7.9) Transitional Agriculture (A-1R) (Added effective 07-02-2007)**

**The purpose of this district is to provide single family housing as well as areas for livestock and agricultural activity. An existing CFO located here is not eligible to receive an Improvement Location Permit without application to the Board of Zoning Appeals (“BZA”) for a Special Exception.**

**7.9.1) Developmental Standards**

- (a) Minimum Lot Size is two (2) acres.
- (b) Minimum Lot Width is two hundred and twenty-five feet (225’) which shall be measured by using the front property line.
- (c) Yard Setbacks for Housing
  - (1) Minimum Front Yard Setback is one hundred feet (100’) which shall be measured from the edge of the Public right-of-way.
  - (2) Minimum Side Yard Setback is forty feet (40’) which shall be measured from the property line.
  - (3) Minimum Rear Yard Setback is forty feet (40’) which shall be measured from the property line.
- (d) Separated Distance from an existing CFO structure or house shall be a minimum of one thousand feet (1000’) which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure including lagoons to the nearest house. This standard shall apply reciprocally to residential and agricultural development. Separation distance from an existing CFO structure or school shall be a minimum of one (1) mile which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure to the school. This standard shall apply reciprocally to school and agricultural development.
- (e) Additional Standards
  - (1) A cul-de-sac or T-shaped turnaround shall be provided on a single lot subdivision so that vehicles need not back onto the street or roadway.
  - (2) Private water wells shall be located at least fifty feet (50’) from a property line.

(3) All applicants shall sign the “Notice of Agricultural Activity” Located in *Appendix B* and the Deed of Dedication Agricultural Zone Covenants as set forth in the Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance.

(4) Access: If a proposed single lot subdivision does not abut a public road, it may be provided access with a 50-foot wide strip of land which connects the public right-of-way and the lot and which fifty-foot wide strip of land is platted as a part of the lot (easements are not allowed).

**7.9.2) Developmental Standards for existing CFO**

(a) Minimum Lot Size is twelve (12) acres.

(b) Minimum Lot Width is two hundred fifty feet (250’) which shall be measured by using the front property line.

(c) New CFO’s are not permitted in this zoning district, but existing CFO’s can be expanded with BZA approval.

(d) Yard Setbacks

(1) Minimum Front Yard Setback is seven hundred fifty feet (750’) for state highways which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way. Minimum Front Yard Setback is one thousand five hundred (1500’) for federal highways which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way. These setback requirements may be reduced to six hundred sixty feet (660’) and one thousand feet (1000’), respectively, if an industry approved buffer, which is designed according to Natural Resources Conservation Service (“NRCS”) guideline (latest edition), is implemented.

(2) Minimum Side Yard Setback is two hundred feet (200’) which shall be measured from the property line.

(e) Separation Distance from an existing CFO structure or house shall be a minimum of seven hundred fifty feet (750’) which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure (including lagoons) to the nearest house. This standard shall apply reciprocally to residential and agricultural development. Separation distance from an existing CFO structure or school shall be a minimum of one (1)

mile which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure to the school.  
This standard shall apply reciprocally to school and agricultural development.

**(f) Additional Standards**

- (1)** A cul-de-sac or T-shaped turnaround shall be provided on a single lot subdivision so that vehicles need not back onto the street or roadway.
- (2)** Private water wells shall be located at least fifty feet (50') from all property lines.
- (3)** All applicants shall sign the "Notice of Agricultural Activity" located in *Appendix B* and the Deed of Dedication Agricultural Zone Covenants as set forth in the Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance.

**7.9.3) Additional Requirements to obtain a CFO Improvement**

**Location Permit for an existing CFO**

- (a)** The proposed CFO must be located at least one (1) mile from all public schools.
- (b)** The Site Plan must be submitted to the Area Plan Director along with:
  - (1)** Clearly stated owner and operator interests.
  - (2)** Written permission from either the owner or operator of all existing CFO's located within one (1) mile from the proposed site. (If the owner or operator withholds permission, they must obtain and submit a letter from their veterinarian setting forth industry-proven reasons for such objection along with supporting documentation and/or research.)
  - (3)** Fee of two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) for review and site compliance visit.
  - (4)** Petition for Special Exception from the BZA.
- (c)** The Area Plan Director will score the site using the CFO Site Scoring System located in *Appendix A* and provide that score to the BZA.
- (d)** Applicant may not receive a CFO Improvement Location Permit unless granted a Special Exception by the BZA.

**7.9.4) Existing CFO Special Exception**

- (a) An existing CFO located in this district on or before August 29, 2022 may apply for a Special Exception to expand that operation on the same parcel on which they are currently located up to the maximum total number of animals as set forth in the Animal Unit Conversion Chart located in *Table A*.
- (b) Applicant may not receive a CFO Improvement Location Permit unless granted a Special Exception by the BZA.

**AGRICULTURE -1R**

**Permitted Uses**

1. Dwelling Unit
2. Home Occupations
3. Retirement Homes & Orphanages
4. Religious Quarters
5. Other Group Quarters
6. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
7. Automobile Parking
8. Telephone Communications (Local)
9. Telegraph Communications
10. Dwelling & Other Building Services
11. Other Amusements
12. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
13. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)
14. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
15. Farms (predominately crop – Fruits, Tree Nuts, or Vegetables)
16. Farms (General – no predominance)
17. Other Agriculture & Related Activities
18. Agriculture Use, Less Than 10 Acres (other than confinement feeding)
19. Other Agricultural Related Activities
20. Commercial Forestry Production
21. Forestry Service
22. Other Forestry Activities
23. Forest Reserves
24. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
25. Solar Unconditioned Output

**Special Exceptions**

1. Rooming & Boarding Houses
2. Fraternity & Sorority Houses

3. Residents Halls or Dormitories
4. Residential Hotels
5. Hotels, Tourist Courts, Motels
6. Other Residential
7. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and radio)
8. Electric Utility
9. Gas Utility
10. Water Utilities and Irrigation
11. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
12. Solid Waste Disposal
13. Major Utilities, Stations and Plants
14. Other Utilities
15. Other Pipeline Right-of-Way and Pressure Control Stations
16. Transportation Services
17. Other Transportation, Communication & Utilities
18. Beauty & Barber Services
19. Cemeteries
20. Other Personal Services
21. Nursery, Primary & Secondary Education
22. University, College, Junior College & Professional School Education
23. Special Training & Schooling
24. Religious Activities
25. Nature Exhibits
26. Drive-in Movies
27. Fairgrounds & Amusement Parks
28. Sports Activities
29. Playgrounds & Athletic Areas
30. Swimming Areas
31. Marinas
32. Other Recreation (including camping & picnic areas)
33. Resorts
34. Group or Organized Camps
35. Parks – General Recreation
36. Parks – Leisure & Ornamental
37. Other Parks
38. Other Cultural, Entertainment & Recreational
39. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
40. Primary Voltage Connected SES
41. Manufacturing workshop
42. Agritourism
43. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

**7.10) Agri-Business (A-2) (Added effective 07-02-2007)**

**The purpose of this district is to allow agricultural-based businesses to locate in close proximity to related agricultural activity.**

**7.10.1) Developmental Standards**

- (a) Minimum Lot Size is ten (10) acres.
- (b) Minimum Lot Width is two hundred and fifty feet (250') which shall be measured by using the front property line.
- (c) CFO's are not permitted in this zoning district
- (d) Yard Setbacks
  - (1) Minimum Front yard Setback is sixty feet (60') which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way.
  - (2) Minimum Side Yard Setback is thirty feet (30') which shall be measured from the property line.
  - (3) Minimum Rear Yard Setback is thirty feet (30') which shall be measured from the property line.

