

TOWN OF MARKLE, INDIANA

ZONING CODE

REFERENCE FORMAT

The Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development has codified the zoning code and all amendments adopted prior to **December 16, 2009** into this reference document. Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy and correctness of this document.

Amended August 19, 2020

Section 730: Solar Energy Ordinance Added (Ordinance #2020-07)

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Section 201: (Ordinance #2020-10)

Section 360: (Ordinance #2020-11)

Section 714: (Ordinance #2020-12) Removed and added to Subdivision Ordinance

Section 715: (Ordinance #2020-14)

Section 901: (Ordinance #2020-15)

Section 912: (Ordinance #2020-16)

Section 916: (Ordinance #2020-17)

Section 1050: (Ordinance #2020-18)

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Section 901 (D,4): (Ordinance #2021-08)

Section 902 (D,4): (Ordinance #2021-08)

Section 903 (D,4,b): (Ordinance #2021-08)

Section 904 (D,4,b): (Ordinance #2021-08)

Section 201: (Ordinance #2021-09)

Section 702,A,2&3: (Ordinance #2021-10)

Amended September 15, 2021:

Section 201: (Ordinance #2021-18)

Section 604: (Ordinance #2021-19)

Section 705: (Ordinance #2021-21 and 2021-22)

Section 901: (Ordinance #2021-17)

Section 902: (Ordinance #2021-17)

Section 903: (Ordinance #2021-17)

Section 904: (Ordinance #2021-17)

Section 912: (Ordinance #2021-23 and 2021-24)

Section 913: (Ordinance #2021-23 and 2021-24)

Section 914: (Ordinance #2021-24)

Section 1040: (Ordinance #2021-20)

Amended September 21, 2022

Sections 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 908, 909, 910, 911, and 916 (Ordinance #2022-5)

Section 917: Removed from Ordinance (now a stand-alone ordinance) (Ord #2022-1)

Amended April 5, 2023 (Ordinance #2023-5)

Section 714 Added Back into Ordinance

Wherever the requirements of this document are at variance with the officially published Code of Ordinances for Huntington County, Indiana, the provisions of the Code of Ordinances shall govern.

By publication of this document, Town of Markle, Indiana and the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development does not assume any liability for any errors or omissions.

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TOWN OF MARKLE ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION 100: TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Zoning Ordinance" of the Town of Markle, Markle, Indiana

SECTION 101: PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purposes of the Zoning Ordinance are as provided in IC 36-7-4-201.

SECTION 102: JURISDICTION

The Zoning Ordinance shall apply to the following lands within Huntington County:

- A. All incorporated areas of the Town of Markle, Indiana.

SECTION 110: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. This Zoning Ordinance is adopted pursuant to IC 36-7-4 as amended.
- B. In their interpretation and application the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- C. The provisions of the Zoning Ordinance are not intended to abrogate any easement, covenant or any other private agreement or restriction (hereinafter collectively referred to as private provisions), provided that where the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance are more restrictive or impose higher standards or regulations than such private provisions, the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance shall govern. Where the provisions of the private provisions impose duties and obligations more restrictive, or set forth higher standards than the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance, or the determinations of the Plan Commission in enforcing the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance, and such private provisions are not inconsistent with enforceable zoning ordinance provisions or determinations thereunder, then such private provisions shall be operative and supplemental to the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance and determinations made thereunder.

Private provisions may not be enforced by the Plan Commission unless the Plan Commission, with its approval, has been made a party to such private provisions.

SECTION 120: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

Should any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, clause, word, 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.

SECTION 130: REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCE, EFFECTIVE DATE

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the Zoning Ordinance or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect. This Ordinance shall become effective on October 15, 1984.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Huntington County, Indiana on this 15th day of October 1984.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Auditor

Section 200: Application and Interpretation:

- A. For the purpose of these regulations, certain numbers, abbreviations, terms, words, and phrases used herein shall be used, interpreted, and defined as set forth in this article.
- B. Whenever any words and phrases used herein are not defined herein but are defined in the State laws regulating the creation and function of various planning agencies, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phrases used herein, except when the context otherwise requires.
- C. For the purpose of these regulations, certain words and phrases used herein shall be interpreted as follows:
 - 1. The word "person" includes an individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation, or any other legal entity.
 - 2. The masculine includes the feminine.
 - 3. The present tense includes the past and future tense; the singular number includes the plural.
 - 4. The word "shall" is a mandatory requirement, the word "may" is a permissive requirement, and the word "should" is a preferred requirement.
 - 5. The words "used" or "occupied" include the words "intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied".
 - 6. The word "lot" includes the words "plot", "parcel", and "tract".
 - 7. The word "property owner" includes the individual, firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company, corporation, or any other legal entity who owns or holds title to real property. An entity which has the power of eminent domain shall be considered a property owner and have the authority to act as property owner.

Section 201: Words and Phrases Defined:

ACCESS - The principal means of ingress and egress to abutting property from a street.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURE - A detached building or structure incidental and accessory to the principal building or structure.

ACCESSORY USE - A use incidental to, and on the same lot as, a principal use.

ACRE - A measurement of land area containing forty-three thousand five hundred sixty (43,560) square feet of land or water or combination thereof.

ADDITION - A structure or building added to the original structure or building at some time after the completion or issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the original structure or building.

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENT - A commercial establishment which limits admission to "adult only" owing to the sexual nature of its merchandise or entertainment. Such establishments may include, but not be limited to, adult bookstores, adult theaters, adult lounges, adult restaurants, adult health studios, adult photography studios, or adult novelty stores.

ADVERTISING STRUCTURE - Any structure erected or installed for advertising purposes, with or without any advertising display thereon, situated upon or attached to real property, upon which any sign or other advertisement may be attached, affixed, or displayed.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDING - A structure principally utilized for the storage of machinery used for purposes of crop production or for the shelter and feeding of livestock.

AGRICULTURE - The use of land for crop production and/or the raising of livestock.

AIRPORT - Any location either on land, water or structure which is designed or used for the landing and taking-off of aircraft, including all necessary buildings and facilities, if any.

AIRPORT ELEVATION - 806 feet above mean sea level.

ALLEY - A public or private accessway primarily designed to serve as secondary access to the side or rear of a property.

ALTERATION - Any change, addition, or modification in construction, or any change in the structural members of a building, such as bearing walls, columns, beams or girders.

AMUSEMENT DEVICE - Any amusement machine or device operated by means of insertion of a coin, token, or similar object for the purpose of amusement or skill, or for the playing of which a fee is charged. This definition does not include vending machines.

ANIMAL SANCTUARY/RESCUE – An accessory structure that provides temporary or permanent safe haven to animals in need. Animals are not bred or exploited for commercial activities. Every effort is made to provide the most natural habitat for the animals and shall not be conducted within nor attached to a Dwelling Unit.

ANIMAL SHELTER – An accessory structure that provides temporary care for animals that need protection, attempts to find homes for homeless animals, and reunites lost pets with their owners. An animal shelter may provide other services such as behavioral evaluations and training. Animals may be euthanized if homes are not found in a certain time frame. An Animal Shelter shall not be conducted within nor attached to a Dwelling Unit.

ANTENNA-Means a device used to receive or transmit electromagnetic waves.

APPROACH, SURFACE - A surface longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline, extending outward and upward from the end of the primary surface and at the same slope as the approach zone height limitation slope set forth in Section 994 (A) of this Ordinance. The perimeter of the approach surface coincides with the perimeter of the approach zone.

APPROACH, TRANSITIONAL, HORIZONTAL, AND CONICAL ZONES - These zones are set forth in Section 994 (A) of this Ordinance.

ARCADE - Any establishment, room, place or business location in which there are available to the public more than six (6) amusement devices.

ATTACHED WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (ATTACHED WCF)-An antenna array that is attached to an existing building or structure (attachment structure), which structures shall include, but not limited to,

utility poles, signs, water towers, with any accompanying pole of device (attachment device) which attaches the antenna array to the existing building or structure, transmission cables and an equipment facility which may be located either inside or outside of the attachment structure.

BASEMENT - That portion of a building that is partly or completely below grade.

BLOCK - A tract of land bounded by streets, or a combination of streets and public parks, cemeteries, railroad rights-of-way, shorelines of waterways or boundary lines of municipalities.

BOARD - The Town of Markle Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals.

BOARD OF AVIATION - A board appointed by the City of Huntington as required by IC 8-22-2-1 et. seq.

BUFFER - Land area used to visibly separate one (1) use from another or to shield or block noise, lights, or other nuisances.

BUILDABLE AREA - That portion of the established parcel which can be devoted to buildings, ponds, parking lots, driveways and other structures. Generally, this area excludes any applicable building restriction lines, setback requirements, floodplain boundaries, easements, rights-of-way or other similar areas in which buildings, ponds, parking lots, driveways and other structures shall not be located. Does not include landscaping or designated wetlands.

BUILDING - A structure having a roof supported by columns or walls designed, built, or used for the enclosure, shelter, or protection of persons, animals, or property.

BUILDING, AREA - The area within the outside perimeter of exterior walls of the ground floor of a building.

BUILDING, COMMERCIAL - A building within which a commercial use is conducted.

BUILDING, DETACHED - A building that has no structural connection with another building.

BUILDING, HEIGHT OF - The vertical distance measured from the average elevation of the proposed finished grade at the front of the building to the highest point of the roof for flat roofs, to the deck line of mansard roofs and to the mean height between eaves and ridges for gable, hip and gambrel roofs.

BUILDING, INDUSTRIAL - A building within which an industrial use is conducted.

BUILDING LINE - A line parallel to and equidistant from the relevant lot line (front, rear, and side) and equal to the depth of the applicable setback required for the zoning district in which the lot is located.

BUILDING WIDTH - The dimension of a building or structure from side to side.

BUSINESS OFFICE - The office of a business designed and used primarily to conduct the administrative and clerical affairs of the business.

CEMETERY - Land used or intended to be used for the burial of the human or animal dead and dedicated for cemetery purposes, including crematories, mausoleums and mortuaries if operated in connection with and within the boundaries of such cemetery for which perpetual care and maintenance is provided.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY - A document issued by the Department allowing the occupancy or use of a building.

CHILD CARE HOME - A residential structure wherein child care services are provided in accordance with Indiana Code.

CITY/COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT - The joint City of Huntington and Town of Markle Planning Department.

CLINIC - A building used for the care, diagnosis and treatment of sick, ailing, infirm, or injured persons, and those who are in need of medical and surgical attention, but which building does not provide board, room, or regular hospital care and services.

CLUB - A building or portion thereof or premises owned or operated by a person for a social, literary, political, educational or recreational purpose primarily for the exclusive use of members and their guests, but not including any organization, group or association, the principal activity of which is to render a service usually and ordinarily carried on as a business.

CO-LOCATION-Means the use of common WCF or common site by two or more wireless license holders or by one wireless license holder for more than one type of communications technology and/or placement of a WCF on a structure owned or operated by a utility or other public entity.

COMMERCIAL RECREATION AREA - An area designated and used for recreational activities of a commercial nature, including swimming pools, amusement parks, batting cages, miniature golf, go-cart racing, and similar activities.

COMMERCIAL USE - Activity involving the sale or offering of goods or services.

COMMISSION - The Town of Markle Advisory Plan Commission.

COMMON AREA - The total area which is available for common use by all tenants and their invitees, including but not limited to, such areas as parking lots and their appurtenances, sidewalks, landscaped areas, etc.

COMPONENT OF USE - An element of use of land including but not limited to, off-street parking, off-street loading, landscaping and signage.

COMPREHENSIVE (DEVELOPMENT) PLAN - A plan, or any portion thereof, adopted by the Plan Commission and the Board of County Commissioners, indicating the general extent of present physical facilities such as housing, industrial and commercial uses, parks, schools, and transportation and other community facilities, and projecting future needs for such facilities.

CONDITIONAL USE - A use which was approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals under Ordinance #1958-1, as amended or Ordinance #1984-2, as amended.

CONICAL SURFACE - A surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the horizontal surface at a slope of 20 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 4,000 feet.

CONTIGUOUS - Lands which are actually joined, united, or touching each other.

COPY AREA - The entire face of a sign including the advertising surfaces of any framing, trim or molding but not including the supporting structure.

CUL-DE-SAC - See street.

DAY CARE HOME - A residential structure wherein day care services are provided in accordance with Indiana Code.

DECK - An exterior floor system supported on at least two opposing sides by an adjoining structure and/or posts, piers, or other independent system.

DENSITY - The number of individuals, dwelling units, or housing structures per unit of land.

DEPARTMENT - The Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development.

DEVELOPMENT - The construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any buildings; use or change in use of any buildings or land; or any extension of any use of land or any clearing, grading or other movement of land under the jurisdiction of any local land use authority.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN - A specific plan, as required by the Zoning Code, for the development of real property.

DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENT - A requirement for development of real property in a zoning district for which a Development Plan is required.

DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS - The minimum development requirements established by the Zoning Ordinance. These requirements include, but are not limited to, setback, building height, ground floor area, lot size, lot width, lot frontage, parking, signage, and landscaping.

DIRECTOR - The Executive Director of the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development.

DISTRICT - A specifically delineated area within which regulations and requirements uniformly govern the use and development of the land.

DOMESTICATED ANIMALS - Those animals commonly accepted as domesticated household pets. Unless otherwise defined, domestic animals shall include dogs, cats, caged birds, gerbils, hamsters, pot-bellied pigs, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, non-poisonous, non-venomous and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians, and other similar animals. Housing greater than seven (7) Domestic Animals (non-caged) must be in an accessory, non-dwelling unit structure (Kennel, Animal Shelter and/or Animal Sanctuary) and shall not be operated within nor connected to a Dwelling Unit. **Animals under the age of six (6) months are not counted towards the allowed number of Domesticated Animals.**

DRIVEWAY - Vehicular drive to not more than two (2) lots which provides access to a parking space, garage, dwelling, or other structure.

DWELLING UNIT - One or more rooms designed exclusively for residential occupancy which include lawful cooking space and sanitary facilities.

DWELLING, MULTI-FAMILY - A building or structure containing three (3) or more dwelling units.

DWELLING, SINGLE FAMILY- A building or structure containing one (1) dwelling unit.

DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY - A building or structure containing two (2) dwelling units.

EASEMENT - An authorization or grant by a property owner to specific person(s) or to the public to use land for specific purposes.

EGRESS – An exit from a property.

EQUIPMENT FACILITY-Any structure used to contain ancillary equipment for a WCF, which includes cabinets, shelters, a build out of an existing structure, pedestals and other similar structures.

ESTABLISHMENT - An economic unit, generally at a single physical location, where business is conducted or services are offered.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - The Director of the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development.

FACTORY-BUILT HOUSING - A structure built or constructed in a factory and designed for long-term residential use. For the purposes of these regulations, factory built housing consist of four types: modular homes, sectional homes, mobile homes, and manufactured homes.

FACTORY-BUILT STRUCTURE - A structure built or constructed in a factory and installed or assembled on a building site.

FARM - A lot utilized for agricultural purposes.

FENCE - Any artificially constructed barrier of any material or combination of materials constructed or erected to enclose or screen areas of land.

FENCE, DECORATIVE: Any fence constructed of boards or similar material no greater than three inches in width, with the spacing between those boards or pieces of materials being no less than three inches. This term shall also include wire and chain-link fencing which do not contain privacy slats.

FENCE, PRIVACY: Any fence constructed of boards or similar material, with the spacing between those boards or pieces of material being less than three inches.

FLOOR AREA, GROSS - The sum of the horizontal areas of all floors of a building or structure measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, but not including any space where the floor-to-ceiling height is less than six (6) feet.

FLOOR AREA, GROUND - The sum of the horizontal areas of the ground floor of a building containing a dwelling unit, excluding a mobile home, measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, but not including open porches, decks, terraces, garages, or exterior stairways.

GRADE - The finished surface elevation of land adjacent to a sign, building, or other structure.

GROUND COVER - Low growing living plant material that is planted to form a continuous cover over the ground.

GROUP HOME - A residential structure in which care is provided in accordance with Indiana Code.

HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION - An obstruction determined to have a substantial adverse effect on the safe and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace.

HEARING OFFICER - The individual appointed by the Plan Commission with the authority granted by the Plan Commission to review and act upon applications for a variance from development standard.