**AGRICULTURE – 2 (A-2)**

**Permitted Uses**

1. Manufacturing – Agricultural Chemicals
2. Other Motor Vehicle Transportation
3. Airports and Flying Fields
4. Other Aircraft Transportation
5. Marine Terminals
6. Other Marine Craft Transportation
7. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
8. Automobile Parking
9. Telephone Communications (Local)
10. Telegraph Communications
11. Retail – Lumber and Other Building Materials
12. Retail – Heating and Plumbing Equipment
13. Retail – Paint, Glass and Wallpaper
14. Retail – Electrical Supplies
15. Retail – Hardware and Farm Equipment
16. Retail – Department Stores
17. Retail – Mail Order Houses
18. Retail – Limited Price Variety Stores



19. Retail – Merchandise Vending-Machine operators
20. Retail – Direct Selling Organizations
21. Retail – Other Trade-General Merchandise
22. Retail – Grocers (with or without meat)
23. Retail – Meat & Fish
24. Retail – Fruits & Vegetables
25. Retail – Candy, Nut and Confectionery
26. Retail – Dairy Products
27. Retail – Bakeries
28. Retail – Other Food Trade
29. Retail – Motor Vehicles
30. Retail – Tires, Batteries and Accessories
31. Retail – Gasoline Service Stations
32. Retail – Other Automotive, Marine Craft, Aircraft & Accessories
33. Retail – Men’s and Boy’s Clothing and Furnishings
34. Retail – Women’s Ready-to-Wear
35. Retail – Women’s Accessories and Specialties
36. Retail – Children and Infants Wear
37. Retail – Family Clothing
38. Retail – Shoes
39. Retail – Custom Tailoring
40. Retail – Furriers and Fur Apparel
41. Retail – Other Apparel & Accessories Trade
42. Retail – Furniture, Home Furnishings and Equipment
43. Retail – Household Appliances
44. Retail – Radios, Televisions and Music Supplies
45. Retail – Eating Places
46. Retail – Drinking Places (alcoholic beverages)
47. Retail – Drug and Propriety
48. Retail – Liquor
49. Retail – Antiques and Secondhand Merchandise
50. Retail – Book and Stationery
51. Retail – Sporting Goods and Bicycles
52. Retail – Farm and Garden Supplies
53. Retail – Retail Jewelry
54. Retail – Fuel and Ice
55. Retail – Other
56. Greenhouses
57. Banking and Bank-related Functions
58. Credit Services (other than banks)
59. Security & Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges & Services
60. Insurance Carriers, Agents, Brokers & Service
61. Real Estate and Related Services
62. Holding & Investment Services
63. Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Services
64. Photographic Services (including commercial)

65. Beauty and Barber Services
66. Dwelling & Other Building Services
67. Warehousing & Storage Services
68. Automobile Repair & Service
69. Other Repair Services
70. General Contract Construction Services
71. Special Construction Trade Services
72. Marinas
73. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
74. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)
75. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
76. Farms (predominately crop – Fruits, Tree Nuts, or Vegetables)
77. Farms (General – no predominance)
78. Other Agriculture & Related Activities
79. Agriculture Use, Less Than 10 Acres (other than confinement feeding)
80. Other Agriculture Related Activities
81. Commercial Forestry Production
82. Forestry Service
83. Other Forestry Activities
84. Fisheries & Marine Products
85. Other Fishery Activities & Related Services
86. Forest Reserves
87. Agritourism
88. Processing Agricultural Products Grown Within Rush County
89. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
90. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and radio)
2. Electric Utility
3. Gas Utility
4. Water Utilities and Irrigation
5. Wastewater Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
6. Solid Waste Disposal
7. Major Utilities, Stations and Plants
8. Other Utilities
9. Other Pipeline Right-of-Way and Pressure Control Stations
10. Transportation Services
11. Other Transportation, Communication & Utilities
12. Military Bases & Reservations
13. Fairgrounds & Amusement Parks
14. Swimming Areas
15. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
16. Primary Voltage Connected SES
17. Manufacturing workshop

18. Cemeteries

19. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

**7.11) Regulated Livestock (A-3) (Added effective 07-02-2007 and amended 10/26/2020)**

**This district has been created to encourage the continuation of agricultural uses of land while discouraging the addition of single family housing by property owners who are not engaged in those agricultural activities. Larger livestock operations, including CFO's and other Indiana Department of Environmental Management ("IDEM") regulated activities may be permitted in this district as well crop production and other traditional agricultural operations.**

**7.11.1) Uses.**

See Appendix E for Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions.

**7.11.2) Developmental Standards**

- (a)** Minimum Lot size is two (2) acres.
- (b)** Minimum Lot size for CFO is twelve (12) acres
- (c)** Minimum Lot Width is two hundred fifty feet (250') which shall be measured by using the front property line.
- (d)** Yard Setbacks for CFO
  - (1)** Minimum Front Yard Setback is seven hundred fifty feet (750') for state highways which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way. Minimum Front Yard Setback is one thousand five hundred feet (1500') for federal highways which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way. These setback requirements may be reduced to six hundred sixty feet (660') and one thousand feet' (1000'), respectively, if an industry approved buffer, which is designed according to Natural Resources Conservation Service ("NRCS") guideline, is implemented.
  - (2)** Minimum Side Yard Setback is two hundred feet (200') which shall be measured from the property line.
  - (3)** Minimum Rear Yard Setback is two hundred feet (200') which shall be measured from the property line.
- (e)** Yard Setbacks for Housing
  - (1)** Minimum Front Yard Setback is one hundred feet (100') which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way.

- (2) Minimum Side Yard Setback is forty feet (40') which shall be measured from the property line.
- (3) Minimum Rear Yard Setback is forty feet (40') which shall be measured from the property line.
- (f) Separation Distance from an existing CFO structure or house shall be a minimum of seven hundred fifty feet (750') which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure (including lagoons) to the nearest house. This standard shall apply reciprocally to residential and agricultural development. Separation distance from an existing CFO structure or school shall be a minimum of one (1) mile which shall be measured from the nearest CFO structure to the school. This standard shall apply reciprocally to school and agricultural development.
- (g) Additional Standards
  - (1) A cul-de-sac or T-shaped turnaround shall be provided on a single lot subdivision so that vehicles need not back onto the street or roadway.
  - (2) Private water wells shall be located at least fifty feet (50') from all property lines
  - (3) All applicants shall sign the "Notice of Agricultural Activity" located in Appendix D and the Deed of Dedication Agricultural Zone Covenants as set forth in the Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance.
  - (4) Access: If a proposed single lot subdivision does not abut a public road, it may be provided access with a 50-foot wide strip of land which connects the public right-of-way and the lot and which fifty-foot wide strip of land is platted as a part of the lot.