HEIGHT - For the purpose of determining height limits within the Airport Height Restrictions Overlay District, the datum shall be mean sea level elevation unless otherwise specified.

HEIGHT OF TOWER-Means the vertical distance measured in feet from the average existing level of the ground surrounding the tower and within ten feet thereof to the topmost point of the tower including any antenna or other appurtenances. The existing elevation shall mean the actual or approved elevation of the property at the time of application

HEIGHT PERMIT - A permit issued by the City/County Planning Department and required by Section 994 for lands located in the Airport Height Restriction Overlay District, and in addition to any other applicable building permit requirements found elsewhere in this code.

HEIGHT VARIANCE - A variance granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals after a public hearing and required by Section 994 for structures to be built in excess of the applicable height limitations on land located within the Airport Height Restriction Overlay District.

HOME OCCUPATION - An occupation, profession, activity or use carried out by a resident with the intention for economic gain, and which is conducted as an accessory use in the resident's dwelling unit or accessory structure on the premises.

HORIZONTAL SURFACE - A horizontal place which is 956 feet above mean sea level (150 feet above the established airport elevation of 806 feet above mean sea level) the perimeter of which coincides with the perimeter of the horizontal zone.

HOTEL OR MOTEL AND APARTMENT HOTEL - A building in which lodging or boarding and lodging are provided and offered to the public for compensation. As such it is open to the public in contrast to a rooming house, boarding house, lodging house, or dormitory which is herein separately defined.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP - A building wherein persons regularly assemble for religious worship, which is used only for such purpose and those accessory activities as are customarily associated therewith.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE - A surface that has been compacted or covered with any material that substantially reduces or prevents the infiltration of stormwater into previously undeveloped land. Impervious surface shall include, but is not limited to, buildings, driveways, parking areas, roads, sidewalks, areas of compacted gravel, and any areas of concrete or asphalt

IMPROVEMENT - Any structure or man-made feature which becomes part of, placed upon, or is affixed to land

IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT - A permit issued by the Director stating that the proposed erection,

construction, enlargement, moving, or locating of the building or structure referred to on the permit application is in compliance with the development and use standards and regulations of the Zoning Ordinance.

INDUSTRIAL USE - Activity involving the manufacturing, assembly, or distribution of goods or products.

INGRESS - Access or entry to a property.

KENNEL – An accessory structure or business that houses animals, particularly Domesticated Animals. A Kennel may provide housing, boarding, grooming, training, and/or breeding for personal or commercial purposes. A Kennel shall not be conducted within nor attached to a Dwelling Unit.

LANDSCAPING - Any combination of living plants (such as grass, ground cover, shrubs or trees) and non-living landscape material (such as rocks, sand or mulch).

LARGER THAN UTILITY RUNWAY - A runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller driven aircraft of greater than 12,500 pounds maximum gross weight and jet powered aircraft.

LEGAL ACCESS - A dedicated or recorded street, private drive, or driveway, affording perpetual ingress and egress from a property to a street.

LOADING AREA - The total area devoted to the parking, unloading, and maneuvering of delivery vehicles.

LOADING SPACE, OFF-STREET - Space logically and conveniently located for bulk pickups and deliveries, scaled to delivery vehicles expected to be used, and accessible to such vehicles when required off-street parking spaces are filled. Required off-street loading space is not to be included as off-street parking space in computation of required off-street parking space. All off-street loading spaces shall be located totally outside of any street or alley right-of-way.

LOT - For the purposes of this Ordinance, a lot is a parcel of land of sufficient size to meet minimum zoning requirements for use, coverage and area, and to provide such yards and other open spaces as are herein required. Such lot shall have frontage on an improved public street, or on an approved private street, and may consist of:

- a. A single lot of record;
- b. A portion of lot of record;
- c. A combination of complete lots of record, or of complete lots of record and portions of lots of record, or of portions of lots of record.

LOT AREA - The total horizontal area of a lot exclusive of any right-of-way.

LOT OF RECORD - A lot which exists as shown or described on a plat or deed, in the records of Huntington County.

LOT, FLAG - A lot designed in accordance with specific development standards, which may differ from those for typical lots in the applicable zoning districts, and where access to the public road is by a narrow driveway.

LOT, FRONTAGE - The width of a lot measured along the street or private drive. For lots on a cul-de-sac, the width is measured at the minimum required front building setback line.

LOT COVERAGE - That portion of the area of a lot, expressed as a percentage, occupied by all buildings or structures, which are roofed or otherwise, covered.

LOT LINE - A line dividing one lot from another lot or from a street, alley, or other right-of-way.

LOT LINE, FRONT - The line separating a lot from a street right-of-way or private drive.

LOT LINE, REAR - The lot line not intersecting a front lot line that is most distant from and most closely parallel to the front lot line.

LOT LINE, SIDE - Any lot line other than a front or rear lot line.

LOT TYPES - Terminology used in this Ordinance with reference to different types of lots is as follows:

- a. **Corner lot** - a lot located at the intersection of two or more streets. A lot abutting on a curved street or streets shall be considered a corner lot if tangent projections of the front lot lines drawn perpendicular at the side lot lines meet at an interior angle of less than 135 degrees in front of the lot.
- b. **Interior lot** - a lot with only one frontage on a street.
- c. **Through lot** - a lot other than a corner lot with frontage on more than one street. Through lots abutting two streets may be referred to as double frontage lots.
- d. **Reversed frontage lot** - a lot on which frontage is at right angles to the general pattern of the area. A reversed frontage lot may also be a corner lot.

MANUFACTURING, EXTRACTIVE - Any mining, quarrying, or other forms of extraction, and processing, storing, separating, cleaning or marketing of any mineral, oil, gas, or other natural resource.

MANUFACTURED HOME - A dwelling unit, designed and constructed in a factory, which bears a seal certifying that it was built in compliance with the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Law of 1974.

MANUFACTURING - Establishments engaged in the mechanical or chemical transformation of materials or substances into new products.

MINIMUM LIVING AREA - The area of the floor or floors of a residential building measured from the inside of exterior walls, excluding the area for garages, carports, open porches, open breezeways, or storage rooms not accessible from the interior of the building.

MOBILE HOME - A transportable, factory-built dwelling unit, designed to be used as a year round residential dwelling and built prior to enactment of the Federal Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, which became effective June 15, 1976.

MOBILE HOME PARK - A site with required improvements and utilities for the long-term residential occupancy of three (3) or more mobile homes and manufactured homes.

NON-CONFORMING COMPONENT OF USE - A component of use lawfully existing at the time of enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or amendments thereto, which does not conform to the applicable development standards.

NON-CONFORMING LOT - A lot which was platted or otherwise lawfully created as part of a subdivision plat and recorded in the Town of Markle Recorder's Office, or approved as part of an exempt subdivision by the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development, prior to the date of adoption of the Zoning Ordinance or amendments thereto, which lot now fails to comply with the applicable provisions of the Zoning Ordinance

NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURE – A building or structure lawfully existing at the time of enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or amendment thereto, which does not conform to the applicable development standards of the district in which it is located.

NON-CONFORMING USE - A use lawfully existing at the time of enactment of the Zoning Ordinance or amendments thereto, which does not comply with the use provisions of the zoning district in which it is located.

NON-PRECISION INSTRUMENT RUNWAY - A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing air navigation facilities with only horizontal guidance, or area type navigation equipment, for which a straight in non-precision instrument approach procedure has been approved or planned.

NURSERY, PLANT MATERIALS - Land, buildings, structures or combination thereof for the storage, cultivation, transplanting of live trees, shrubs, or plants offered for retail sale on the premiss including products used for gardening and landscaping.

NURSING HOME - An extended or intermediate care facility licensed or approved to provide full-time convalescent or chronic care to individuals who, by reason of advanced age, chronic illness, or infirmity, are unable to care for themselves.

OBSTRUCTION - Any structure or other object, including a mobile object, which exceeds a limiting height, set forth in Section 994 of this Ordinance.

OCCUPANT - The person or persons in actual possession of a building, structure, or lot.

OCCUPIED SPACE - The total area of a lot horizontally covered by a building or structure, excluding accessory structures such as, but not limited to, garages, patios, and porches.

OFF-STREET PARKING SPACE - A parking space which is located entirely upon private property.

OPEN SPACE - An exterior open area, clear from the ground upward, devoid of any structures and impervious surfaces.

ORDINANCE - Any legislative action, however denominated, of the County, which has the force of law, including any amendment or repeal of any Ordinance.

OUTDOOR STORAGE - The keeping of any goods, material merchandise, or vehicles for more than twenty-four (24) hours in an area open to the sky and/or visible from adjacent properties or rights-of-way.

PARK - An area designated and used for active and passive recreation, aesthetic, and cultural purposes.

PARKING AREA - The total area devoted to the parking and maneuvering of vehicles.

PARKING SPACE - An area, enclosed or unenclosed, specifically designed for the sole purpose of parking one (1) vehicle.

PARTY WALL - A wall starting from the foundation and extending continuously through all stories to or above the roof which separates one building from another and is in joint use by each building.

PERMITTED USE - A use allowed in a district and subject to the development standards for that district.

PERSON - An individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company, association, joint stock association or government entity; includes a trustee, a receiver, an assignee, or a similar representative of any of them.

PLAN COMMISSION - The Town of Markle Advisory Plan Commission.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT - A land area under unified control designed and planned to be developed in a single operation or by a series of pre-scheduled development phases according to an officially approved master plan which does not necessarily correspond to the property development standards and use regulations of the district in which the development is located.

PLAT COMMITTEE - A committee established under the Rules of Procedure of the Commission responsible for review of subdivisions and certain Improvement Location Permits.

PORCH - A roofed area, which may be screened-in or enclosed as permitted by the Zoning Ordinance, attached to and with direct access to or from a building.

PREMISES - One or more lots which are in the same ownership and are contiguous or separated only by a road or waterbody, including all buildings, structures, and improvements.

PRIMARY SURFACE – A surface longitudinally centered on a runway. When the runway has a specially prepared hard surface, the primary surface extends 200 feet beyond each end of that runway.

The width of the primary surface is set forth in Section 994 of this Ordinance. The elevation of any point on the primary surface is the same as the elevation of the nearest point on the runway centerline.

PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE - A building or structure in which the principal use of the lot on which the building or structure is located is conducted.

PRINCIPAL USE - The primary or predominate use of any lot, building, or structure.

PRIVATE DRIVE - Vehicular accessway to three (3) or more lots.

PROFESSIONAL OFFICE - The office of a member of a recognized profession maintained for the conduct of business in any of the following related categories: architectural, engineering, planning, law, interior design, accounting, insurance, real estate, medical, dental, optical, or any similar type profession.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) - A vehicle primarily designed as a temporary living quarters for recreation, camping or travel, either with their own motor power or mounted on or towed by another powered vehicle.

RECYCLING FACILITY - A facility, not operated as a salvage yard, in which recoverable resources, such as newspapers, glass, metal cans, plastic, and other products are recycled, reprocessed, or treated to return

such products to a condition in which they may again be used. A recycling facility may include an area set aside for composting.

RESIDENT - An individual whose principal place of living and sleeping is in a particular location is a resident of that location.

RIGHT-OF-WAY - A strip of land occupied or intended to be occupied by a street, alley, sidewalk, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission line, oil or gas pipeline, water main, sanitary or storm sewer main, special landscaping, or for another special use.

RUNWAY - A defined area on an airport prepared for landing and takeoff of aircraft along its length.

SALVAGE YARD - A lot, building, or part thereof which is maintained, operated, or used for storing, keeping, processing, buying or selling of salvage materials, including steel, vehicles, and similar materials.

SANITARY LANDFILL - An area, approved by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, utilized for the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste.

SCREENING - A method of visually shielding or obscuring one (1) abutting or nearby structure or use from another by fencing, walls, berms, or densely planted vegetation.

SETBACK - That area between any lot line and any required, parallel setback line wherein no structure, building, or portion thereof shall be permitted, erected, or constructed, or placed unless specifically permitted by the Zoning Ordinance.

SETBACKS – When referring to a support structure, setback shall mean the required distance from the support structure to the property line of the parcel on which the WCF is located.

SETBACK LINE - A line parallel to and equidistant from the relevant lot line (front, rear, and side).

SEWERS, CENTRAL OR GROUP - An approved sewage disposal system which provides a collection network and disposal system and central sewage treatment facility for a single development, community or region.

SEWER, ON-SITE - A septic tank or similar installation on an individual lot, which utilizes an aerobic bacteriological process or equally satisfactory process for the elimination of sewage and provides for the proper and safe disposal of the effluent, subject to the approval of health and sanitation official having jurisdiction.

SIDEWALK - That portion of the road right-of-way outside the roadway, which is improved for the use of pedestrian traffic.

SIGN - Any object, device, display or structure, or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors, which is used to advertise, identify, display, direct or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means, including words, letters, figures, design, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination or projected images:

1. **Abandoned sign**: A building, free-standing, or off premises sign which is no longer utilized to advertise, identify, display, direct, or attract attention to an object, institution, organization, business, product, service, or event on the premises upon which the sign is located.

2. Awning sign: A building sign, which is mounted, painted, or printed on, or attached to an awning, canopy or marquee. For the purposes of this definition, a canopy sign and a marquee sign shall be construed to be an awning sign.
3. Banner sign: A sign, intended to be suspended for display, either with or without frames, having characters, letters, illustrations, or ornamentations applied to cloth, paper, plastic, balloons, or fabric of any kind with such material acting as a back. Governmental flags and flags which are emblems of religious, charitable, public and nonprofit organizations shall not be considered banners provided that such flags, emblems, and insignia are displayed for noncommercial purposes.
4. Building sign: A sign supported by a building, which may be erected flat against the building, upon or against the roof structure of a building, or projecting from the building. For the purposes of this definition, a wall, window, bulletin board, awning, home occupation, incidental, political, roof, and projecting sign may be construed to be building signs.
5. Bulletin board sign: A building or free-standing sign erected by or for a charitable, educational, governmental, or religious institution, or a public body, which is erected on the same lot as said institution for the purpose of displaying posters, bulletins, or announcements of events to be held by such institution.
6. Construction sign: A free-standing sign erected on the premises on which development is taking place during the period of such development. Such sign may indicate the names of architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors or similar individuals and the owners, financial supporters, sponsors, or similar individuals or firms having a role or interest with respect to the structure or project.
7. Elevated sign: A free-standing sign supported by one (1) or more column(s), pole(s) or pillar(s), which are set firmly in or below the ground, surface, so that there is a minimum of an eight (8) foot clearance between the bottom edge of the sign and the grade of the lot upon which the sign is to be located.
8. Free-standing sign: A sign which is supported by structures or supports set firmly in or below the ground surface, and is independent of any support from any building or any other structures, whether portable or stationary. For the purposes of this definition, a pedestal, construction, bulletin board, home occupation, incidental, political, real estate, ground and elevated sign may be construed to be free-standing signs.
9. Ground sign: A free-standing sign supported by one (1) or more column(s), pole(s), or pillar(s) which are set firmly in or below the ground surface, wherein there is clearance between the bottom edge of the sign and the grade of the lot upon which the sign is to be located.
10. Home occupation sign: A building or free-standing sign, indicating the name of the individual or business operated within the dwelling.
11. Illegal sign: A building, free-standing, or off-premises sign, which has been erected and is being maintained in violation of the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance.
12. Illuminated sign: A building or free-standing sign lighted by or exposed to artificial lighting, either by lights on or in the sign or directed towards the sign.
13. Incidental sign: A building or free-standing sign, which indicates to the public, goods, facilities, or services available on the premises. For the purposes of this definition, credit card signs, signs indicating hours of operation, help wanted signs, and similar signs shall be construed to be incidental signs.
14. Nonconforming sign: A building, free-standing or off premises sign existing at the time of the passage of this Zoning Ordinance or amendment thereto, which does not conform to the regulations of the zoning district in which it is located, or other applicable sections of this Zoning Ordinance.
15. Off-premises sign: A sign which identifies a business, commodity, service, attraction, or other similar use offered or existing elsewhere than upon the same lot where such sign is located. For

the purposes of this definition, a billboard or similar advertising structure shall be construed to be an off-premises sign.

16. Pedestal sign: A free-standing sign supported by and affixed to a base so that there is no clearance between the bottom edge of the sign and the top of the base, with such base to be comprised of materials of a permanent nature which is set firmly in or below the finished grade of the lot.
17. Political sign: A building, free-standing or off premises sign identifying a political candidate, issue or party in a local, state or national election.
18. Portable sign: A free standing or off-premises sign which is affixed to the ground, building, or other structure, which may be mounted on wheels, and can be transported from place to place.
19. Projecting sign: A building sign which projects outward, either perpendicular or at an angle to the wall or building on which it is mounted.
20. Real estate sign: A free-standing sign, which are used to offer for sale, lease, or rent the lot upon which the sign is placed.
21. Roof sign: A building sign, which is erected upon or against the roof structure of a building with the top edge of the sign extending no higher than the highest point of the roof structure.
22. Tenant sign: A free-standing sign temporarily erected and maintained upon a lot under a development permit that identifies future tenant(s) or occupant(s) of the site.
23. Wall sign: A building sign that is affixed painted or printed on the wall of any building in such a manner as to read parallel to the wall on which it is mounted, and which extends no higher than the roof level of the building upon which the sign is placed.
24. Window sign: A building sign which is attached to, placed upon, painted upon, or affixed to a window or door of a building which is intended for viewing from the exterior of such building.

SPECIAL EXCEPTION - A use designated as being permitted within a district provided it complies with all development standards of that district and satisfies the criteria, which the Board of Zoning Appeals utilizes when reviewing the application for special exception approval.

STATE - State of Indiana

STORY – That part of a building between the surface of a floor and the ceiling immediately above; or if there is a floor above, the portion of the building between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above. A basement shall be counted as a story and a cellar shall not be counted as a story.

STREET - A public right-of-way used, or intended to be used, for passage or travel by vehicles.

STRUCTURE - Anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or attached to something located on the ground.

SWIMMING POOL - Any artificial basin of water constructed or erected for wading or swimming.

SWIMMING POOL, IN-GROUND - Any pool whose sides rest in partial or full contact with the earth.

SWIMMING POOL, ON-GROUND - Any pool whose sides rest fully above the surrounding earth.

SWIMMING POOL, PERMANENT - Any in-ground pool and any on-ground pool which is greater than thirteen (13) feet in diameter for a round pool, or eight (8) feet by sixteen (16) feet for an oval pool, and more than twenty-four (24) inches in wall height.

TEMPORARY WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (TEMPORARY WCF)- Shall mean a WCF, which is to be placed in use for a limited period of time, is not deployed in a permanent manner, and does not have a permanent foundation.

TENANT - An occupant of land or a building who occupies and uses real property for a fixed time, usually through a lease agreement with the property owner and with the owner's consent.

TOWER-Means a structure that is intended to support equipment used to receive and/or transmit electromagnetic waves. Design examples of towers include (a) self-supporting lattice, (b) guyed and (c) monopole.

TRANSITIONAL SURFACES - These surfaces extend outward at 90-degree angles to the runway centerline and the runway centerline extended at a slope of seven (7) feet horizontally for each foot vertically from the sides of the primary and approach surfaces to where they intersect the horizontal and conical surfaces.

THOROUGHFARE PLAN - An optional element of the Comprehensive Plan adopted by the County Plan Commission indicating the general location recommended for arterial, collector and local streets and roads within the County.

USE - Any purpose for which a building or other structure or a lot may be designed, arranged, maintained, or occupied; or any activity, occupation, business or operation carried on in a building or other structure on a lot.

UTILITY RUNWAY - A runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller driven aircraft of 12,500 pounds maximum gross weight and less.

UTILITY SERVICE STRUCTURE, STATION OR YARD - A building, structure, or lot utilized for purposes of providing utility service to an area, or for storage of vehicles or materials associated with the provision of utility service.

VARIANCE - A specific approval granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals or Hearing Officer to deviate from a requirement of this Zoning Ordinance.

VEHICLE - A self-propelled device used for transportation of people or goods over land surfaces.

VETERINARY ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR CLINIC - A place used for the care, diagnosis, and treatment of sick, ailing, injured, or injured animals, and those who are in need of medical or surgical attention, and may include overnight accommodations on the premises or the treatment, observation and/or recuperation. It may also include boarding that is incidental to the principal activity or use.

VICINITY MAP - A drawing located on the plat which sets forth by dimensions or other means the relationship of the proposed subdivision or use of other nearby developments or landmarks and community facilities and services within the general area in order to better locate and orient the area in question.

VISUAL RUNWAY - A runway intended solely for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION-Means any personal wireless services as defined in the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 which includes FCC licensed commercial telecommunications service including cellular, personal communications services (PCS), specialized mobile radio (SMR), enhanced specialized mobile radio (ESMR), paging, and similar services that currently exist or that may in the future be developed.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION ANTENNA ARRAY (ANTENNA ARRAY)-One or more whips, parcels, discs, or similar devices used for the transmission or reception of radio frequency signals, which may include omnidirectional antenna (whip), directional antenna (panel) and parabolic antenna (disc). The antenna array does not include the support structure defined below.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITY (WCF)- Any unstaffed facility for the transmission and/or reception of wireless communication services, usually consisting of an antenna array, transmission cables, and equipment facility, and a support structure to achieve the necessary elevation

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION SUPPORT STRUCTURE (SUPPORT STRUCTURE)-Is a structure designed and constructed specifically to support an antenna array, and may include monopole, self-supporting (lattice) tower, guy-wire support tower and other similar structures. Any device (attachment device) which is used to attach an antenna array to an existing building or structure (attached structure) shall be excluded from the definition of and regulations applicable to support structures.

YARD - An open space other than a court on a lot, unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward, except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance.

YARD, FRONT - A yard across the full width of the lot extending from the front lot line to the front of the building. On corner lots, both frontages must meet front yard specifications.

YARD, REAR - A yard extending the full width of the lot between the building and the rear lot line or lines.

YARD, SIDE - A yard between the buildings and side lot line, and extending from the front yard line to the rear yard line.

ZERO LOT LINE DWELLING - The location of a dwelling on a lot in such a manner that one (1) or more of the building's sides rest directly on a lot line.

ZONING - The division of an area into districts and the public regulations of the character and intensity of the use of the land, and of the buildings and structures, which may be located thereon, in accordance with a Comprehensive Plan.

ZONING, AMENDMENT - Any additions or deletions to the Zoning Ordinance as enacted by the Board of County Commissioners upon the recommendations of the Plan Commission.

ZONING MAP - The official map of Town of Markle upon which the boundaries of each district are designated and established as approved and adopted by ordinance, made a part of the official records of Town of Markle and which is the final authority as to the zoning classification of land.

ZONING ORDINANCE - The Town of Markle Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 300: AUTHORITY

The Director is hereby authorized to issue Improvement Location Permits within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

SECTION 301: IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMITS REQUIRED

No building or structure shall be erected, moved, or increased in size without an improvement location permit (hereinafter referred to as permit) issued by the Department. Permits shall be issued only in conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, unless the Director receives a written order from the Board of Zoning Appeals or Hearing Officer deciding an appeal, special exception, or variance, and with all other County Ordinances.

SECTION 302: CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT

- A. The application for a permit shall be completed and signed by the owner or applicant attesting to the truth and exactness of all information supplied. The following information shall be submitted to obtain a permit:
- B. Completed application form.
- C. A site plan of the property upon which, or to which, the building or structure shall be constructed, reconstructed, erected, moved, or altered showing all property line dimensions; streets, alleys, and other rights-of-way; recorded easements; utility and telephone lines (both overhead or underground); legal drains or open ditches; existing and proposed buildings and structures; all setback lines; and height, width, and depth of the proposed building or structure.
- D. Legal description of the property.
- E. Any additional information requested by the Department, which relates to compliance review.

SECTION 303: IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS

- A. In accordance with Section 305, the Director shall make a determination on whether Plat Committee approval is required prior to issuance of a permit.
- B. If approval by the Plat Committee is required, the permit application and documentation shall be submitted to the Committee for its review in accordance with the review schedule established by the Committee.
- C. When reviewing the application, the Plat Committee may consider any relevant factors, including but not limited to:
 - 1. proximity of proposed improvement to other improvements on neighboring properties.
 - 2. topography of the lot upon which the proposed improvement is to be located.
 - 3. soil classification of the lot upon which the proposed improvement is to be

- located.
- 4. size of the lot as it relates to storm water runoff and watershed area.
- 5. location of the proposed access to the improvement.
- D. Based upon the review of the application, the Plat Committee may require the submittal of a drainage plan, which shall include a proposal for the management of storm water runoff from the proposed improvements, before making a decision on the application.
- E. The Plat Committee may approve a permit for issuance only upon a determination in writing that:
 - 1. the permit is in compliance with all applicable County requirements;
 - 2. adequate water, sewage, and street access facilities can be obtained for the improvement; and
 - 3. adequate storm water management facilities are provided for the improvement.
- F. The Plat Committee may impose reasonable conditions on the issuance of the permit. Reasonable conditions include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. driveway access
 - 2. swales and detention basins to detain storm water runoff
 - 3. protection of an area on the lot from soil disturbance
 - 4. relocation of known field tiles
 - 5. providing a way for the natural flow of water to cross the lot.
- G. An applicant may appeal any decision of the Plat Committee to the Commission.

SECTION 304: APPROVAL OF IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT

- A. If the proposed project conforms to applicable law, and upon payment of permit fees as required by this Ordinance, a permit shall be issued in the name of the applicant. The applicant shall then be provided a permit card authorizing the work to commence. The permit card shall be prominently posted at the improvement location site at all times.
- B. A permit, when issued, shall be for such installation as is described in the application and no deviation shall be made from the installation so described without the approval of the Director.

SECTION 305: APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLAT COMMITTEE

Subdivision Plat Committee approval is necessary prior to the issuance of a permit for a principal structure unless one of the following criteria are met:

- A. The lot upon which the structure is proposed was part of a subdivision plat approved by the Commission in accordance with Ordinance 1992-14 (effective date of December 7, 1992).
- B. The lot upon which the principal structure is proposed is a lot of record contained in a major subdivision for which secondary plat approval has been granted by the plat committee.
- C. Development Plan approval has been granted by the Commission for the structure.

**SECTION 306: APPROVAL BY COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT OR INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Prior to the issuance of any permit, which would necessitate or require a new driveway or access road to be installed, a copy of the approved driveway approach permit shall be presented to the Department.

SECTION 307: APPROVAL BY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Prior to the issuance of any permit for an improvement that would be serviced by a septic system and/or well, a copy of the approved septic and well permits, or authorization to utilize an existing septic system shall be presented to the Department.

SECTION 308: APPROVAL BY COUNTY SURVEYOR OFFICE

Prior to the issuance of any permit, verification shall be obtained from the Huntington County Surveyor's Office that the proposed improvement, as shown on the submitted site plan, is to be located outside an established easement for a county drain or ditch, or approval has been granted by the Drainage Board

SECTION 309: APPROVAL BY TOWN

Prior to the issuance of any permit within the jurisdictional area of the Town of Andrews, Mt. Etna, Roanoke, or Warren, a copy of the driveway permit, water tap permit, and/or sewer tap permit, if required by the Town, shall be submitted to the Department.

SECTION 310: EXPIRATION OF THE IMPROVEMENT LOCATION PERMIT

If the work described in the permit has not been substantially completed within two (2) years from the date of issuance, the permit shall expire. Further work shall not proceed unless a new permit is obtained.

SECTION 320: COMPLAINTS REGARDING VIOLATIONS

Any person may file a written complaint whenever a violation of this Ordinance occurs or is reasonably believed to have occurred. The complaint shall state reasonably fully and accurately the particulars thereof, and be filed with the Director. The Director shall investigate and may take action upon such complaint as provided in this Ordinance.

SECTION 330: ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

The Director is an enforcement official who is authorized and directed to implement the enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 340: ACCESS TO PROPERTY/INSPECTIONS

- A. When reviewing an application for a permit, the Director, Plat Committee, Commission, and designated persons acting on their behalf, may inspect any property in the County at any reasonable time for the purposes of determining or enforcing compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

- B. By making application for a permit as provided in this Ordinance, an applicant certifies that the applicant is acting for her/him/itself and as an authorized agent for the property owner(s) relating to access to the property for the inspection purposes referred to herein.

SECTION 360: SCHEDULE OF FEES, CHARGES AND EXPENSES

- A. All applicants for improvement locations permits shall, prior to the issuance of such permit, pay fees to the Department in such amounts as are specified within the Huntington County Building Ordinance.
- B. All applicants for pond permits shall, prior to the issuance of such permits, pay fees to the Department in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- C. All Applications for sign permits shall, prior to the issuance of such permits, pay fees to the Department in the amounts specified below:

On-premise permanent signs	\$10.00
On-premise temporary signs	\$10.00
Off-premise permanent signs	\$50.00
Off-premise temporary signs	\$25.00
Billboards	\$100.00
Mobile & temporary billboards	\$25.00

- D. The filing fees for petitions required to be reviewed by the Huntington County Plan Commission or the Huntington County Board of Zoning Appeals shall, prior to the filing deadline established for the subsequent meeting, pay fees to the Department in such amounts as are specified below:

1. Board of Zoning Appeals:

Variance of Use Application	\$150.00
Variance from Development Standards Application	\$150.00
Special Exception Application	\$150.00
Appeal Application – decision by Hearing Officer	\$25.00
Amendment to previous BZA approval	\$150.00

2. Plan Commission:

Amendment of Official Zoning Map (excluding EUD)	\$250.00
Amendment of Official Zoning Map (EUD only)	\$500.00
Text Amendment to Zoning Ordinance	\$50.00

- E. If more than one (1) petition is filed by the applicant for the same property, and if each petition is to be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals on the same hearing date, the filing fee for the second and each additional petition shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- F. For improvements to real property for which a Development Plan is required, the applicant shall pay the following fees to the Department:

Construction of Multi-Family Dwelling	\$10.00 per unit Minimum of \$150.00
Commercial or Industrial Development Plan Review	\$150.00
Solar Energy System (SES)	\$500.00 per parcel
Parking Lot (new or expansion) not in conjunction with building construction or expansion	\$150.00

- G. For amendments to an approved Development Plan, the applicant shall pay the following fees to the Department:

If the amendment constitutes a minor deviation	\$25.00
If the amendment constitutes a substantial deviation	\$100.00

- H. The filing fees for petitions required to be reviewed by the Huntington County Plan Commission or the Huntington County Subdivision Review Committee shall, prior to the filing deadline established for the subsequent meeting, pay fees to the Department in such amounts as are specified below:

Sketch Review	\$0.00
Minor Subdivision Review (per lot)	\$25.00
Major Subdivision Review (primary plat approval)	\$200.00
Major Subdivision Review (secondary plat approval)	\$50.00
Vacating Plat – IC 36-7-3-10	\$50.00
Vacating Plat – IC 36-7-3-11	\$100.00

SECTION 370: REVOCATION OF APPROVAL

- A. A variance of use, variance from development standard, or special exception may be revoked by the Board of Zoning Appeals under the following circumstances:

1. The property is not being used in compliance with the approval granted.
 2. A condition or conditions of approval were not met, or are not continuously being met.
 3. The terms of the commitment of use, if applicable, are not being met.
- B. If any of the above listed circumstances are believed to exist, the following process shall be followed by the Director:
1. The Director shall send written notice to the person believed responsible for the violation(s), and to the property owner of the property involved if different, particularizing the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it.
 2. If the alleged violation(s) is not corrected, the Director shall schedule the matter to be reviewed by the Board of Zoning Appeals. Notice shall be provided to the person responsible for the alleged violation(s), and to the property owner of the property involved if different.
 3. If the Board of Zoning Appeals determines that one or more of the circumstances as identified in Section 370 (A) exist, the Board may:
 - a. provide additional time for the violation(s) to be corrected; or
 - b. revoke the approval of the variance or special exception.