**7.11.3) Additional Requirements to Obtain an Improvement Location**

Permit for CFO (Without Application for a Special Exception)

- (a) The proposed CFO must be located at least one (1) mile from all public schools.
- (b) The total number of animals to be housed on the parcel shall be no more than the total animal units equivalent to eight thousand (8000) head of swine (See *Table A* "Animal Unit Conversion Chart" for all livestock equivalent units) with a deviation of no more than the lesser of ten percent (10%) or six hundred (600) head which may occur temporarily in order to compensate for mortality rates.

(c) The applicant must score at least four hundred forty-five (445) points on the CFO Site Scoring System located in Appendix B.

(d) The Site Plan must be submitted to the Area Plan Director along with:

- (1) Clearly stated owner and operator interests.
- (2) Written permission from either the owner or operator of all existing CFO's located within one (1) mile from the proposed site. (If the owner or operator withholds permission, they must obtain and submit a letter from their veterinarian setting forth industry-proven reasons for such objection along with supporting documentation and/or research.)
- (3) Fee of two hundred-fifty dollars (\$250.00) for review and site compliance visit.

(e) Upon receipt of all required information, documentation and fees, the Area Plan Director shall render a decision within five (5) business days of submission.

- (1) If the application is approved, the Area Plan Director shall provide appropriate permits.
- (2) If the application is denied, applicant may apply for a Special Exception IF all requirements set forth in 7.11.4) below are met.

#### **7.11.4) Additional Requirements to Obtain an Improvement Location**

Permit For CFO (With Application for a Special Exception)

a. Applicants who receive an unfavorable decision from the Area Plan Director pursuant to 7.11.3) above, due to an inadequate score on the CFO Site Scoring System, may file an application for Special Exception if:

- (1) Applicant scored at least three hundred forty-five (345) points or,
- (2) Applicant scored less than three hundred forty-five (345) points, but such score was the result of a previous IDEM violation.

#### **7.11.5) Mobile Home and Travel Trailer**

(a) A mobile home or travel trailer may be permitted in this district if:

- (1) Mobile home or travel trailer is located on an existing farm where a permanent dwelling exists, and

- (2) The mobile home or travel trailer is used by a blood relative or employee of the resident or the permanent dwelling, and
- (3) The mobile home or travel trailer is placed on a permanent foundation with tie downs and skirting and is located within one hundred feet (100') of the permanent dwelling, and
- (4) A Special Exception is granted by the BZA.
  - (A) The Special Exception must contain a requirement that applicant remain in compliance with the aforementioned requirements and provide an update of such compliance to the BZA every two (2) years from the date the Special Exception was originally granted.
  - (B) Failure to comply with the aforementioned compliance updates will result in the denial of an extension or renewal of the Special Exception.

## **AGRICULTURE – 3 (A-3)**

### **Permitted Uses**

1. Manufacturing – Meat Products
2. Manufacturing – Dairy Products
3. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
4. Automobile Parking
5. Telephone Communications (Local)
6. Telegraph Communications
7. Greenhouses
8. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
9. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)
10. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
11. Farms (predominately crop – Fruit, Tree Nuts, or Vegetables)
12. Farms (predominately Dairy Products)
13. Farms and Ranches (Livestock other than Dairy)
14. Farms (predominately Poultry)
15. Farms (General – no predominance)
16. Other Agriculture & Related Activities
17. Animal Husbandry Services
18. Confinement Feeding
19. Other Agricultural Related Activities
20. Commercial Forestry Production
21. Forestry Service
22. Other Forestry Activities
23. Fisheries & Marine Products
24. Other Fishery Activities and Related Services
25. Forest Reserves

26. Ethanol Production
27. Bio-diesel Production
28. Wind Farms
29. Manure Digesters
30. Waste-to-Energy Converters
31. Any New Technology Using Agriculture By-Products
32. Cemeteries
33. Dwelling Unit
34. Secondary Voltage Connected SES
35. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Home Occupations
2. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and radio)
3. Electric Utility
4. Gas Utility
5. Water Utilities and Irrigation
6. Water Treatment Plant & Sewage Disposal
7. Solid Waste Disposal
8. Major Utilities, Stations and Plants
9. Other Utilities
10. Other Pipeline Right-of-Way and Pressure Control Stations
11. Transportation Services
12. Other Transportation, Communication & Utilities
13. Beauty & Barber Services
14. Military Bases & Reservations
15. Nursery, Primary & Secondary Education
16. Religious Activities
17. Fairgrounds & Amusement Parks
18. Group or Organized Camps
19. Agriculture Use, Less Than 10 Acres (other than confinement feeding)
20. Metal Ore Mining
21. Coal Mining
22. Mining & Quarrying of Non-metallic Minerals (except fuels)
23. Mining Services
24. Other Resource Production & Extraction
25. Sanitary Landfill
26. Primary Voltage Connected WES
27. Secondary Voltage Connected WES
28. Primary Voltage Connected SES
28. Manufacturing workshop
29. Agritourism



**7.12) Agricultural Park (A-4) (Added effective 07-02-2007)**

**The purpose of this district is to allow industrial-type uses that are related to or service agricultural activity.**

**7.12.1) Developmental Standards**

- (a) Minimum Lot Size is twenty (20) acres.
- (b) Minimum Lot Width is six hundred feet (600') which shall be measured by using the front property line.
- (c) Yard Setbacks
  - (1) Minimum Front yard Setback is two hundred feet (200') for state highways which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way. Minimum Front Yard Setback is six hundred and sixty feet (660') for federal highways which shall be measured from the edge of the public right-of-way.
  - (2) Minimum Side Yard Setback is two hundred feet (200') which shall be measured from the property line.
  - (3) Minimum Rear Yard Setback is two hundred feet (200') which shall be measured from the property line
- (d) Additional Standards

**AGRICULTURE – 4 (A-4)**

**Permitted Uses**

1. Manufacturing – Meat Products
2. Manufacturing – Dairy Products
3. Other Highway and Street Right-of-Way
4. Automobile Parking
5. Telephone Communications (Local)
6. Telegraph Communications
7. Greenhouses
8. Laundering, Dry Cleaning, and Dyeing Services
9. Warehousing & Storage Services
10. Farms (predominately crop – Fibers)
11. Farms (predominately crop – Cash Grain)

12. Farms (Field Crops other than fiber or cash grain crops)
13. Farms (predominately crop – Fruit, Tree Nuts, or Vegetables)
14. Farms (General – no predominance)
15. Other Agriculture & Related Activities
16. Agriculture Processing
17. Other Agricultural Related Activities
18. Commercial Forestry Production
19. Forestry Service
20. Other Forestry Activities
21. Fisheries & Marine Products
22. Other Fishery Activities and Related Services
23. Forest Reserves
24. Ethanol Production
25. Bio-diesel Production
26. Wind Farms
27. Manure Digesters
28. Waste-to-Energy Converters
29. Any New Technology Using Agriculture By-Products
30. Processing Agricultural Products Grown Within Rush County
31. Secondary Connected Solar Energy System
32. Solar Unconditioned Output