SECTION 380: ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS, REMEDIES AND PENALTIES

- A. It shall be the duty of the Director to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
- B. The following shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and be subject to the enforcement remedies and penalties provided by this Ordinance:
1. the construction, erection, or location of an improvement without an improvement location permit being issued;
 2. the construction, erection, or location of an improvement other than in accordance with the approved improvement location permit;
 3. the use of any lot or improvement in violation of the specific approval granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals, Hearing Officer, or any provision of this Ordinance;
 4. The construction, erection, or location of any improvement in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance;
 5. use or development of property in a manner, which does not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance;
 6. failure to comply with a condition of approval imposed by the Plan Commission, Hearing Officer, or Board of Zoning Appeals;
 7. failure to comply with the terms of a Commitment of Use recorded in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance;
 8. act contrary to the provisions and requirements of this Ordinance;
 9. altering, damaging, or removing any improvements required by the Commission as part of a development plan approval, by the Board of Zoning Appeals as part of a variance or special exception approval, or by this Ordinance; or
 10. failure to comply with a Stop Work Order issued by the Director.
- C. Any activity considered a violation of this Ordinance is declared to be a common nuisance.

- D. A person acting as owner, agent, principal, lessee, contractor, engineer, surveyor, or otherwise who, either individually or in concert with another, knowingly acts contrary to the provisions and requirements of this Ordinance, shall be liable for maintaining a common nuisance.
- E. Private covenants or agreements imposing standards different than those in this Ordinance shall not impose an enforcement obligation on the Director or Commission.
- F. The owner, tenant, or occupant of any structure or land and any architect, engineer, surveyor, contractor, or other person who participates in, assists, directs, creates, or maintains any situation that is contrary to the requirements of this Ordinance may be held responsible for the violation and suffer the penalties and be subject to the remedies provided.
- G. The following process shall be followed by the Director when pursuing a violation of this Ordinance:
 - 1. The Director shall send written notice to the person believed responsible for the violation(s), and to the property owner of the property involved if different, indicating the nature of the alleged violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it.
 - 2. If the violation(s) is not corrected, the Director shall send a written notice identified as being the final notice, and shall state what action the Director can take if the violation is not corrected. The notice shall indicate that an appeal may be filed to the Commission and the procedure for filing an appeal.
 - 3. In all violation notices, a reasonable time period shall be expressed and allotted for compliance.
 - 4. If compliance is not achieved by the deadline specified in the final notice, the Director may impose one or more of the remedies listed in Section 380 (H).
 - 5. The Director working with the County Attorney may file a complaint against the person(s) responsible for and prosecute the alleged violation.
- H. The Director may impose any one or all of the following remedies listed below for any violation of this Ordinance:
 - 1. A STOP WORK ORDER whereby all work on the improvement authorized by the issuance of a permit on the property shall cease at the time of posting. A written STOP WORK ORDER shall be sent to the property owner, contractor, or other appropriate individual specifying what action is necessary to remove the STOP WORK ORDER. All corrective work or action necessary to release the STOP WORK ORDER shall be completed within the stated time limitation. Failure to adhere to this time limitation is a violation of this Ordinance.
 - 2. A revocation of any permit issued for work on the property.
 - 3. The Commission or Director may bring an action in the Circuit or Superior Court to invoke any legal, equitable, or special remedy for the enforcement of this Ordinance, or action taken under this Ordinance. Further, an action may also seek the imposition of a penalty under Indiana Code 36-7-4-1018 or its successor provision.
 - 4. Bring action for injunction in the Circuit or Superior Court. This action may seek to enjoin a person or entity from violating, or continuing to violate any provision of this Ordinance and/or maintaining a common nuisance. This action may also seek to revoke approval that was granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals or Hearing Officer for a variance of use,

variance from development standard, or special exception. Further, it may seek the prevention, removal, or abatement of the violation.

5. Any other remedy or penalty provided for herein, or by other applicable authority.
- I. Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance in an enforcement action brought under this Ordinance shall be responsible to pay reasonable costs and expenses, including attorney fees, incurred to the Commission or Department in connection with the prosecution of such action.

SECTION 400: NON-CONFORMITIES

Within the districts established by this Zoning Ordinance there exist:

1. Non-conforming lots
2. Non-conforming structures
3. Non-conforming uses of land, and
4. Non-conforming components of use

which were lawful before the Zoning Ordinance, or amendments thereto, was passed but which would be prohibited, regulated or restricted under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance or amendments thereto. It is the intent of the Zoning Ordinance to permit these non-conformities to continue until they are removed, but not to encourage their survival.

SECTION 420: AVOIDANCE OF UNDUE HARDSHIP

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 or development 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 demolition or removal of an existing building has been substantially begun preparatory to rebuilding such demolition or removal shall be deemed to be actual construction, provided that the work shall be carried out diligently. Actual construction is hereby defined as work done which is beyond the preparation stage and into the stage where the changes or additions are made permanent.

SECTION 430: NON-CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD

A non-conforming lot may be used for any permitted use in the specific zoning district provided all other development standards and regulations of the Zoning Ordinance are met.

SECTION 440: NON-CONFORMING USE OF LAND

- A. A non-conforming use may be continued provided that:
 1. No such non-conforming use shall be enlarged, increased or extended to occupy a greater area of land than was occupied at the effective date of adoption or amendment of the Zoning Ordinance; and
 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 the Zoning Ordinance.

- B. If any such non-conforming use of land is discontinued or abandoned for more than one (1) year, any subsequent use of such land shall conform to the regulations specified by the Zoning Ordinance for the district in which such land is located.

SECTION 450: NON-CONFORMING STRUCTURES

- A. Should any non-conforming structure be damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, wind, explosion, act of God, or act of a public enemy, said structure may be repaired, replaced, or rebuilt in the same location upon the lot, or in a manner which decreases its non-conformity.
- B. Should any non-conforming structure remain damaged or destroyed for a period of one (1) year following the date of damage without the issuance of a building permit, said structure shall not be repaired, replaced, or rebuilt unless it is brought into full compliance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- C. Should any non-conforming structure be damaged, removed, or destroyed by any other means, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- D. Should any non-conforming manufactured home be removed from a lot, it shall not be replaced except in conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- E. A non-conforming structure may be enlarged or expanded if all of the following requirements are adhered to:
 - 1. The addition shall not extend into any required front yard beyond the existing structure.
 - 2. The addition shall not extend into any required side yard beyond the existing structure.
 - 3. The addition shall not extend into any required rear yard beyond the existing structure.
 - 4. The addition shall not extend any closer to an intersection of streets or other rights-of-way than the existing structure.
 - 5. The addition may extend beyond the existing structure only when said addition complies with the applicable setbacks.
- F. Enclosure of a non-conforming open porch, or a porch constructed in conformance with Section 710 (A)(5), is not permitted

SECTION 460: NON-CONFORMING COMPONENT OF USE

- A. A non-conforming component of use may be continued provided that:

No such non-conforming component of use shall be enlarged or relocated on the lot unless in full compliance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- B. If any such non-conforming component of use is discontinued or abandoned for more than one (1) year, any subsequent use of such non-conforming component of use shall conform to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 470: REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Routine repairs and maintenance of non-conforming structures or non-conforming components of use necessary to maintain safety are permitted.

SECTION 480: APPROVED SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE OF USE

Any conditional use, special exception or variance of use, which obtained approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals, shall not be considered a non-conforming use, but shall, after approval, be considered a permitted use.

SECTION 500: RULES OF PROCEDURE

All actions of the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals are governed by their respective Rules of Procedure of the Commission and Board adopted pursuant to IC 36-7-4-401 and IC 36-7-4-916 and Indiana law.

SECTION 501: EXCEPTIONS AND USES

- A. The Board of Zoning Appeals may only consider those applications for Special Exception, Special Use, Contingent Use, or Conditional Use (hereinafter collectively referred to as exceptions and uses) listed in the applicable zoning district for the lot upon which the exception or use is proposed.
- B. A proposed exception or use can only be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals upon an affirmative finding on the following criteria:
 - 1. The proposed exception or use will not be injurious to, or alter the normal and orderly development of, permitted uses of property within the general vicinity;
 - 2. The proposed exception or use is serviced by adequate access roads, ingress and egress points, and traffic flow and control mechanisms;
 - 3. The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the proposed exception or use will not be injurious to the public health, safety, or general welfare; and
 - 4. The proposed exception or use is not inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

SECTION 502: WRITTEN COMMITMENT

- A. The Commission or County Commissioners may require or permit the owner of real property to make a written commitment concerning the use or development of a property when reviewing a proposal to amend the zone maps.
 - 1. If the commitment is required by the Commission, or if the owner of the real property permits the written commitment to be made prior to a recommendation being made by the Commission, the commitment shall be included in the certified recommendation to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners may approve, amend and then approve, or disapprove the recommendation of the Commission. If the recommendation is disapproved, the commitment shall be void.
 - 2. The written commitment shall be:
 - a. prepared by the Commission or County Commissioners;
 - b. signed by the property owner(s) in the manner provided on the approved form of

- commitment;
 - c. signed by the President of the Board of County Commissioners; and
 - d. recorded in the Huntington County Recorder's Office. The commitment shall be recorded prior to the final decision of the Board of Commissioners.
 - 3. A written commitment regarding a proposal to amend the zone maps takes effect upon the final approval of the proposal by the Board of Commissioners.
- B. The terms of a commitment made as a part of a proposal to amend the zone maps can only be modified as follows:
- 1. An application for modification of a commitment may be filed by the owner of the property, which is subject to the commitment. The application shall be signed by the property owner.
 - 2. The Commission shall hold a public hearing on the request after notice is provided in the same manner as in the initial request to those interested parties who were notified of the initial proposal. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission shall make recommendation on the modified commitment to the County Commissioners. The County Commissioners may approve, amend and then approve, or disapprove the recommendation. If the modified commitment is disapproved, the modified commitment shall be void.
 - 3. A written modification is effective upon final approval of all necessary administrative or legislative bodies.
- C. The Commission may require or permit the owner of real property to make a written commitment concerning the use or development of a property when reviewing a proposal for Development Plan approval.
- 1. The commitment shall be:
 - a. prepared by the Commission;
 - b. signed by the property owner(s) in the manner provided on the approved form of commitment;
 - c. signed by the President of the Commission; and
 - d. recorded in the Huntington County Recorder's Office. The commitment shall be recorded prior to the final approval of the Commission.
 - 2. A written commitment made regarding a Development Plan takes effect upon final approval of the Development Plan.
- D. The terms of the commitment made as a part of a proposal for Development Plan approval can only be modified as follows:
- 1. An application for modification of a commitment may be filed by the owner of the property, which is subject to the commitment.
 - 2. The Commission shall hold a public hearing on the request after notice is provided in the same manner as in the initial request to those interested parties who were notified of the initial proposal. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Commission shall approve, amend and then approve, or disapprove the modified commitment. If the modified commitment is disapproved; the modified commitment shall be void.
 - 3. A written modification is effective upon final approval of the Commission.
- E. A commitment made under this Section automatically terminates if:
- 1. the proposal to amend the zone map is not approved by the Board of County Commissioners;
 - 2. the Development Plan is not approved;
 - 3. the zone map applicable to the parcel upon which the commitment is made is changed; or

4. the parcel upon which the commitment is made is designated as a planned unit development district.
- F. A commitment may be enforced by the Director, Commission, or County Commissioners in any manner provided by law or equity.

SECTION 503: CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- A. The Board of Zoning Appeals may impose reasonable conditions as a part of its approval.
- B. The Board of Zoning Appeals, when reviewing a request for a Special Exception or Variance, may permit or require the owner of a parcel of property to make a written commitment concerning the use or development of that parcel. Written commitments shall be prepared and executed in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Board.
- C. The Board of Zoning Appeals may amend or remove a condition of approval only upon an affirmative finding on the following criteria:
1. There has been a change in circumstances regarding the subject property, and/or property within the general vicinity, since the date the condition was placed, that makes the condition no longer appropriate or necessary.
 2. There has been a change in circumstances, since the date the condition was placed, regarding the ordinances, rules, or regulations, as they now apply to the subject property.

SECTION 600: ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONING DISTRICTS

In order to carry out the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, the land under the jurisdiction of the Plan Commission is hereby divided into the following districts:

<u>DISTRICT DESIGNATION</u>	<u>PRIMARILY FOR:</u>
A	Agriculture
SR	Suburban Residential
R-2	Residential Low-Density
R-4	Residential Medium Density
R-8	Residential High Density
R-20	Residential Apartment
RMH	Residential Mobile Home Park
LB	Local Business
GB	General Business
AB	Accommodation Business
CB	Central Business
M-1	Light Manufacturing
M-2	Heavy Manufacturing
M-3	Extractive Manufacturing
AZ	Airport
OS	Open Space

FHA	Flood Hazard Area Overlay
EUD	Exclusive Use Overlay
POD	Professional Office
AHR	Airport Height Restriction Overlay

SECTION 601: OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

The location and boundaries of the zoning districts established by the Zoning Ordinance are set forth on the Official Zoning Map of Town of Markle which accompanies the Zoning Ordinance, and which map, with all notations, references, and other information as shown thereon, is incorporated herein and made a part of the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 602: INTERPRETATION OF THE ZONING MAP

Where, due to the scale, lack of detail or illegibility of the Official Zoning Map, there is any uncertainty, contradiction, or conflict as to the intended location of any zoning district boundary as shown thereon, the following rules of interpretation shall apply:

1. Boundaries indicated, as approximately following the centerlines of streets shall be construed to follow such centerlines.
2. Boundaries indicated, as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines.
3. Boundaries indicated, as approximately following city or town limits shall be construed as following such city or town limits.
4. Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks.
5. Boundaries indicated as following shorelines 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 shoreline.
6. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerlines of streams, rivers, canals, lakes or other bodies of water shall be construed to follow such centerlines.
7. For District boundaries established as strips of zoning along streets, depth from the centerlines from county roads and right-of-way lines for state highways shall be as follows:

Suburban Residential District (SR)	300 feet
Low Density Residential District (R-2)	300 feet
Medium-Low Density Residential District (R-4)	300 feet
Medium Density Residential District (R-8)	150 feet
Local Business District (LB)	150 feet
General Business District (GB)	300 feet
Accommodation Business District (AB)	300 feet

SECTION 603: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

- A. Every application for reclassification of zoning shall include a citizen participation plan which must be implemented and completed prior to the Plan Commission public hearing
- B. For the purpose of this section, interested parties are defined as follows:

1. All persons with a legal interest in a property, or portion of property thereof, removing streets, alleys or other rights-of-way, located within two-hundred (200) feet of the property included in an application before the Plan Commission
 2. The President of any homeowners association or neighborhood association of which the property included in an application before the Plan Commission is included, or is adjacent to, provided the name of the association president is on file in the Department of Community Development
 3. Staff of the Plan Commission
- C. The purpose of the citizen participation plan is to:
1. Ensure the applicants pursue early and effective citizen participation in conjunction with their application, giving interested parties opportunity to understand the application, learn about the reclassification of zoning process, and learn about the specific application request
 2. Ensure that the applicants have an adequate opportunity to resolve any concerns at an early stage in the review process
 3. Facilitate communication between the applicants and interested parties
 4. Provide detailed information to interested parties to allow for informed decision making to occur
- D. The citizen participation plan is not intended to produce complete consensus on all applications, but to encourage applicants to be good neighbors, to respect existing property owners and their interests in the neighborhood, and to allow for informed decision-making.
- E. At a minimum, the citizen participation plan shall include the following:
1. A listing, including name and mailing address, of which interested parties may be affected by the application
 2. How those interested parties will be notified of the application
 3. How those interested parties will be provided an opportunity to discuss the application and express any concerns, issues, or ideas they have regarding the application. At least one meeting between the applicants and interested parties is required.
- F. The citizen participation plan shall be submitted to, and approved by, staff prior to implementation.
- G. The applicant may submit a citizen participation plan prior to submittal of a reclassification of zoning application.
- H. The applicant shall submit a report of the results of the citizen participation efforts. The report shall include:
1. List of those interested parties who participated
 2. Dates and location of all meetings where interested parties were invited to discuss the application
 3. Summary of concerns, issues, comments, suggestions, or ideas presented to the applicants
 4. Summary of how the applicant will address comments provided

5. Summary of those comments provided that the applicant is unwilling or unable to address, and why

SECTION 604: STRUCTURES PROHIBITED WITHIN A DESIGNATED PRIMARY AND/OR SECONDARY ON-SITE SEWAGE SYSTEM

Building permits and Improvement Location Permits will not be issued on any existing parcel in which the lot size is below 3-acres until primary and/or secondary OSS sites have been identified and preserved. Structures, buildings, or driveways shall not be located on a preserved Primary and/or Secondary OSS site. Existing, platted subdivisions are exempt if the Primary Plat approval was given prior to May 24, 2021. The OSS sites shall be identified by an IRSS registered Soil Scientist and mapped by a licensed Surveyor with area size and distances to the property lines

SECTION 700: SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

The development standards set forth in the 700 series of the Zoning Ordinance apply within all zoning districts.

SECTION 701: ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES

- A. Accessory structures are permitted in all zoning districts.
- B. Accessory structures shall adhere to the minimum front yard setback required for principal structures within the applicable zoning district.
- C. Accessory structures shall maintain a minimum side and rear yard setback of five (5) feet. An accessory structure that is one-hundred twenty (120) square feet or less in size, and is not installed or constructed on a permanent foundation, may be installed or constructed within (2) feet of the side or rear property line.
- D. Accessory structures found within an agriculture-zoning district shall maintain a minimum side and rear yard setback of twenty-five (25) feet. An accessory structure that is one hundred twenty (120) square feet or less in size, and is not installed or constructed on a permanent foundation, may be installed or constructed within two (2) feet of the side or rear property line.
- E. Accessory structures shall not be located within seven (7) feet from the intersection of any rights-of-way
- F. Any accessory structure, which is attached to the principal structure, shall maintain the minimum side and rear yard setback required of a principal structure.
- G. Within the R-4, R-8, R-20, or LB Zoning Districts, the total gross floor area of all accessory structures on a lot shall not exceed the total gross floor area of the principal structure on the lot. If no principal structure exists on the lot, the total gross floor area of all accessory structures on a lot shall not exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet.
- H. Any accessory structure, which is attached to the principal structure, shall maintain the minimum side and rear yard setback required of a principal structure.

- I. No accessory structure shall be constructed or erected within a recorded easement without written approval from the easement holder(s).

SECTION 702: FENCES

- A. All fences shall adhere to the following requirements:
 1. All fences and parts thereof shall be constructed or erected within the lot lines.
 2. Privacy fences in excess of three (3) feet in height shall adhere to the minimum front yard setback required for principal structures within the applicable zoning district.
 3. Privacy fences shall not be located within seven (7) feet from the intersection of any rights-of-way.
 4. All fences shall maintain a minimum two (2) foot setback from the improved portion of any alley and shall be located within the lot line.
- B. Within the R-2, R-4, R-8, R-20, LB, GB, AB, CB, and POD zoning district, all fences shall adhere to the following additional requirements:
 1. No fences shall be constructed of or be equipped with spikes, electrically charged material, or any similar device.
 2. No fence shall be equipped with barbed wire.
 3. No fence shall exceed eight (8) feet in height.

SECTION 703: SWIMMING POOLS

- A. Swimming pools shall adhere to the requirements of Section 701 of the Zoning Ordinance.
- B. Access to swimming pools shall be restricted as required by 675 IAC 20-4-27, as amended.

SECTION 704: DECKS

- A. All decks and parts thereof shall adhere to the minimum front, side, and rear yard setback requirement, established for a principal structure, within the applicable zoning district, with the following exception:

SECTION 705: PARKING

- A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to the following improvements:
 1. Construction of any new principal structure
 2. Construction of any addition to a principal structure
 3. Construction or expansion of a parking area
 4. Change of use
- B. Parking areas shall be maintained and continued as a component of use on the same lot or an adjacent lot as the principal use.
- C. No parking space required for a principal use shall be utilized or included as satisfying the requirements for another principal use.

- D. When more than one (1) use occupies a building, the total number of required parking spaces shall be the sum of all uses.
- E. When the calculation of the required number of parking spaces is based upon the number of seats, an area of twenty-four (24) inches of space on a bench, pew, or similar seating facility shall be considered to be one (1) seat.
- F. When the calculation of the required number of parking spaces results in a fractional number, a fraction of one-half (1/2) or greater shall require one (1) additional parking space.
- G. Required parking areas shall not be reduced in area or changed to any other use unless the principal use which it serves is discontinued or modified; except, where equivalent parking spaces are provided.
- H. Parking space requirements for uses not identified in this Section shall be established by the Director by reasonably applying the parking space requirements of a similar use to the intended use.
- I. All parking areas shall be constructed with a hard surface utilizing concrete or asphalt with the following exceptions:
 - 1. Within the M-1 district, driveways and parking areas for permitted uses may be maintained in a stoned surface.
 - 2. Within the A, SR, and R-2 districts, driveways and parking areas for permitted uses may be maintained in a stoned surface.
 - 3. Within the M-2 and M-3 district, parking areas may be maintained in a stoned surface.
- J. Parking areas shall be continually maintained in satisfactory condition so as to be free of any hazard, nuisance, and accumulation of debris or other unsafe condition.
- K. Handicapped parking spaces shall be provided as required by the Indiana Handicapped Accessibility Code.
- L. Access directly from a street into a parking space shall only be permitted for a single family or two-family residence.
- M. Each parking space shall be accessible without having to drive over any other parking space, except for single family or two-family residences.
- N. Loading areas shall be located and designed so that the vehicles intended to use them can maneuver safely and conveniently to and from the street without blocking or interfering with the traffic flow on the street or within the parking area.
- O. Safe and direct pedestrian access shall be provided between a building and its required parking area.
- P. Parking areas shall be designed to provide internal circulation so that each parking space within a parking area is accessible to all other parking spaces without utilizing a street.

- Q. Parking areas shall be designed so that public safety vehicles can serve the parking area and building(s) on the lot without having to make hazardous or difficult turning movements.
- R. Parking areas shall be designed so as not to interfere with traffic circulation or queuing movements.
- S. No required parking space shall be located within a right-of-way.
- T. Lighting of parking areas shall be arranged so that no source of lighting is directed toward any adjoining property or street.
- U. Striping shall be utilized on parking areas to demarcate the location of parking spaces.
- V. The minimum size of any parking space shall be nine (9) feet in width by eighteen (18) feet in depth.
- W. Drive-thru establishments shall adhere to the following additional requirements:
1. Each queuing lane shall be clearly designed and marked so as not to conflict or interfere with internal circulation or ingress or egress from the site.
 2. If a one-way traffic flow pattern is provided for the parking area, a twelve (12) foot wide bypass lane shall be provided.
 3. Each queuing space shall be a minimum of nine (9) feet by eighteen (18) feet.
 4. The minimum number of queuing spaces, including the vehicle being served, shall be provided as follows:

<u>USE</u>	<u>SPACES REQUIRED</u>
Financial Institution	4
Restaurant (before menu board)	4
Car Wash/Oil Change Facility	3

- X. The minimum parking aisle width shall be as follows:

<u>ANGLE OF PARKING</u>	<u>AISLE WIDTH</u>	
	<u>ONE – WAY</u>	<u>TWO-WAY</u>
Parallel	12	24
45	14	24
60	16	24
90	24	24

- Y. The following parking spaces shall be provided for the uses indicated:
1. Dwelling unit - Two (2) spaces per unit
 2. House of Worship - One (1) space per every three (3) seats. If no fixed seating is provided, one (1) space per every twenty-five (25) square feet of floor area within the main auditorium
 3. Club, lodge, community center - One (1) space per every one hundred (100) square

feet of gross floor area

4. Elementary schools – One (1) space per classroom plus one (1) space per 200 square feet of office space; or one (1) space per 200 square feet of office space; or one (1) space per four (4) seats in auditorium and /or gymnasium area plus one space per two hundred (200) square feet of office space, whichever is greatest.
5. Middle Schools-One (1) space per classroom, plus one (1) space per two hundred (200) square feet of office space, plus one (1) space per four (4) seats in auditorium and/ or gymnasium area.
6. High School – One (1) space per six (6) students based on maximum enrollment, plus one (1) space per two hundred (200) square feet of office space, plus one space per four (4) seats in the auditorium and /or gymnasium area.
7. Child care center - One (1) space per every two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area, plus two (2) drop off zone spaces
8. Nursing Home - One (1) space per every three (3) patient beds
9. Funeral Home - One (1) space per every four (4) seats in the chapel area, plus one (1) space per every one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area
10. Vocational or trade school - One (1) space per every one hundred (100) square feet of gross floor area
11. Library - One (1) space per every three hundred (300) square feet of gross floor area
12. Hospital - Two (2) spaces per patient bed
13. Convenience Store - One (1) space per every one hundred eighty (180) square feet of gross floor area
14. Restaurant/bar - One (1) space per every sixty (60) square feet of gross floor area
15. Motel/Hotel - One and one-fourth (1 1/4) spaces per guest room. Ancillary uses shall have parking provided in accordance with the requirements for the specific use
16. Movie Theaters - One (1) space per every three (3) seats
17. Motor Vehicle dealers’ - One (1) space per every two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area devoted to offices, display area and customer service area, plus one (1) space per every one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area devoted to vehicle servicing and repair, body shop, parts, and similar uses
18. Manufacturing - One (1) space per every one thousand (1,000) square feet of gross floor area
19. Golf Course-30 spaces per nine holes.
20. Miniature Golf –1.5 spaces per hole
21. Swimming Pools-One (1) space per four (4) persons based on maximum design capacity.
22. Racetrack-One (1) space per four sitting spaces
23. Amusement Park-One (1) square foot of parking area for every one (1) square foot of activity area.
24. Shooting Range- Two (2) spaces per shooting station, plus one (1) space per every 200 square feet of clubhouse/office area.
25. The following uses shall provide one (1) space per every two hundred (200) square feet of gross floor area:
 - a. Service establishments, including beauty shops, shoe repair, laundromats, and appliance repair
 - b. Retail store
 - c. Bakery
 - d. Business office
 - e. Financial office
 - f. Real Estate office

- g. Insurance office
 - h. Medical and Dental office
 - i. Travel office
 - j. Florist
 - k. Auto repair establishment
26. Warehouse/Storage Units: One (1) space for every 50-storage units and one (1) space for every 300-square feet of office space. Any other warehouse use will follow the parking requirements for manufacturing.
- Z. Certificate of Occupancy
- 1. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for a building until a final inspection of the parking area has been performed and all parking requirements have been met.
 - 2. Should circumstances prevent the completion of the parking area prior to the time a Certificate of Occupancy is requested; the Director may authorize an extension of time to complete the parking area and allow a temporary Certificate of Occupancy to be issued conditioned upon the completion of the parking area.
- AA. Additional Requirements:
- All commercial, industrial, and institutional uses shall be required to designate areas as being "handicapped" for review by the Development Plan Review Board.

SECTION 706: LANDSCAPING

- A. The provisions of this Section shall apply to all improvements, which require Development Plan approval by the Commission.
- B. A landscape plan shall be submitted at the time the development plan is submitted. The landscape plan shall include the following:
- 1. The location and delineation of existing trees (12" in diameter or larger) and information as to which trees will be removed. Existing woods may be indicated as such on the plan.
 - 2. The location of required landscaping areas, including required trees.
 - 3. Notation on type and size of required trees and type of ground cover to be utilized.
- C. At least ten (10) percent of the area devoted to ground floor area of the building(s) and to parking or other vehicular use shall be landscaped.
- 1. Each separate landscaped area shall contain a minimum of fifty (50) square feet of planting area, with a minimum dimension of seven (7) feet.
 - 2. Buffering from residential districts and uses:
 - a. A landscaped buffer with a minimum width of ten (10) feet shall be provided adjacent to any SR, R-2, R-4, R-8, or R-20 zoning district.
 - b. A six (6) foot high privacy fence, masonry wall and/or living evergreen hedge with a minimum height of thirty (30) inches (measured from finished grade) immediately upon planting and spaced at a maximum of twenty-four (24) inches on center, shall be placed within the landscaped buffer to screen the view from residential properties.
 - 3. A landscaped buffer with a minimum width of seven (7) feet shall be provided parallel to all streets.

4. All required landscaped areas shall maintain living landscaping.
- D. One (1) tree shall be planted for each seven hundred (700) square feet of required landscaped area. Trees shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet in height, with a minimum trunk diameter of two (2) inches at a point, which is at least four (4) feet above, finished grade immediately after planting.
1. Credit may be granted against the provisions of this section for the preservation of existing trees provided that the following criteria are met:
 - a. A protective barrier shall be provided around the tree(s).
 - b. The protective barrier shall be installed and maintained for the period of time beginning with the commencement of any development and ending with the completion of any development.
 - c. The protective barrier shall be located outside of the drip line of the tree(s).
 - d. During the development of the site, no excess soil, additional fill, equipment, liquids, construction debris or material foreign to the preservation area shall be located within the protective barrier.
 2. Each tree preserved shall be credited against one (1) required tree.
 3. Should the provisions of Section 706 (D)(1) regarding protective barriers not be adhered to, a replacement tree(s) shall be planted prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- E. No required landscaping, except ground cover, shall be planted within any dedicated easement without submitting a written consent form from the appropriate utility or easement holder authorizing the planting of landscaping within the easement.
- F. All landscaping within the sight visibility triangle areas described below shall provide unobstructed cross visibility at a level between two and one-half (2 1/2) feet and eight (8) feet. The triangle areas referred to are:
1. The area of property located at a corner formed by the intersection of two (2) streets with two (2) sides of the triangular area being a minimum of thirty (30) feet in length along the abutting street right-of-ways measured from their point of intersection; and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) lines.
 2. The area of property located at a corner formed by the intersection of an alley and a street, with one (1) side of the triangular area being thirty (30) feet in length along the street right-of-way line measured from the alley right-of-way and one (1) side of the triangle being fifteen (15) feet along the alley measured from the street right-of-way line; and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) sides.
- G. Curbing or wheel stops shall be provided in each parking space, which is abutting a required landscaped area.
- H. The required amount of landscaping, including trees, shall be maintained on the lot at all times. Landscaping which is required shall remain living. If required landscaping should perish, it shall be replaced within thirty (30) days after notice is provided from the Department.
- I. Certificate of Occupancy
1. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued for a building or structure until a final inspection of the landscaping has been performed and all landscaping requirement have been met.

2. Should circumstances prevent the planting of required landscaping prior to the time a Certificate of Occupancy is requested, the Director may authorize an extension of time to complete the landscaping and allow a temporary Certificate of Occupancy to be issued conditioned upon the completion of the landscaping.