### **Special Exceptions**

1. Relay Towers & Transmitting Stations (TV and radio)
2. Electric Utility
3. Gas Utility
4. Water Utilities and Irrigation
5. Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewage Disposal
6. Solid Waste Disposal
7. Major Utilities, Stations and Plants
8. Other Utilities
9. Other Pipeline Right-of-Way and Pressure Control Stations
10. Transportation Services
11. Other Transportation, Communication & Utilities
12. Primary and Secondary Connected Wind Energy Systems
13. Manufacturing workshop
14. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
15. Primary Voltage Connected SES
16. Primary Voltage Connected WES
17. Secondary Voltage Connected WES

**7.13) General Provisions for All Agricultural Zones**

**7.13.1) Signs**

Signs intended to be seen outside the lot lines:

- (a) Non-flashing illuminated business signs are permitted.
- (b) No more than one (1), twelve (12) square foot sign per principal use is permitted.
- (c) No sign shall project beyond a lot line, obstruct in any way a driver's vision of the road or hinder her/his passage in any way.
- (d) No sign shall be so placed as to hinder or obstruct any pedestrian movement along any pedestrian path.

**7.13.2) Violations and Remedies**

- (a) Livestock shall not be placed in a new facility until the Area Plan Director determines there is adequate compliance with the approved site plan which shall be attached to, and remain filed with, the permit application and site score.
- (b) If at any time a CFO or residence is found to be in non-compliance with the approved site plan the following procedures shall be followed by the Area Plan Director:
  - (1) First Offense: Delivery of a written warning to the owner or operator of the CFO/CAFO by the Area Plan Director and a Rush County Sheriff Department deputy.
  - (2) Second Offense: Imposition of a fine in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500.00).
  - (3) Third Offense: Imposition of a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00).
  - (4) Fourth Offense: Imposition of a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5000.00) per day until compliance is achieved.

- (c) Non-compliance must be rectified within five (5) days' time from written notice is given or fine is imposed. Failure to timely rectify such non-compliance will be treated as a subsequent offense.

**7.13.3)** Agricultural buildings are exempt from permit fees; however, such agricultural buildings are still subject to zoning requirements and must file an application for permits

**7.13.4)** Performance Standards concerning noise, smoke, and particulate matters, odors, vibration, glare, or heat do not apply to farm uses, grain and livestock. However, toxic or noxious matter and fire and explosion hazard performance standards do apply.

**7.13.5)** Additional Restrictions for Special Exceptions or Permitted Uses also see *Section 9) and Section 10)* of the *Rush County Zoning Ordinance* for BZA procedures.

**(a)** Restrictions for Code Manufacturing Workshop

- (1)** Manufacturing to be performed by a maximum of 10 full-time employees.
- (2)** Manufacturing to be performed within an enclosed building.
- (3)** Raw materials and manufactured inventory to be stored within an enclosed building; or within an area enclosed on all sides with a solid wall, compact evergreen screen or uniformly painted fence not less than 7 feet in height.
- (4)** Signs intended to be seen outside lot lines.
  - (A)** Non-illuminated business signs are permitted.
  - (B)** No sign shall project beyond a lot line, obstruct in any way a driver's vision of the road, or hinder her/his passage in any way.
  - (C)** No sign shall be placed to hinder or obstruct any pedestrian along any pedestrian path.
  - (D)** No sign shall be larger than 4 sq. ft. per side.

- (E)** Real Estate Signs
  - i Maximum size 7 ½ square feet per side
  - ii Temporary only
- (b)** Restrictions for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities
  - Refer to Section 6.2) Wireless Telecommunication Facilities
- (c)** Restrictions for Wind Energy Conversion System
  - Refer to Section 6.3) Wind Energy Conversion Systems
- (d)** Restrictions for Utilities Substations and Other Pipeline Stations.
  - See Section 7.1.13) (e) Residential District Special Exceptions Restrictions
- (e)** Restrictions for Solid Waste Disposal and Major Utilities, Stations and Plants.
  - See Section 7.7.12) (f): Commercial District Special Exceptions, Restrictions.
- (f)** Restrictions for Beauty and Barber Services.
  - See Section 7.7): Commercial District Restrictions. All restrictions set forth in that section apply here also.
- (g)** Restrictions for Warehousing and Storage Services
  - All activities shall be carried out within a totally enclosed building, except off-street loading facilities, which shall be visually screened from public thoroughfares and pedestrian sidewalks.
- (h)** Restrictions for Agriculture use on less than 10 acres Livestock on less than 10 acres.
  - (1)** If there is a dwelling unit on the lot, one acre shall be allocated to the dwelling unit.
  - (2)** Limit of one quadruped per acre of land.
  - (3)** Limit of five domesticated pets per acre of land.
- (i)** Restrictions for Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Mining Services Other Resource Production and Extraction.
  - (1)** On approval of the BZA, the excavation and sale of sand, gravel, clay, shale or other natural mineral deposit (excluding top soil, it is

permitted to remove top soil) or the quarrying of any kind of rock formation is permitted, subject to the following conditions:

**(A)** In the case of any open excavation, there shall be substantial fence (woven wire, minimum height 47") with suitable gates completely enclosing the portion of the property in which the excavation is located, and such fence shall be located at all points forty feet (40') or more distant from the edge of such excavation.

**(B)** The slope of the material in such sand, gravel or other pit shall not exceed the normal angle of repose of such material, and the plane of such angle or repose shall not come nearer than forty feet (40') or more distant from the face of any quarry walls.

**(C)** In the case of a quarry or other excavation in rock there shall be a substantial fence enclosure (woven wire, minimum height 47" with substantial minimum gates located at all points forty feet (40') or more distant from the face of any quarry walls.

**(D)** No such quarry wall shall be nearer than forty feet (40') to any property boundary line of street line.

## **8) Section 8: Administration and Enforcement – Improvement Location Permits and Certificates of Zoning Compliance**

### **8.1) Administrative and Enforcement**

The Executive Director designated by the Area Plan Commission shall Administer and enforce this ordinance. He may be provided with the assistance of such other persons as the Area Plan Commission may direct. If the Executive Director shall find that any of the provisions of this ordinance are being violated, he shall notify in writing the person responsible for such violations, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it.

He shall order discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures; removal of illegal buildings or structures or of illegal additions, alterations, or structural changes; discontinuance of any illegal work being done; or shall take any other action authorized by this ordinance to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of its provisions.

### **8.2) Improvement Location Permits Required**

No building or other structure shall be erected, moved, added to, or structurally altered without a permit therefore, issued by the Executive Director. No improvement location permit shall be issued by the Executive Director except in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance, unless he receives a written order from the Board of Zoning Appeals in the form of an administrative review, special exception, or variance as provided by this ordinance.