SECTION 707: SIGNS

- A. All signs or other advertising structures shall be constructed and maintained in conformance with this section, the Building Code, and all other applicable codes and ordinances, except any sign placed upon a water tower or similar structure owned by the Town of Markle, Indiana shall be exempt from regulation under this Zoning Ordinance, subject only to the written approval of the Town of Markle by and through its Town Council.
- B. In determining the copy area of a sign, the entire face of the sign, including the advertising surface of any framing, trim or molding, shall be included. Should the sign structure or supports become part of the sign due to the design of the structure or supports in relation to the sign, such structure or supports shall be included in the determination of copy area.
- C. In the instance where a sign is composed of letters only with no connection by the advertising structure between the letters, the copy area shall be determined by measuring the distance from the outside edges of the outside letters and from the top of the highest letter to the bottom of the lowest letter.
- D. The minimum clearance of a sign shall be based upon the lowest point of the sign and the established grade at the sign.
- E. The utilization of natural berming, in order to increase the height of a pedestal sign, is permitted so long as such berming does not exceed two (2) feet in height above the grade at the sign and the overall height of the sign, measured from the top of the berm, does not exceed the maximum height permitted for a pedestal sign in the applicable zoning district.
- F. Except as provided in Section 707 (G), no person shall erect, install, place, relocate, or alter any sign or advertising structure without first obtaining a sign permit from the Department.
- G. The following signs and advertising structures may be erected without a permit, subject, however to all requirements of the zoning district in which they are located and all other applicable requirements:
 1. Awning
 2. Banner
 3. Bulletin Board
 4. Construction
 5. Home Occupation
 6. Incidental
 7. Political
 8. Real Estate
 9. Tenant
 10. Window
- H. Applications for sign permits shall be submitted to the Department in accordance with Section 302

and contain the following information:

1. For a free-standing sign, a site plan of the lot indicating the location of the proposed sign, location of any existing free-standing signs, location of any building(s) on the lot, and dimensions of the proposed sign including the supporting structure.
 2. For a building sign, a building elevation which indicates the location of the sign upon the building. The building elevation shall include the width of the building or tenant space for the business for which the sign is advertising. A photograph will suffice for the drawing provided the building width information is provided. The exact size of the proposed sign shall be provided, as well as the size of all existing building signs.
- I. Sign permits shall be reviewed and issued in accordance with Section 303.
- J. No sign or advertising structure where the bottom of the sign is less than eight (8) feet above grade shall be placed, erected, or maintained upon a lot in any sight visibility triangle area as described below:
1. The area of property located at a corner formed by the intersection of two (2) streets with two (2) sides of the triangular area being a minimum of thirty (30) feet in length along the abutting streets, measured from their point of intersection, and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) sides.
 2. The area of property located at a corner formed by the intersection of an alley and a street, with one (1) side of the triangular area being thirty (30) feet in length along the street right-of-way line measured from the alley right-of-way and one (1) side of the triangle being fifteen (15) feet along the alley measured from the street right-of-way line, and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) sides.
- K. In the instance where a variance of use is approved, the signage requirements may be established by the Board as a condition of approval. If no signage requirements are established by the Board, the requirements established within the district where the use is located shall apply.
- L. It shall be a violation of this Section to erect, install, place, or maintain the following signs or advertising structures:
1. Any sign or advertising structure which is not specifically permitted under the applicable zoning district.
 2. Any sign or advertising structure, which constitutes a traffic hazard or is a detriment to traffic safety by reason of its size, location, movement, or method of illumination, or by obstructing the vision of drivers, or signs that obstruct or detract from the visibility of traffic-control devices or emergency vehicles. The use of flashing lights or revolving lights is prohibited in any sign as constituting a hazard to traffic.
 3. Any sign or advertising structure (other than those erected by a governmental agency or required to be erected by a governmental agency for a public purpose) erected, installed, or placed on the right-of-way of any street except as specifically permitted by this section.
 4. Any sign or advertising structure erected on county, town, or other governmental property other than signs erected by the governmental entity for public purposes.
 5. Any sign or advertising structure which is erected, installed, or maintained that obstructs any fire escape, required exit, window or door opening intended as a means of ingress or egress.
 6. Any sign or advertising structure which is erected, installed or maintained upon the rear of a building, however, with the exception of allowing a tenant to identify the business name and/or address on a rear exit door with no greater than six (6) inch non-illuminated letters painted, printed, or attached to the face of the rear door and covering no greater than twenty

(20) percent of that door. The rear of a building is that side of a building opposite from the principal or main entrance to a building.

7. Abandoned sign, provided the sign has been abandoned for a minimum of one hundred twenty (120) days.
8. Illegal sign
9. Any sign not specifically or by reasonable implication permitted herein.

M. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with the applicable zoning district regulations.

1. Awning sign:
 - Maximum square footage is that established for building signs in the applicable district
2. Banner sign:
 - a. Maximum of two (2) signs per lot
 - b. Limited to a thirty (30) day time period, with a minimum of sixty (60) days before a banner sign is re-installed
3. Bulletin board sign:
 - a. Maximum of one (1) sign per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - twelve (12) square feet
 - c. Maximum height - six (6) feet
 - d. Minimum setback from street – (10) feet
4. Construction sign:
 - a. Maximum of one (1) sign per lot
 - b. Minimum setback from street - ten (10) feet
 - c. In residential zoning districts, maximum copy area is thirty-two (32) square feet and maximum height allowed is eight (8) feet
 - d. In all other zoning districts, maximum copy area is fifty (50) square feet and maximum height allowed is ten (10) feet
5. Incidental sign:
 - Maximum copy - area sum of all signs shall not exceed twelve (12) square feet
6. Political sign:
 - a. In residential zoning districts, maximum copy area is sixteen (16) square feet
 - b. In all other zoning districts, maximum copy area is sixty-four (64) square feet
 - c. Sign shall be removed within ten (10) days following the election. A sign identifying a winning candidate in a primary election may remain until ten (10) days following the general election.
7. Portable sign:
 - a. Maximum of one (1) per lot
 - b. Minimum setback from street - five (5) feet
8. Projecting sign:
 - Maximum square footage is that established for building signs in the applicable district
9. Real Estate sign:
 - a. Maximum of two (2) signs per lot
 - b. In residential zoning districts, maximum copy area is eight (8) square feet.
 - c. In all other zoning districts, maximum copy area is thirty-two (32) square feet
10. Roof sign:
 - a. Maximum square footage is that established for building signs in the applicable district
11. Tenant sign:
 - a. Maximum of two (2) signs per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - thirty-two (32) square feet

- c. Minimum setback from street - ten (10) feet
- 12. Window sign
 - a. Maximum coverage of window area is fifty (50) percent

SECTION 708: BUILDING HEIGHT

1. Within the SR, R-2, R-4, R-8, R-20, RMH, LB, GB, AB, CB, AZ, EUD, OS, and POD zoning districts, no building or structure shall exceed a height of thirty-five (35) feet.
2. The maximum height limitation shall not apply to church spires; flagpoles; antennas; chimneys; and water tanks. However, such features shall not exceed a height of one hundred fifty (150) feet and shall comply with Section 994.

SECTION 709: BUILDING WIDTH

1. The minimum width of a building or structure utilized as a dwelling unit(s) shall be twenty-three (23) feet.
2. Width shall be measured for all sides of a building or structure.
3. Width shall be measured from the outside edge of exterior walls.

SECTION 710: PROJECTIONS INTO SETBACK AREA

No portion of a building or structure shall extend or project into any required front, side, or rear yard setback area with the following exceptions:

1. Roof overhang not exceeding twenty-four (24) inches.
2. Window awning
3. Air Conditioner/heat pump

SECTION 711: CORNER LOTS

Corner lots shall provide the required front yard setback area along both streets and provide the required side yard setback area along the remaining lot lines.

SECTION 712: AVERAGE BUILDING SETBACK

1. In any zoning district the minimum depth of a front yard setback may be the average of the front yard setback of existing conforming and non-conforming structures. The existing conforming and non-conforming structures shall be located on the same side of the street and between the two (2) closest intersecting streets.
2. The maximum distance from the subject property for measuring existing structures shall be two thousand six hundred forty (2,640) feet.

SECTION 713: TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND USES

- A. The following uses are identified as temporary uses:
 1. Fireworks sales

2. Christmas tree sales
3. Flower sales
4. Fruit stands
5. Product sales promotion
6. Food vendor
7. Fair or carnival
8. Other uses similar and temporary in nature

B. Temporary uses are permitted as follows:

1. Use shall not be maintained on the same lot for more than sixty (60) days within any one (1) calendar year.
2. Use shall not obstruct a right-of-way, sidewalk, or required vehicular parking area.
3. One (1) free-standing sign not exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet is permitted.
4. Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with Section 705(Y).

C. The following structures are identified as temporary structures:

1. Construction office trailer
2. Structure used in conjunction with a temporary use
3. Other structures similar and temporary in nature

D. Temporary structures are permitted as follows:

1. Structure shall not be maintained on the same lot for more than one-hundred eighty (180) days
2. Structure shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet from the street right-of-way line
3. Structure shall not obstruct a required vehicular parking area.
4. Written approval shall be obtained from the Director prior to constructing, erecting, or locating a structure on a lot.

E. Two homes on one lot temporarily for construction of a new home

1. Completion of a new home must occur within one (1) year from the date of issuance of a building permit, which may be renewable for an additional six (6) months if an undue hardship can be illustrated;
1. Once the new home is completed, the old home must be removed within sixty (60) days from New home completion;
2. No final Certificate of Occupancy will be given until the old home has been removed from the subject property.

SECTION 714: SHIPPING CONTAINERS, SEMI-TRACTOR TRAILERS AND OTHER NON-CONVENTIONAL STRUCTURES

Shipping containers, semi-tractor trailers and other similar, non-conventional storage structures are prohibited in all zoning districts other than A (Agricultural), OS (Open Space), M-1 (Light Manufacturing), M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing), and M-3 (Extractive Manufacturing).

Within the A (Agricultural), OS (Open Space), M-1 (Light Manufacturing), M-2 (Heavy Manufacturing), and M-3 (Extractive Manufacturing) Zoning Districts, shipping containers and semi-tractor trailers are allowed as storage structures but shall be maintained in good repair without any rust, holes or worn paint, etc. If a

property is zoned Manufacturing and is adjacent to properties being used as residential, the storage structure shall be concealed with an 8' tall privacy fence along the side facing the residential use. If a property is zoned A, OS, M-1, M-2, or M-3, but is being used for a residential purpose, rather than manufacturing purposes, such structures are prohibited unless privacy fencing or siding is installed meeting the requirements stated above.

SECTION 715: NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES ALLOWED PER LOT

No more than two (2) principal structures are allowed per lot. The second dwelling shall either be a mobile home (if the mobile home receives a Special Exception), apartment located within an accessory structure, or a similar structure approved by the Executive Director. A traditional, stick-built home shall not be allowed as a second dwelling. If there is a second, approved dwelling, neither home shall be used as a rental.

SECTION 717: WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TOWERS

A. Purpose:

This ordinance establishes needed criteria for the location of wireless telecommunication facilities throughout Huntington County.

B. Applicability:

This ordinance applies to wireless telecommunication facilities covered under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and which require Special Exception approval. It does not apply to personal television antennas, ham radio or short wave radio antennas, or other communication equipment accessory to residential uses.

C. Goals:

1. Furnish guidance to wireless telecommunication service providers when looking for a transmission facility site within Huntington County.
2. Demonstrate that maintaining a high community quality of life is of prime importance when determining the appropriateness of a particular location.

D. Location Preferences:

1. Locating on existing structures is preferred to construction standalone towers, even if the alternative site is considered to be less advantageous to the service provider.
2. If co-location is not possible, then any new towers that are constructed need to be constructed in a manner to allow for co-location to occur.
3. Proposed tower location may be changed by the Board of Zoning Appeals if the change benefits neighbors, reduces visual clutter, decreases aesthetic blight, and does not interfere with the navigable airspace.
4. If necessary for making an informed decision, additional technical information may be requested by the Board of Zoning Appeals from a consulting engineer or other specialist.

E. Permitted Uses:

The following tower types are permitted in all districts without the requirement of a Special Exception from the Town of Markle Board Of Zoning Appeals:

1. Television or radio antenna/antennae located on the roof, or adjacent to, a home or Order structure that uses said antenna/antennae as a means to provide radio and/or Television reception to the structures located on the property. These towers stand no taller than sixty (60) feet from the ground or extend beyond a roofline by twenty-five (25) feet, whichever is

greater.

2. Towers attached to, or adjacent to, commercial/industrial structures with the purpose of receiving transmissions associated with site operation. These towers stand no taller than sixty (60) feet from the ground or extend beyond a roofline by twenty-five (25) feet, whichever is greater.

F. Uses Allowed Only by Special Exception:

Wireless communication towers are only permitted within non-residential zoning Classifications with the approval of a Special Exception by the Town of Markle Board of Zoning Appeals. These towers are classified as being all towers not mentioned in the Permitted Uses section of this ordinance.

G. Site Plan Requirements:

A site plan must be submitted with the Special Exception application showing all structures to be placed on subject site. The site plan must also show the ingress/egress point for the property as well as the screening mechanism for safety purposes.

There also needs to be an illustration that shows all wireless communication towers within a ten (10) mile radius of existing towers. The Department of Community Development should be able to provide information with sites that have been given recent approval but not yet built to the petitioner.

H. Height and Area Requirements:

- a. Lot Size- Not applicable since most facilities rent the land from a larger tract of ground.
- b. Height-The FAA and the Huntington Airport Authority must approve height of towers.
- c. Setbacks-Setbacks must meet the minimum building requirements for that specific district. Setbacks are measured to the nearest portion of structure (pole or guyed wires) to property lines.

I. General Requirements:

1. New towers shall be constructed in a manner as to allow for the availability of co-location.
2. Prior to hearing a request before the Huntington Board of Zoning Appeals for construction of any new towers, a written letter from the Huntington Board of Aviation has to be on record stating that this site will not interfere with navigable airspace.
 - a. No lights shall be mounted on the proposed tower unless otherwise required by the
 - b. Towers may not be used to exhibit any signage or other advertising.
 - c. No proposed wireless telecommunication site shall be designed, located or operated as to interfere with existing or proposed public safety communications.
 - d. The design of all wireless telecommunication sites shall comply with the standards promulgated by the FCC for non-ionizing electromagnetic emissions.
 - e. All utilities proposed to serve a wireless telecommunication site shall be installed underground unless otherwise approved by the Commission.
 - f. The design of all wireless telecommunication sites shall comply with the requirements from INDOT with regards to tall structures.

J. Factors that the Board of Zoning Appeals will consider when hearing a Special Exception:

While the Telecommunications Act of 1996 does not limit or affect the authority of local governments over decisions regarding the placement of personal wireless placement, it does have specific limitations on regulatory actions of the local government when dealing with personal wireless services.

1. Cannot prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless Services;
2. Cannot discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services (i.e. do the services created different visual, aesthetic, or safety concerns?)
3. Must act on any reasonable request to place, construct, or modify personal wireless services within a reasonable period of time after a request is made;
4. Must reduce to writing any decision to deny a personal wireless facility, and such decision must be supported by substantial evidence contained in the record of the proceedings; and
5. Cannot regulate personal wireless facilities on the basis of environmental effects of Radio frequency emissions if those emissions comply with FCC guidelines.

K. Abandonment:

The service facility owner shall remove a wireless telecommunication site not in use for twelve (12) consecutive months. This removal shall occur within 90 days of the end of such 12- month period. Upon removal the site shall be restored to its previous appearance and where appropriate revegetated to blend with the surrounding area. An appropriate Bond shall be submitted as surety.

L. Expiration of Permit:

The approval of an application for Special Exception shall be void and of no effect unless construction of the project commences within one year and is completed within two year from the date of the approval granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals. For purposes of this regulation the term start of construction shall be defined as the installation of a permanent building foundation. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant up to two six-month extensions of the period to start construction upon written request by the applicant. The Board of Zoning Appeal shall not approve an extension unless the development plan is brought into conformance with any relevant zoning regulations, which have been amended subsequent to the original approval and unless the applicant provides adequate evidence that construction is able to begin within the extended time period sought. This evidence shall include, but not be limited to, the acquisition of any or all required government approvals and project financing. Any appeals of such Special Exception, site plan, or subdivision approval shall extend the aforementioned one-year period the length of such appeal. The Board of Zoning Appeals ay as conditions of approval of a Special Exception establish a time period such Special Exception shall remain in effect.

SECTION 730: SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM (SES) ORDINANCE

A. Purpose and Intent

1. The purposes of this ordinance are:
 - a. to ensure that the development and production of solar-generated electricity in Huntington County is safe and effective;
 - b. to support and facilitate economic opportunities for local residents that are consistent with public health, safety, and general welfare; and
 - c. to promote the effective and efficient use of solar energy production
2. The intent of this ordinance is:
It is the intent of the Solar Energy System (SES) ordinance to provide the basic siting regulations to properly allow commercial and utility SES placement throughout Huntington County. Siting is subject to reasonable restrictions. These regulations are intended to preserve the health and safety of the citizens of Huntington County, Indiana.

B. Applicability

The provisions of this ordinance are applicable to those zoning districts that allow Solar Energy Systems (SES's) as permitted uses or as uses requiring Board of Zoning Appeals approval and governs the siting of SES's that generate more than 20 kW of electricity. All Solar Energy Systems (SES's) will require Development Plan approval regardless of zoning district.

C. Compliance Required

No applicant shall construct, operate, locate, or enlarge a Solar Energy System (SES) within Huntington County without first obtaining Development Plan approval and must fully comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

D. Conflict with Other Ordinances

Nothing in this ordinance shall preempt other applicable state and federal laws or regulations. This ordinance and the regulations contained within shall not interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other ordinance, rule or regulation, statute, or other provision of law. In the event that any provision of the regulations contained within this ordinance impose restrictions different from any other ordinance, rule of regulation, statute or other provision of law, then the provisions that are more restrictive and/or impose a higher standard shall govern SES's.

E. Severability Clause:

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

F. Approval Agency

The Development Plan Committee shall review any SES Plan or its modification.