### **8.3) Application for Improvement Location Permit**

All applications for improvement location permits shall be accompanied by plans in triplicate drawn to scale, showing the actual dimensions and shape of the lot(s) to be built upon; the exact sizes and locations on the lot(s) of buildings already existing, if any, and the location and dimensions of the proposed building(s) or alterations. The application shall include such other information as lawfully may be required by the Executive Director, including existing or proposed building or alteration; existing or proposed uses of the building and land; the number of families, housekeeping units, or rental units the building is designed to accommodate; conditions existing on the lot; and such other matters as may

be necessary to determine conformance with, and provide for the enforcement of, this ordinance. One copy of the plans shall be returned to the applicant by the Executive Director, after he shall have marked such copy either as approved or disapproved and attested to same by her/his signature on such copy. The original and one copy of the plans, similarly marked, shall be retained by the Executive Director.

**8.4) Certificates of Zoning Compliance for New, Altered, or Non-Conforming Uses**

It shall be unlawful to use or occupy or permit the use of occupancy of any building or premises, or both, or part thereof hereafter created, erected, changed, converted, or wholly or partly altered or enlarged in its use or structure until a certificate of zoning compliance shall have been issued therefore by the Executive Director stating that the proposed use of the building or land conforms to the requirements of this ordinance.

No non-conforming structure or use shall be renewed, changed, or extended until a certificate of zoning compliance shall have been issued by the Executive Director. The certificate of zoning compliance shall state specifically wherein the non-conforming use differs from the provisions of this ordinance. (As amended effective 02-01-88)

No permit for erection, alteration, moving, or repair of any building shall be issued until an application has been made for a certificate of zoning compliance, and the certificate shall be issued in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance upon completion of the work. A temporary certificate of zoning compliance may be issued by the Executive Director for a period not exceeding six months during alterations or partial occupancy of a building pending its completion, provided that such temporary certificate may include such conditions and safeguards as will protect the safety of the occupants and the public.

The Executive Director shall maintain a record of all certificates of zoning compliance, and a copy shall be furnished upon request to any person. Failure to obtain a certificate of zoning compliance shall be a violation of this ordinance and punishable under Section 16



of this ordinance. Certificates of Zoning Compliance shall be issued by the Executive Director.

**8.5) Expiration of Improvement Location Permit**

If the work described in any improvement location permit has not begun within 90 days from the date of the issuance thereof, said permit shall expire; it shall be cancelled by the Executive Director; and written notice thereof shall be given to the persons affected.

Debris at construction sites shall be removed at least once a week and weeds shall not exceed two feet in height. (As amended effective 08-09-93)

If the work described in any improvement location permit has not been substantially completed within one year of the date of issuance thereof, said permit shall expire and be cancelled by the Executive Director and written notice thereof shall be given to the persons affected, together with notice that further work as described in the cancelled permit shall not proceed unless and until a new improvement location permit has been obtained.

**8.5.1) Revocation of Improvement Location Permit**

If the Improvement Location Permit has been issued based upon false, incomplete or inaccurate information provided by the applicant, the Executive Director may revoke the Improvement Location Permit by sending Certified Mail notice of the reason for such revocation.

**8.6) Construction and Use to be as Provided in Applications, Plans, Permits, and Certificates of Zoning Compliance**

Improvement Location Permits or Certificates of Zoning Compliance issued on the basis of plans and applications approved by the Executive Director authorize only the use, arrangement, and construction set forth in such approved plans and applications, and no other use, arrangement, or construction. Use, arrangement, or construction at variance with that authorized shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance, and punishable as provided in Section 16 hereof.

**8.7) National Flood Insurance Program Regulations**

The Executive Director during her/his review of Improvement Location Permits shall assure that all NFIP regulations pertaining to State and Federal permits, building permit review procedures, subdivision review procedures, utility construction, record keeping

(lowest floor elevations including basements), water-course alteration and maintenance and mobile home tie downs have been met. The regulations can be found in Federal Regulations.

**9) Section 9: Board of Zoning Appeals**

**9.1) Proceedings of the Board of Zoning Appeals**

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall adopt rules necessary to the conduct of its affairs and in keeping with the provisions of this ordinance. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chairman and at such times as the Board may determine. The chairman, or in her/his absence the acting chairman, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses. All meetings shall be open to the public. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, or if absent or failing to vote indicating such fact, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, all of which shall be a public record and be immediately filed in the office of the Board.

**9.2) Hearings; Appeals; Notice**

Appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals concerning interpretation or administration of this ordinance may be taken by any person aggrieved or by any officer or bureau of the governing body of the area affected by any decision of the Executive Director. Such appeals shall be taken within a reasonable time, not to exceed 30 days by filing with the Executive Director and with the Board of Zoning Appeals a notice of appeal specifying the grounds thereof. The Executive Director shall forthwith transmit to the Board all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed from was taken. (As amended effective 02-01-88). The Board of Zoning Appeals shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of appeal, give public notice thereof as well as due notice to the parties of interest, and decide the same within a reasonable time. At the hearing, any party may appear in person or by agent or attorney.

**9.3) Stay of Proceedings**

An appeal stays all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the Executive Director from whom the appeal is taken certifies to the Board of Zoning Appeals after the notice of appeal is filed with him, that by reason of facts stated in the certificate, a stay would, in her/his opinion, cause imminent peril to life and property. In such case, proceedings shall not be stayed other than by a restraining order which may be granted by

the Board of Zoning Appeals or by a court of record on application, on notice to the Executive Director from whom the appeal is taken and on due cause shown.

**10) The Board of Zoning Appeals: Powers and Duties**

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the following powers and duties:

**10.1) Administrative Review**

To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirements, decision, or determination made by the Executive Director in the enforcement of this ordinance.

**10.2) Special Exceptions: Conditions Governing Applications; Procedures**

To hear and decide only such special exception as the Board of Zoning Appeals is specifically authorized to pass on by the terms of this ordinance; to decide such questions as are involved in determining whether special exceptions should be granted; and to grant special exceptions with such conditions and safeguards as are appropriate under this ordinance, or to deny special exceptions when not in harmony with the purpose and intent of this ordinance. A special exception shall not be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals unless and until:

**10.2.1)** A written application for a special exception is submitted indicating the section of this ordinance under which the special exception is sought and stating the ground on which it is requested.

**10.2.2)** Notice shall be given at least 10 days in advance of public hearing. The owner of the property for which special exception is sought or her/his agent shall be notified by mail. Notice of such hearings shall be posted on the property for which special exception is sought, in one other public place, and in newspaper of general circulation at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. (As amended 02-01-88)

**10.2.3)** The public hearing shall be held. Any party may appear in person, or by agent or attorney.

**10.2.4)** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall make a finding that it is empowered under the section of this ordinance described in the application to grant the Special

Exception, and that the granting of the Special Exception will not adversely affect the public interest.

**10.2.5)** Before any Special Exception shall be issued, the Board shall make written findings certifying that all applicable restrictions of the district in which the Special Exception is to be located have been followed, as well as such additional restrictions which the Board may see fit to impose. The Board shall ascertain that satisfactory provision and arrangement has been made concerning the following, where applicable:

- (a) Ingress and Egress to property and proposed structures thereon with particular reference to automotive and pedestrian safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire or catastrophe;
- (b) Off-street parking and loading areas where required, with particular attention to the items in (1) above and the economic, noise, glare, or odor effects of the special exception on adjoining properties generally in the district;
- (c) Refuse and service areas, with particular reference to the items in (1) and (2) above;
- (d) Utilities, with reference to locations, availability and compatibility;
- (e) Screening and buffering of objectionable or unsafe views, odors, noises, or vibrations, with reference to type, dimensions, and character;
- (f) Signs, if any, and proposed exterior lighting with reference to glare, traffic safety, economic effect, and compatibility and harmony with properties in the district;
- (g) Required yards and other open space;
- (h) General compatibility with adjacent properties and other property in the district.

**10.2.6)** All Special Exceptions will automatically terminate when the use has ceased for a period of two (2) years.

**10.3) Variations' Conditions Governing Applications; Procedure**

To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of this ordinance as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions a literal enforcement of the provisions of this ordinance would resulting unnecessary hardship. A variance from the terms of this ordinance shall not be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals unless and until:

- 10.3.1)** A written application for a variance is submitted demonstrating:
- (a)** The grant will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community;
    - (1)** The use or value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be adversely affected;
    - (2)** The need for the variance arises from some condition peculiar to the property involved and does not exist in similar property in the same zone;
    - (3)** The strict application of the terms of the ordinance will constitute an unusual and unnecessary hardship as applied to the property for which a variance is sought;
      - (A)** No non-conforming use of neighboring lands, structures, or buildings in the same district, and no permitted or non-conforming use of lands, structures, or buildings in other districts shall be considered grounds for the issuance of a variance.
  - (b)** Notice of public hearing shall be given as in Section 9.2) above;
  - (c)** The public hearing shall be held. Any party may appear in person, or by agent or by attorney;
  - (d)** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall make findings that the requirements of Section 10.3) have been met by the applicant for variance;
  - (e)** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall further make a finding that the reasons set forth in the application justify the granting of the variance, and that the variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building, or structure.

- (f) The Board of Zoning Appeals shall further make a finding that the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this ordinance, and will not be injurious to the neighborhood, or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
- (g) In granting any variance, the Board of Zoning Appeals may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this ordinance. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance and punishable under Section 16 of this ordinance.
- (h) Under no circumstances shall the Board of Zoning Appeals grant a variance to allow a use not permissible under the terms of this Ordinance in the district involved, or any use expressly or by implication prohibited by the terms of this ordinance in said district.

**10.4) Temporary Special Exception**

When the acceptability of a Special Exception cannot be determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Board may grant a one (1) year Temporary Special Exception and Temporary Variances. At the end of the one year, the Board may (a) renew the Temporary Special Exception for an additional year, (b) renew the Temporary Special Exception for five (5) years, (c) grant a permanent Special Exception and permanent Variances or, (d) terminate the Special Exception. If the renewal is for five years, at the end of the five years, the Board may renew or terminate the Temporary Special Exception or grant a permanent Special Exception and permanent Variances.

**10.5) Variance in Open Land (Flood Hazard) District**

Applications for variances to the petitioner of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for review and comment. All terms and conditions imposed by the Natural Resources shall be incorporated into the issuance of any local permit.

**10.6) Board Has Powers of Executive Director on Appeals; Reversing Decision of Executive Director**



In exercising the above mentioned powers, the Board of Zoning Appeals may, so long as such action is in conformity with the terms of this ordinance, reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision, or determination as ought to be made, and to that end shall have the powers of the Executive Director from whom the appeal is taken.

A majority vote of the members of the Board shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision, or determination of the Executive Director, or to decide in favor of the applicant on any matter upon which it is required to pass under this ordinance, or to affect any variation in the application of this ordinance.

## **11) Section 11: Appeals from the Board of Zoning Appeals**

Any person or persons, or any taxpayer, department, board, or bureau of the city aggrieved by any decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals may seek review by a court of record of such decision, in the manner provided by the laws of the State of Indiana and particularly by State Statutes.

### **11.1) A Right to Enter**

The Executive Director or employees assigned to him, so far as it may be necessary in the performance of their duties shall have, upon reasonable notice to the property owner, the right to enter and check the nature and use of the property and structures. These persons shall, in the performance of their duties, have the right to:

**11.1.1)** Enter upon and/or into any structure which is under alteration, construction, repair, change of use, or which has been damaged by other causes. (As amended effective 02-01-88)

### **11.2) Regulation of Nuisance Elements**

Definition of Elements: No use or structure in any district shall be used or occupied in such a manner so as to create any dangerous, injurious, noxious, toxic or otherwise fire, explosive or hazard; or other disturbance, as to adversely affect the surrounding area. All petitioners of use or structure shall record with the Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission and the local fire department(s) a list of all confinements, to be reviewed at least once each six (6) months in accordance with the prevailing Federal Statute(s). (As amended effective 02-01-88)

**12) Section 12: Duties of the Executive Director, Board of Zoning Appeals, Legislative Bodies, and Courts on Matters of Appeal**

It is the intent of this ordinance that all questions of interpretation and enforcement shall be first presented to the Executive Director and that such questions shall be presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals only on appeal from the decision of the Executive Director and that recourse from the decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be the courts as provided by law and particularly by State Statutes.

It is further the intent of this ordinance that the duties of the Board of County Commissioners, and the Town Boards of Trustees in connection with this ordinance shall not include hearing and deciding questions of interpretation and enforcement that may arise. The procedure for deciding such questions shall be as stated in this section and this ordinance. Under this ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners, and the Town Boards of Trustees shall have only the Duties:

- 12.1)** Of considering and adopting or rejecting proposed amendments of the repeal of this ordinance, as provided by law, and;
- 12.2)** Of establishing a schedule of fees and charges as stated in Section 13.

### 13) Section 13: Fee Schedule

#### FEE SCHEDULE RUSH COUNTY AREA PLAN

##### APC

Subdivision-Primary Non-Residential	\$300.00 + \$25.00 per each additional Lot
Subdivision-Secondary Non-Residential	\$50.00 per lot
Exempt Subdivision	\$100
Planned Unit Development-Preliminary	\$100.00 up to 5 Lots, \$300.00 > 5 Lots
PUD-Approval of Final Detailed Plan	\$300.00
Replat	\$100.00
Petition to Rezone	\$50.00
Petition to Amend Ordinance Text	\$200.00
Special Meeting	\$400.00

##### BZA

Special Exception-Residential Use	\$50.00
Special Exception-Commercial/Industrial	\$200.00
Renewal of Home Occupation Permit	
Temporary to Permanent	\$50.00
Variances	\$50.00
Vacation of Lot	\$150.00 + \$10.00 per lot over 5 lots
Extension of plat application	\$100.00
Plat Amendment	\$100.00
Special Meeting	\$400.00

##### IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMITS (i.e. Building Permits)

Signs over 16 Sq. Ft	\$50.00+.50 cents per
Mini Barn 120 Sq. Ft runners/skids	\$25.00 permanent placement of mini barns
Unipour structures up to 721 Sq. Ft	\$50.00