G. Setbacks

1. A SES facility shall be at least two hundred (200) feet from a non-participating, pre-existing dwelling.
2. A SES facility shall meet the minimum setback standards of the applicable zoning district with no component of the SES facility being less than twenty-five (25) feet from the side and rear property lines.
3. Any pieces of equipment (such as inverters) that create a potentially objectionable sound level during normal operation shall meet the following setback to a non-participating, pre-existing dwelling.
4. Setback requirements exclude driveways, perimeter fencing, visual buffers, poles, and wires necessary to connect the facility to an electric utility or between properties.

H. Height Restrictions

No part of a solar panel or other equipment associated with the SES facility shall be over twelve (12) feet tall as measured from the average ground level directly below the panel to the top of each panel at its maximum tilt in the vertical position.

I. Maximum Vibrations

Any item that could create vibrations as part of a SES facility shall be located centrally within the SES facility to reduce any potential impacts on non-participating properties.

J. Interference with Reception

A SES facility shall be constructed and operated so that it does not interfere with television, microwave, GPS, military defense radar, navigational or radio reception to neighboring areas.

K. Glare

A SES facility at no time shall create glare on any non-participating property line or right-of-way.

L. Equipment

All components of the SES facility shall be new, commercially available equipment. Used,

experimental, or proto-type equipment still in testing shall require a waiver approved by the Development Plan Committee.

M. Fencing

Any substation shall be completely enclosed with perimeter fencing and locked gates that are at least six (6) feet in height.

N. Emergency Contact Signage

A standard metal road sign shall include the owner's name, facility's name, emergency contact phone number and the physical site address and shall be posted at the entrance to the facility. The sign shall be posted just outside of the public road right-of-way.

O. Appearance

A SES facility, including all accessory buildings, shall, to the extent possible, use materials and colors that will blend them into the surrounding built environment.

P. Waste Management

All solid waste whether generated from supplies, equipment, parts, packaging, operation, or maintenance of the facility (including old parts and equipment) shall be removed from the site in a timely manner consistent with industry standards. All hazardous waste generated by the operation and maintenance of the facility, including but not limited to, lubricating materials, cleaning materials, or such shall be handled in a manner consistent with all local, state, and federal rules and regulations and shall not be allowed to seep into the ground or come in contact with any open water.

Q. Visual Buffer

The need for a visual buffer (from non-participating, pre-existing residences) shall be determined by the Development Plan Committee. If the Development Plan Committee determines a buffer is needed, the Committee will determine the species of plantings and required height.

R. Electric Wires

The electric collection system shall be located underground, except for transformers, inverters, substations, and controls. The collection system is required to be above ground if it is located in a public right-of-way or county drainage easement (Drainage Board approval required). The transmission system shall be located above ground. All electrical components of the SES facility shall conform to applicable local, state, and federal electrical code requirements.

S. Rapid Disconnect

PV systems mounted to the roof or within a building shall be supplied with a rapid disconnect to ensure a safe condition for firefighters.

T. Drainage Infrastructure

All damages including, but not limited to, waterways, drainage ditches, field tiles, and/or any other infrastructures caused by the construction or maintenance of the SES facility, must be completely repaired to original or better condition, and so as not to impede the flow of water. All repairs must be completed in a reasonable amount of time as agreed upon between the county and the applicant, owner and/or operator.

U. Liability Insurance

The owner or operator of the SES facility shall maintain a current general liability policy covering bodily injury and property damage and name Huntington County as an additional insured with limits of at least two million dollars per occurrence and five million dollars in aggregate with a deductible of no more than five thousand dollars.

V. Development Plan Approval

The following items must be agreed upon by the Development Plan Committee:

1. Road Usage/Repair agreement
2. Decommissioning agreement
3. Traffic Management Plan
4. Storm Water Control Calculations
5. Visual Buffer (detailed plans)
6. Erosion Control plan
7. Site Plan (setbacks, layout and safety requirements)
8. Panel Placement (to avoid glare at non-participating, pre-existing residences and ROW's)
9. Contact Information (owner/operator agrees to notify DCD if ownership changes or operator information changes)

W. Public Notice Requirement

Public notice shall be sent to all property owners within a 200-foot radius from all points of the participating property if BZA approval is required.

Definitions

PARTICIPATING PROPERTY: A property in which land is leased (by a signed contract) by the SES owner in order to facilitate the SES development.

KILOWATT (kW): A unit of electrical power equal to 1,000 watts.

MEGAWATT (MW): A unit of electrical power equal to 1,000,000 watts or 1,000 kW.

SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, LARGE: Any free-standing solar array or solar arrays that have a combined nameplate power rated capacity of more than 10 MW (megawatts) of peak generating capacity.

SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, MEDIUM: Any free-standing solar array or solar arrays that have a combined nameplate power rated capacity of greater than 20 kW or less than or equal to 10 MW (megawatts) of peak generating capacity.

SECTION 800: MANUFACTURED HOUSING

- A. It is the intent of this Section to allow manufactured housing in certain districts provided the development standards of the applicable district and this Section are complied with.
- B. 1. A manufactured home, which complies with the following development standards is permitted on a lot the same as a site-built dwelling unit:
- a. Constructed after June 15, 1976
 - b. Placed onto a permanent foundation in conformance with the Indiana One and Two Family Dwelling Code
 - c. Siding consisting of at least one of the following materials is utilized:
 1. Aluminum
 2. Vinyl
 3. Wood
 4. Stucco
 5. Brick
 6. Stone

- d. Has a roof with a minimum pitch of two in twelve, consisting of at least one of the following materials:
 - 1. Asphalt
 - 2. Tile
 - 3. Slate
 - 4. Wood Shake
 - e. Ground floor area, which meets or exceeds the minimum standard established within the applicable district.
 - f. Building width in compliance with Section 709.
 - 2. Dwelling units meeting the above development standards are classified as Manufactured Homes Type I
- C. Special Exception Approvals:
 - 1. A manufactured home not meeting the requirements of subsection (B) above, and a mobile home, which complies with the following development standards, is permitted on a lot only upon Special Exception approval:
 - a. All wheels, axles, and hitch mechanisms shall be removed.
 - b. A permanent foundation, skirting, or opaque perimeter enclosure shall be provided.
 - c. Dwelling shall be anchored to the ground in compliance with the Indiana One and Two Family Dwelling Code.
 - 2. These dwelling units are classified as a Manufactured Home Type II and are permitted uses in the RMH district and permitted as a Special Exception on a lot in the A, SR, R-2, R-4, and R-8 districts.
- D. No mobile home or manufactured home, whether occupied or vacant, shall be stored, maintained, or parked on a lot without approval from the Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with the standards of the applicable district.

SECTION 901: AGRICULTURAL (A) DISTRICT

- A.
 - 1. The Agricultural district is intended to protect and maintain the agricultural lands utilized for farming and livestock purposes. It is the intent of this Section to preserve agricultural lands and to discourage reclassification of zoning to non-agricultural use without a clear showing of proven need in the public interest and a clear showing of conformity with the comprehensive plan.
 - 2. Indiana Code 34-1-52-4 (State Right to Farm Law) is hereby incorporated by reference.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Dwelling, Single-Family
 - 2. Livestock Operation, minor or intensive
 - 3. Farm
 - 4. Commercial Forestry Production
 - 5. Fish hatchery
 - 1. Manufactured Home Type I
 - 2. Home Occupation Type I
 - 3. Park
 - 4. Plant nursery
 - 5. Kennel
 - 6. Child care home
 - 7. Day care home
 - 8. Solar Energy System (SES)
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. House of Worship
 - 2. Nursing Home
 - 3. Cemetery
 - 4. Funeral Home
 - 5. Utility service structure, station or yard (excludes Solar Energy Systems)
 - 6. Communication Tower

7. Group Home
8. Commercial Recreation Area
9. School
10. Manufactured Home Type II
11. Home Occupation Type II
12. Public Safety Facilities
13. Planned Unit Development
14. Child caring institution
15. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
 - a. Seventy-Five (75) feet from the centerline of all county streets
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of state and federal streets
2. Side Yard Setback

Twenty-five (25) feet from lot line.
3. Rear Yard Setback

Twenty –five (25) feet from lot line.
4. Lot Area – Two (2) Acres
5. Lot Width - Two hundred (200) feet
6. Ground Floor Area - Nine hundred fifty (950) square feet
7. Buildable Area – 1.10-acres
8. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Bulletin Board
 2. Construction
 3. Home Occupation
 4. Political
 5. Real Estate
 6. Tenant
 - b. Signs shall be non-illuminated
 - c. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Home Occupation sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area – sixteen (16) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 2. Uses which have obtained special exception approval are permitted the signs allowed for permitted uses and the following:
 - a. Building sign:
 1. Limited to two (2) per building
 2. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
 - b. Pedestal sign:
 1. Limited to one (1) per lot
 2. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 3. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 4. Maximum height - eight (8) feet

SECTION 902: SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL (SR) DISTRICT

- A. The suburban residential district is intended to be a low density, rural residential district. It is the intent of this Section to allow single-family dwelling units and uses servicing the needs of the residential rural community.

- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Dwelling, Single-Family
 - 2. Manufactured Home Type I
 - 3. Home Occupation Type I
 - 4. Park
 - 5. Child Care Home
 - 6. Day Care Home

- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. House of Worship
 - 2. Nursing Home
 - 3. Cemetery
 - 4. Funeral Home
 - 5. Utility service structure, station or yard
 - 6. Communication Tower
 - 7. Group Home
 - 8. Commercial recreation area
 - 9. School
 - 10. Commercial Forestry Production
 - 11. Fish hatchery
 - 12. Manufactured Home Type II
 - 13. Home Occupation Type II
 - 14. Public Safety Facilities
 - 15. Livestock Operation, minor or intensive
 - 16. Planned Unit Development
 - 17. Child caring institution
 - 18. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
1. Front Yard Setback
 - a. Seventy-Five (75) feet from the centerline of all County streets
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of state and federal streets
 2. Side Yard Setback
Ten (10) feet from lot line
 3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
 4. Lot Area – Two (2) Acres
 5. Lot Width - Two hundred (200) feet
 6. Ground Floor Area - Nine hundred fifty (950) square feet
 7. Buildable Area – 1.10-acres
 8. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Bulletin Board
 2. Construction
 3. Home Occupation
 4. Political
 5. Real Estate
 6. Tenant
 - b. Signs shall be non-illuminated
 - c. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Home Occupation sign:
 - a. Limited to One (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - sixteen (16) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 2. Uses which have obtained special exception approval are permitted the signs allowed for permitted uses and the following:
 - a. Building Sign:
 1. Limited to two (2) per building
 2. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
 - b. Pedestal Sign:
 1. Limited to one (1) per lot
 2. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 3. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 4. Maximum height - eight (8) feet

SECTION 903: RESIDENTIAL LOW DENSITY (R-2) DISTRICT

- A. The residential low-density district is intended to be a low-density residential district. It is the intent of this Section to allow single-family dwelling units and uses servicing the needs of the residential community.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Dwelling, single-family
 - 2. Manufactured Home Type I
 - 3. Home Occupation Type I
 - 4. Park
 - 5. Child Care Home
 - 6. Day Care Home
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. House of Worship
 - 2. Nursing Home
 - 3. Cemetery
 - 4. Funeral home
 - 5. Utility service structure, station or yard
 - 6. Communication Tower
 - 7. Group Home
 - 8. Commercial recreation area
 - 9. School
 - 10. Manufactured Home Type II
 - 11. Home Occupation Type II
 - 12. Public safety facilities
 - 13. Planned Unit Development
 - 14. Child Caring Institution
 - 15. Vacation and Short-term Rentals
- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
 - 1. Front Yard Setback

- a. Seventy-Five (75) feet from the centerline of all county streets
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of state and federal streets
2. Side Yard Setback
Seven and one-half (7 1/2) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
4. Lot Area –
 - a. Twenty-one thousand seven hundred eighty (21,780) square feet [1/2 acre] if serviced by central sewer
 - b. Two (2) acres, if serviced by on-site sewer
5. Lot Width –
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet if serviced by central sewer
 - b. Two-hundred (200) feet if serviced by on-site sewer
6. Ground Floor Area - Nine hundred fifty (950) square feet
7. Buildable Area – 1.10-acres
8. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Bulletin Board
 2. Construction
 3. Home Occupation
 4. Political
 5. Real Estate
 6. Tenant
 - b. Signs shall be non-illuminated
 - c. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Home Occupation sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - sixteen (16) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 2. Uses which have obtained special exception approval are permitted the signs allowed for permitted uses and the following:
 - a. Building sign:
 1. Limited to two (2) per building
 2. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
 - b. Pedestal sign:
 1. Limited to one (1) per lot
 2. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 3. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 4. Maximum height - eight (8) feet

SECTION 904: RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY (R-4) DISTRICT

- A. The residential medium density district is intended to be a moderately dense residential district. It is the intent of this section to allow single-family and two-family dwelling units and uses servicing the needs of a moderately dense residential area.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Dwelling, Single-Family
 - 2. Dwelling, Two-Family
 - 3. Manufactured Home Type I
 - 4. Home Occupation Type I
 - 5. Park
 - 6. Child Care Home
 - 7. Day Care Home
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. House of Worship
 - 2. Nursing Home
 - 3. Cemetery
 - 4. Funeral Home
 - 5. Utility service structure, station or yard
 - 6. Communication Tower
 - 7. Group Home
 - 8. Commercial Recreation Area
 - 9. School
 - 10. Home Occupation Type II
 - 11. Public Safety Facility
 - 12. Planned Unit Development
 - 13. Child Caring Institution
 - 14. Manufactured Home Type II
 - 15. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
1. Front Yard Setback
Twenty-Five (25) feet from the right-of-way line of the street
 2. Side Yard Setback
Six (6) feet from lot line
 3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
 4. Lot Area –
 - a. Ten thousand eight hundred ninety (10,890) square feet [1/4 acre] if serviced by central sewer
 - b. Two (2) acres, if serviced by on-site sewer
 5. Lot Width –
 - a. Sixty (60) feet if serviced by central sewer
 - b. Two-hundred (200) feet if serviced by on-site sewer
 6. Ground Floor Area - Seven hundred twenty (720) square feet
 7. Buildable Area – 1.10-acres
 8. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Bulletin Board
 2. Construction
 3. Home Occupation
 4. Political
 5. Real Estate
 6. Tenant
 - b. Signs shall be non-illuminated
 - c. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Home Occupation sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - ten (10) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 2. Uses which have obtained special exception approval are permitted the signs allowed for permitted uses and the following:
 - a. Building sign:
 1. Limited to two (2) per building
 2. Maximum copy area- sixty (60) square feet
 - b. Pedestal sign:
 1. Limited to one (1) per lot
 2. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 3. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 4. Maximum height - eight (8) feet

SECTION 905: RESIDENTIAL HIGH DENSITY (R-8) DISTRICT

- A. The residential high density district is intended to be a highly dense residential district. It is the intent of this Section to allow single family, two-family, and multi-family dwelling units and uses servicing the needs of a highly dense residential area.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Dwelling, Single-Family
 - 2. Dwelling, Two-Family
 - 3. Dwelling, Multi-Family
 - 4. Manufactured Home Type I
 - 5. Home Occupation Type I
 - 6. Park
 - 7. Child Care Home
 - 8. Day Care Home
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. House of Worship
 - 2. Nursing Home
 - 3. Cemetery
 - 4. Funeral Home
 - 5. Utility service structure, station or yard
 - 6. Communication Tower
 - 7. Group Home
 - 8. Commercial recreation area
 - 9. School
 - 10. Public Safety Facility
 - 11. Laundromat
 - 12. Grocery Store
 - 13. Home Occupation Type II
 - 14. Medical and other health services

15. Planned Unit Development
16. Child Caring Institution
17. Manufactured Home Type II
18. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
Twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way line of the street
2. Side Yard Setback
Six (6) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
4. Lot Area - Five thousand four hundred forty-five (5,445) square feet [1/8 acre]
5. Lot Width - Fifty (50) feet
6. Ground Floor Area - Seven hundred twenty (720) square feet
7. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Bulletin Board
 2. Construction
 3. Home Occupation
 4. Political
 5. Real Estate
 6. Tenant
 - b. Signs shall be non-illuminated
 - c. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Home Occupation sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area- ten (10) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 2. Uses, which have obtained Special Exception approval are, permitted the signs allowed for permitted uses and the following:
 - a. Building sign:
 1. Limited to two (2) per building
 2. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
 - b. Pedestal sign:
 1. Limited to one (1) per lot
 2. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 3. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 4. Maximum height – eight (8) feet
 8. All dwelling units shall be serviced by a centralized water and sanitary sewer system.