Business-New 3000 sq. ft and under	\$300.00 + .05 per Sq. Ft > 3000 Sq. Ft
Business-Alteration 3000 sq. ft and under	\$300.00 + .025 per Sq. Ft > 3000 Sq. Ft
Commercial/Industrial-new	\$300.00 + .05 per Sq. Ft > 3000 Sq. Ft
Commercial/Industrial-Alteration	\$300.00 + .025 per Sq. Ft > 3000 Sq. Ft
Temporary Mobile Homes	\$100.00 per unit
Temporary Structures	\$100.00 per unit
Multi Family Dwelling	\$200.00
Two Family Dwelling	\$200.00
Single Family Dwelling	\$200.00
Single Family Dwelling-alteration	\$50.00
Non Occupancy (pool, deck, etc.)	\$25.00
Land Use Certificate/Zoning Compliance	\$30.00
Certificate of Occupancy	\$25.00
All primary voltage WES (including MET towers)	\$25,000.00
All secondary voltage WES (including MET)	\$3000.00
All primary voltage connected SES	\$50 first 20 panels \$1 per each additional
All secondary voltage connected SES	\$25 per parcel

**FINES**

Starting work without proper permits	Double Building Permit Fee
Starting work on agricultural buildings without permit	\$100 per day after notified

**OFFICE MATERIALS**

Rules of Procedure APC/BZA	\$5.00
Subdivision Control Ordinance	\$20.00
Zoning Ordinance	\$30.00
Comprehensive Plan	\$25.00
Maps	Per Ordinance
Drainage Ordinance	\$5.00

In addition, the petitioner shall assume the cost of the required legal notice of public hearings and the cost of due notice to interested parties with respect to Special Exceptions, Variances, Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, and Appeals. (As amended effective 02-01-88)

#### **14) Section 14: Amendments**

The regulations, restrictions, and boundaries set forth in this ordinance may from time to time be amended, supplemented, changed, or repealed provided however that no such action may be taken until after a public hearing in relation thereto, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. At least 10-days' notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

When a proposed amendment affects the zoning classification of property, and in case a protest against such change is signed by the owners of 20 percent or more wither of the area of the lots included in such proposed change, or of those immediately adjacent in the rear thereof extending 200 feet there from, or of those directly opposite thereto extending 100 feet from the street frontage of such opposite lots, then such amendments shall not become effective except by the favorable vote of the Area Plan Commission and subsequently by the favorable vote of a constitutional majority of the respective legislative bodies.

**15) Section 15: Provisions of Ordinance Declared to be Minimum Requirements**

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety, or general welfare. Whenever the requirements of this ordinance are at variance with the requirements of any other lawfully adopted rules, regulations, ordinances, deed restrictions, or covenants, the most restrictive or that imposing the higher standards, shall govern.

**16) Section 16: Complaints Regarding Violations**

Whenever a violation of this ordinance occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person may file a written complaint. Such complaint stating fully the causes and basis thereof shall be filed with the Executive Director. He shall record properly such complaint, immediately investigate, and take action thereon as provided by this ordinance.

**17) Section 17: Penalties for Violation**

Violations of the provisions of this ordinance or failure to comply with any of its requirements (including violations of conditions and safeguards established in connection with grants of variances or special exceptions) shall constitute a common nuisance. Any person who violates this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements shall be subject to all remedies and/or a fine not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$2,500.00 and shall pay all costs. (As amended effective 08-09-93) Each day such violation continues shall be considered a separate offense. (as amended effective 02-01-88)

The owner or tenant of any building, structure, premises, or part thereof, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent, or other person who commits, participates in, assists in, or maintains such violation may each be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided.

Nothing herein contained shall prevent the county, city, or towns from taking such other lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

**18) Section 18: Separability Clause**

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.



TABLE A ANIMAL UNIT CONVERSION CHART

<b>ANIMAL SPECIES</b>	<b>EQUIVALENT # OF HEAD (More or Less))</b>
<b>Swine (over 55 lbs.)</b>	<b>8,000</b>
<b>Dairy Cows</b>	<b>2,235</b>
<b>Cattle</b>	<b>3,200</b>
<b>Swine (under 55 lbs)</b>	<b>32,000</b>
<b>Turkey</b>	<b>175,000</b>
<b>Pullets</b>	<b>320,000</b>

## APPENDIX A CFO SITE SCORING SYSTEM

	POINTS
<u>CLEAN RECORD AWARD</u>	10
<u>WATER CONSERVATION</u>	25
<u>EXISTING LAND USE</u>	
Tilled	10
Wooded	20
Pasture	35
<u>SECTION DENSITY</u>	
0 - 5	50
6 - 10	30
11 - 17	20
18 - 23	15
24 - 38	10
39 - 49	5
50 +	0
<u>UTILITIES</u>	
Municipal Sewer	15
Private Septic	50
<u>SEPARATION FROM HOUSE/PUBLIC USE FACILITY/CHURCH</u>	
At least 250' more than required by Developmental Standards	40
At least 500' more than required by Developmental Standards	60
At least 750' more than required by Developmental Standards	80
At least 1000' more than required by Developmental Standards	120
1250' or more than required by Developmental Standards	150
<u>NON-USE OF USABLE CRP GROUND</u>	-50
<u>TRUCK TURNAROUND</u>	30
<u>IDEM/EPA VIOLATION</u>	-150
<u>COUNTY VIOLATION</u>	-50
<u>HOMESTEAD AWARD</u>	100

**ODOR ABATEMENT**

**Tier 1 (20 points for the first method, and  
5 points for each additional method up to a maximum of 40 points)**

<b>One method</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Two methods</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Three methods</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Four methods</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Five methods</b>	<b>40</b>

**Tier 2 (20 points for first method, and 5 points for each additional method up to  
a maximum of 40 points)**

<b>One method</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Two methods</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Three methods</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Four methods</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Five methods</b>	<b>40</b>

**NEIGHBOR NOTIFICATION**

<b>Within one-quarter (1/4) mile (mandatory)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Within one-half (1/2) mile</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Within one (1) mile</b>	<b>30</b>

**MANURE APPLICATION**

<b>Injection</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Use of attachment with Injection</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Land applied (incorporated within 24 hours)</b>	<b>25</b>

**CLOSURE PLAN** **50**

***TOTAL SCORE*** \_\_\_\_\_/655

Definitions for *Appendix A*

**The following definitions and explanations shall apply to applications for Improvement Location Permits, the CFO Site Scoring System, and the Regulated Livestock (A-3) Housing Scoring System.**

**1. CLEAN RECORD AWARD** Points are earned by an applicant who has operated a CFO in Indiana for at least five (5) years without any IDEM violations during the previous five (5) year period.

**2. CLOSURE PLAN** A closure plan sets forth the steps that will be implemented to remove and apply remaining manure and clean pits and/or lagoons if at any time a CFO remains idle for twelve (12) consecutive months. An applicant is awarded points for submitting a copy of this plan when applying for a permit.

**4. CONFINED FEEDING OPERATION (CFO)** Confined Feeding Operation, or CFO, shall mean the definition as set forth in Indiana Code.

**5. COUNTY VIOLATION** An applicant who has had a violation under this ordinance for which a fine was imposed within the previous five (5) years receives a point deduction.

**6. EXISTING LAND USE** Points are awarded based on whether the land is currently being used for crops, pasture or woodland with greater points awarded for utilizing land that is not currently being used for agricultural activity.

**7. HOMESTEAD AWARD** An applicant is rewarded for placing a CFO nearest to his or her own home (as compared to homes of adjoining property owners). The applicant must own the CFO and the real estate on which the home is located or hold an ownership interest in the CFO and real estate of at least ten percent (10%) held as a joint tenant, tenant in common, shareholder, partner, member, beneficiary or other legally recognized equity interest holder. Ownership by

the applicant's spouse and/or dependent child will also qualify applicant for points as if the ownership interest was applicant's own.

**8. IDEM/EPA VIOLATION** In order to protect environmental interests and penalize repeat offenders, an applicant who has had a violation of state or federal CFO regulations, including those regulated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on record during the five (5) year period preceding this application, receives a point deduction. A violation shall be defined as a finding or order, by a governmental agency, such as IDEM or the EPA, or a court of law, in which the applicant as determined to be in violation of state or federal CFO regulations. The applicant will be deemed to have such a violation if he or she holds an interest of at least ten percent (10%) in any CFO or the real estate upon which it is located where the discharge occurred whether that interest is held as a joint tenant, tenant-in-common, shareholder, partner, member, beneficiary or any other legally recognized equity interest holder. Ownership by the applicant's spouse and/or dependent child will also result in a deduction of points as if the ownership interest was the applicant's own.

**9. MANURE APPLICATION** Manure may be applied by injection or land applied depending upon the type of manure as well as the topography and soil conditions of the application site. Injection is the preferred method, and more points are awarded to applicants who are able to utilize this method. Additional points are given if an attachment is used to cover the injection row in a single pass method.

**10. NEIGHBOR NOTIFICATION** At a minimum, applicant must notify all neighbors located within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the proposed CFO building sites. In order to encourage open communication and positive neighbor relations, more points are awarded for notifying neighbors within one-half (1/2) mile or one (1) mile of the proposed location. Additionally, applicants must obtain written confirmation that they have notified all existing CFO or IDEM-regulated operations located within one (1) mile of the proposed CFO building sites. Personal notification is preferred for both of the aforementioned requirements, and affidavits are required. However, notice by certified mail is permitted when personal notification is not an available option.

**11. NON-USE OF USABLE CRP GROUND** In order to encourage applicants to use Conservation Reserve Program (“CRP”) land for site locations rather than land that is actively used for agricultural production, a point penalty is assessed to applicants who choose not to use their available CRP land. However, if the applicant’s CRP land is used as part of their Best Management Practices (“BMP”), such as grassed waterways, no point penalty will be imposed.

**12. ODOR ABATEMENT** An applicant may earn up to forty (40) points in each Tier for a total of eighty (80) points.

**Tier 1 Methods:**

Sprinkling of all gravel driveways

Bio or biomass filters installed on appropriate exhaust fans

Anaerobic Digester

Permeable cover or impermeable cover for manure storage and lagoon

Liquid manure storage structure is covered

Composting

Surface of lagoon is aerated

Other industry approved technology as approved by the BZA

**Tier 2 Methods:**

Installation of Shelterbelt (mandatory)

Windbreak walls

Diet formulation (use of feeds that reduce odor and nutrient excretion)

Manure additives

Solids separation

Other industry approved technology as approved by the BZA

**All CFO’s must include a Shelterbelt regardless of which additional techniques are utilized. A shelterbelt shall be installed in accordance with NRCS standards.**

**Driveway sprinkling may be done with emulsion oil, water or dust stay material similar to the material used by the highway department and should be repeated as frequently as is necessary for absorption.**

**13. PARCEL** Contiguous real estate that is identified by a given tax parcel number shall be considered a parcel herein.

**14. SECTION DENSITY** Seven (7) levels are created based upon the number of non-farm homes located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius from the proposed structure.

**15. SEPARATION FROM HOUSE, PUBLIC USE FACILITY, CHURCH**

Applicants earn points based upon the separation distance from the proposed location of the CFO facility to a house, public use facility or church. A “public use facility” shall include any facility located upon land owned by any federal, state, or local governmental or political entity which is operated to attract the public and allow them to congregate for significant periods of time. Public use facility shall include but not be limited to a park, picnic area, campground, lodge, shelter house, playground, lake, and swimming beach. A highway, road right-of-way, parking area, recreational trail and any other area used by the public for a passageway or temporary parking are specifically excluded from the definition of public use facility herein. The separation distance is measured between the CFO livestock structure with a pit or the open lagoon (whichever is closest) to the nearest house, public use facility or church.

**16. SOIL** Suitability of soil shall be determined by US Department of Agriculture (“USDA”) standards as set forth in Table 4 of the USDA Soil Survey Report (1986).

**17. TRUCK TURNAROUND** A truck turnaround shall be defined as a driveway that is large enough for semi-trucks and all other vehicles to turnaround without backing onto the public roadway.

**18. UTILITIES** An applicant who uses the municipal sewage system for a CFO is awarded fewer points than one who uses a private septic system.

Use of a private well as opposed to municipal water is optional, and no points are awarded for either choice. Maximum points should be awarded to CFO's not utilizing a septic system.

**19. WATER CONSERVATION** Points are awarded to an applicant who utilizes wet/dry feeders or other feeding and watering systems that significantly reduce the amount of water used in the CFO.



APPENDIX B NOTICE OF AGRICULTURAL ACITIVITY

**TO: ALL APPLICANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT IN AGRICULTURAL ZONED AREAS OF RUSH COUNTY, INDIANA.**

**This notice is given to you because of your application for a Improvement Location Permit to build or move into an area of Rush County that is zoned for Agriculture.**

**The purpose of this notice is to assure you are aware that all agricultural operations are allowed in this area.**

**Agricultural activity may include, but is not limited to, grazing of livestock, confined feeding of livestock, application of animal manure to land, application of pesticides to fields and growing crops, creation of dust from field operations and noise from livestock and machinery operations at all hours.**

**Single family dwellings are permitted uses of land in an Agricultural Zone, and this is not restricted to farm families. However, people who choose to live in these areas must understand that agricultural operations may be occurring nearby.**

**You must also understand that Indiana has a “RIGHT TO FARM” law that protects farm operations from unwarranted nuisance suits by neighbors who move next to an existing farm operation. Farm operations do not constitute a nuisance so long as they are not negligently maintained, do not endanger human health and do not cause bodily injury to third parties.**

**By signing this notice form you verify that you have received it, read it and understand it. You are not giving up the right to seek redress for negligence by individuals associated with a farm operation or by other residents of the area.**

**MY SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT I HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE. I HAVE READ IT AND UNDERSTAND IT.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Permit Number

APPENDIX C – ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Section	Effective Date	General Description of Amendment Change