SECTION 906: RESIDENTIAL APARTMENT (R-20) DISTRICT

- A. The residential apartment district is intended to be a high density, multi-family residential district. It is the intent of this Section to allow multi-family dwelling units and uses servicing the needs of a highly dense residential area.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Dwelling, Multi-Family
 - 2. Group Home
 - 3. Nursing Home
 - 4. Home Occupation Type I
 - 5. Child Care Home
 - 6. Day Care Home
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. House of Worship
 - 2. Cemetery
 - 3. Funeral Home
 - 4. Utility service structure, station, or yard
 - 5. Communication Tower
 - 6. Commercial Recreation Area
 - 7. School
 - 8. Public Safety Facility
 - 9. Laundromat
 - 10. Grocery Store
 - 11. Medical and other health services
 - 12. Home Occupation Type II
 - 13. Mobile Home Park
 - 14. Planned Unit Development
 - 15. Child Caring Institution
- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
Twenty-five (25) feet from the right-of-way line of the street
2. Side Yard Setback
Six (6) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
4. Lot Area - Ten thousand eight hundred ninety (10,890) square feet [1/4 acre]
5. Lot Width - Fifty (50) feet
6. Ground Floor Area - Seven hundred twenty (720) square feet
7. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Bulletin Board
 2. Construction
 3. Home Occupation
 4. Political
 5. Real Estate
 6. Tenant
 - b. Signs shall be non-illuminated
 - c. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Home Occupation sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - ten (10) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 - d. Uses which have obtained Special Exception approval are permitted the signs allowed for permitted uses and the following:
 1. Building sign:
 - a. Limited to two (2) per building
 - b. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
 2. Pedestal sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 - d. Maximum height - eight (8) feet
8. All dwelling units shall be serviced by a centralized water and sanitary sewer system.

SECTION 907: RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME PARK (RMH) DISTRICT

- A. The residential mobile home park district is intended to be a high-density residential district suitable for the location of mobile homes and manufactured homes. It is the intent of this Section to allow mobile homes and manufactured homes and uses servicing the needs of a high-density residential area.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Manufactured Home Type I
 - 2. Manufactured Home Type II
 - 3. Home Occupation Type I
 - 4. Laundromat
 - 5. Mobile Home Park, including office
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. House of Worship
 - 2. Utility service structure, station, or yard
 - 3. Communication Tower
 - 4. Commercial Recreation Area
 - 5. Grocery Store
 - 6. Home Occupation Type II
 - 7. Child Care Home
 - 8. Day Care Home
- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
 - 1. No dwelling unit shall be located within twenty (20) feet of an outside boundary lot line.
 - 2. Minimum separation between dwelling units shall be twelve (12) feet
 - 3. Lot Area - One (1) acre
 - 4. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 - 1. Bulletin Board
 - 2. Construction
 - 3. Home Occupation

4. Political
5. Real Estate
6. Tenant
- b. Signs shall be non-illuminated
- c. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Home Occupation sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per dwelling unit
 - b. Maximum copy area - ten (10) square feet
 - c. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all perimeter lot lines
 2. Uses which have obtained Special Exception approval are permitted the signs allowed for permitted uses and the following:
 - a. Building sign:
 1. Limited to two (2) per building
 2. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
 - b. Pedestal sign:
 1. Limited to one (1) per lot
 2. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 3. Minimum ten (10) foot setback from all lot lines
 4. Maximum height - eight (8) feet
5. All dwelling units shall be serviced by a centralized water and sanitary sewer system.

SECTION 908: LOCAL BUSINESS (LB) DISTRICT

- A. The local business district is intended to be a low-intensity commercial district providing establishments, which will serve the needs of surrounding residents. It is the intent of this Section to allow residential dwelling units and professional, business, and retail establishments, which will serve the needs of the surrounding area.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
1. Dwelling, Single-Family
 2. Dwelling, Two-Family
 3. Dwelling, Multi-Family
 4. Manufactured Home Type I
 5. Group Home
 6. Service establishments including: barber shops, beauty shops, shoe repair, dry cleaning stations, laundromats, and similar establishments
 7. Retail outlets including bookstores, card and gift shops, arts and craft stores, clothing stores, shoe stores, toy stores, jewelry stores, antique stores, and similar establishments
 8. Grocery Store
 9. Professional offices
 10. Business offices
 11. Medical and dental offices and clinics
 12. Travel agency
 13. Banks and financial institutions
 14. Retail video store
 15. Financial, insurance, and real estate office
 16. Veterinary office
 17. Appliance sales and service
 18. Home Occupation Type I
 19. Home Occupation Type II
 20. House of Worship
 21. Nursing Home
 22. Funeral Home
 23. Eating and drinking establishments
 24. Library
 25. Child Care Home

26. Day Care Home
27. Child Caring Institution
28. Child Care Center

C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:

1. Utility service structure, station or yard
2. Communication tower
3. Commercial recreation area
4. School
5. Private club
6. Arcade
7. Convenience store/fuel station
8. Lumber Yard
9. Motor vehicle repair
10. Planned Unit Development
11. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
Twenty-Five (25) feet from the right-of-way line of the street
2. Side Yard Setback
Six (6) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
4. Lot Area - Six thousand (6,000) square feet
5. Lot Width - Fifty (50) feet
6. Ground Floor Area - Seven hundred twenty (720) square feet
7. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Awning
 2. Banner
 3. Bulletin Board
 4. Construction
 5. Ground
 6. Home Occupation
 7. Incidental
 8. Pedestal
 9. Political
 10. Portable
 11. Projecting
 12. Real Estate
 13. Tenant
 14. Wall
 15. Window
 - b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Building sign:
 - a. Limited to two (2) per building
 - b. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet

2. Ground or Pedestal sign:
 - a. Limited to one (1) per lot
 - b. Maximum copy area - thirty-six (36) square feet
 - c. Maximum height - eight (8) feet
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines

SECTION 909: GENERAL BUSINESS (GB) DISTRICT

- A. The general business district is intended for intensive commercial uses that require a conspicuous and accessible location. It is the intent of this Section to allow a variety of commercial uses, and certain light manufacturing uses that are compatible with commercial uses.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 1. Dwelling, Single Family
 2. Dwelling, Two-Family
 3. Dwelling, Multi-Family
 4. Manufactured Home, Type I
 5. Group Home
 6. Service establishments, including: barber shops, beauty shops, shoe repair, dry cleaning stations, laundromats, and similar establishments
 7. Retail outlets including: bookstores, card and gift shops, hardware stores, clothing stores, shoe stores, toy stores, jewelry stores, appliance stores, and similar establishments
 8. Department store
 9. Grocery store
 10. Professional offices
 11. Business offices
 12. Medical and dental offices and clinics
 13. Travel agency
 14. Banks and financial institution
 15. Retail video store
 16. Financial, insurance and real estate offices
 17. Veterinary office
 18. Library
 19. Tire store
 20. Motor vehicle repair
 21. Theater
 22. Hotel
 23. Motor vehicle dealer
 24. Commercial recreation area

25. Convenience store/fuel station
26. Hospital
27. Nursing home
28. Private club
29. House of Worship
30. Eating and drinking establishments
31. Funeral home
32. Warehousing
33. Light Manufacturing, including: clothing, shoes, electronics, printing and publishing, tool and die
34. Appliance Repair
35. Lumber Yard
36. Child Care Home
37. Day Care Home
38. Child Care Center
39. Child Care Institution

C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:

1. Utility service structure, station or yard
2. Communication tower
3. School
4. Arcade
5. Planned Unit Development
6. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
Twenty-Five (25) feet from the right-of-way line of the street
2. Side Yard Setback
Ten (10) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
4. Lot Area - Ten thousand (10,000) square feet
5. Lot Width - Seventy (70) feet
6. Ground Floor Area - Seven hundred twenty (720) square feet
7. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Awning
 2. Banner
 3. Bulletin Board
 4. Construction
 5. Elevated
 6. Ground
 7. Incidental
 8. Off-premise
 9. Pedestal
 10. Political
 11. Portable
 12. Projecting
 13. Real Estate

- 14. Roof
- 15. Tenant
- 16. Wall
- 17. Window

- b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 - 1. Building sign:
 - a. Shall not exceed a copy area of one and one half (1 1/2) times the lineal front footage of the building or tenant space
 - 2. Free Standing sign:
 - a. If only one occupant/use on a lot:
 - 1. One (1) sign permitted
 - 2. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - 3. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
 - 4. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 - b. If two (2) or more occupants or uses on a lot:
 - 1. One (1) sign which only identifies the plaza and its tenants for each unified development, unless such development has frontage on two (2) or more streets, excluding alleys, whereby two (2) signs may be permitted
 - 2. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - 3. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
 - 4. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 - 3. Off-Premise sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted per lot
 - b. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - c. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 - e. Minimum separation distances
 - 1. From dwelling unit, house of worship, or school – Five hundred (500) feet.
 - 2. From other off-premise sign - Three hundred (300) feet

SECTION 910: ACCOMMODATION BUSINESS (AB) DISTRICT

- A. The accommodation business district is intended for intensive, highly automotive oriented uses that require a conspicuous and accessible location along a thoroughfare. It is the intent of this Section to allow a variety of commercial and automotive service related uses.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Grocery store
 - 2. Department store
 - 3. Hotel
 - 4. Tire store
 - 5. Auto/Truck repair
 - 6. Theater
 - 7. Motor vehicle dealer
 - 8. Commercial recreation area
 - 9. Convenience store/fuel station
 - 10. Eating and drinking establishments
 - 11. Retail outlets
 - 12. Professional offices
 - 13. Business offices
 - 14. Lumber Yard
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. Utility service structure, station, or yard
 - 2. Communication tower
 - 3. Arcade
 - 4. Dwelling unit, single family
 - 5. Dwelling unit, two-family
 - 6. Dwelling unit, multi-family
 - 7. Manufactured Home Type I
 - 8. Child Care Home

9. Day Care Home
10. Planned Unit Development
11. Group Home
12. Child Care Center
13. Child Caring Institution
14. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of County Street
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from right-of-way line of state or federal streets
2. Side Yard Setback
Ten (10) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifteen (15) feet from lot line
4. Lot Area - Ten thousand (10,000) square feet
5. Lot Width - Seventy (70) feet
6. Ground Floor Area - Seven hundred twenty (720) square feet
7. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Awning
 2. Banner
 3. Bulletin Board
 4. Construction
 5. Elevated
 6. Ground
 7. Incidental
 8. Off-premise
 9. Pedestal
 10. Political
 11. Portable
 12. Projecting
 13. Real Estate
 14. Roof
 15. Tenant
 16. Wall
 17. Window
 - b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Building sign:
Shall not exceed a copy area of one and one-half (1 1/2) times the lineal front footage of the building or tenant space
 2. Free Standing sign:
 - a. If only one occupant/use on lot:
 1. One (1) sign permitted
 2. Maximum height of sixty (60) feet
 3. Shall not exceed a copy area of forty (40) percent of the lineal frontage

- of the lot.
- 4. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
- b. If two (2) or more occupants or uses on a lot:
 - 1. One (1) sign which only identifies the plaza and its tenants for each unified development, unless such development has frontage on two (2) or more streets, excluding alleys, whereby two (2) signs may be permitted
 - 2. Maximum height of sixty (60) feet
 - 3. Shall not exceed a copy area of forty (40) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
- 3. Off-Premise sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted per lot
 - b. Maximum height of sixty (60) feet
 - c. Shall not exceed a copy area of forty (40) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 - e. Minimum separation distances:
 - 1. From dwelling unit, house of worship, or school – five hundred (500) feet
 - 2. From other off-premise signs - three hundred (300) feet

SECTION 911: CENTRAL BUSINESS (CB) DISTRICT

- A. The Central Business District is intended for commercial uses that are located in a central core area of a city or town. It is the intent of this Section to allow a variety of commercial uses in a concentrated area central to the residential areas of the city or town.
- B. The permitted principal uses area:
 - 1. Dwelling, single family
 - 2. Dwelling, two-family
 - 3. Dwelling, multi-family
 - 4. Manufactured Home, Type I
 - 5. Group Home
 - 6. Service establishments, including: barber shops, beauty shops, shoe repair, dry cleaning stations, laundromats, and similar establishments
 - 7. Retail outlets, including: bookstores, card and gift shops, hardware stores, clothing stores, shoe stores, toy stores, jewelry stores, appliance stores, and similar establishments
 - 8. Department store
 - 9. Grocery store
 - 10. Professional offices
 - 11. Medical and dental offices and clinics
 - 12. Travel agency
 - 13. Banks and financial institution
 - 14. Retail video store
 - 15. Financial, insurance and real estate offices
 - 16. Veterinary office
 - 17. Library
 - 18. Tire store
 - 19. Motor vehicle repair
 - 20. Theater
 - 21. Hotel

22. Motor vehicle dealer
23. Convenience store/fuel station
24. Hospital
25. Nursing home
26. Private club
27. House of worship
28. Eating and drinking establishments
29. Funeral home
30. Appliance repair
31. Warehousing
32. Child Care Home
33. Day Care Home
34. Child Care Center
35. Child Caring Institution

C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:

1. School
2. Arcade
3. Commercial recreation area
4. Vacation and Short-term Rentals

D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front yard setback
None
2. Side yard setback
None
3. Rear yard setback
None
4. Lot Area - One thousand two hundred (1,200) square feet
5. Lot Width - Twenty (20) feet
6. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Awning
 2. Banner
 3. Bulletin Board
 4. Construction
 5. Elevated
 6. Ground
 7. Incidental
 8. Pedestal
 9. Political
 10. Portable
 11. Projecting
 12. Real Estate
 13. Roof
 14. Tenant
 15. Wall
 16. Window
 - b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707 (M):

1. Building sign:
Shall not exceed a copy area of one and one half (1 1/2) times the lineal front footage of the building or tenant space
2. Free standing sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted per lot
 - b. Maximum height of twenty (20) feet
 - c. Each lot permitted to have a copy area of thirty (30) square foot or a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot

SECTION 912: LIGHT MANUFACTURING (M-1) DISTRICT

- A. The light-manufacturing district is intended for low intensity manufacturing uses. It is the intent of this Section to allow manufacturing uses which are benign in their operating procedures and compatible with certain commercial uses.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 1. Warehousing
 2. Light manufacturing, including: clothing, shoes, electronics, printing and publishing, tool and die
 3. Auto repair
 4. Appliance repair
 5. Convenience store/fuel station
 6. Utility service structure, station or yard (includes Solar Energy Systems)
 7. Tire store
 8. Lumber Yard
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 1. Communication tower
 2. Eating and drinking establishments
 3. Retail outlets
 4. Professional offices
 5. Business offices
 6. Dwelling unit, single family
 7. Dwelling unit, two-family
 8. Dwelling unit, multi-family
 9. Commercial recreation area
 10. Child Care Home
 11. Day Care Home
 12. Group Home
 13. Child Care Center
 14. Child Caring Institution
 15. Manufactured Home Type I
 16. Heavy Manufacturing

D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of county streets
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of state and federal streets
2. Side Yard Setback
Fifty (50) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifty (50) feet from lot line
4. Lot Area – Two (2) acres, unless on central sewer
5. Lot Width - One hundred (100) feet
6. Ground Floor Area - Seven hundred twenty (720) square feet
7. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Awning
 2. Banner
 3. Bulletin Board
 4. Construction
 5. Elevated
 6. Ground
 7. Incidental
 8. Off-premise
 9. Pedestal
 10. Political
 11. Portable
 12. Projecting
 13. Real Estate
 14. Roof
 15. Tenant
 16. Wall
 17. Window
 - b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 1. Building sign:
Shall not exceed a copy area of one and one half (1 1/2) times the lineal front footage of the building or tenant space
 2. Free Standing sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted
 - b. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - c. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 3. Off-Premise sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted per lot
 - b. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - c. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot.
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 - e. Minimum separation distances:
 1. From dwelling unit, house of worship, or school - Five hundred (500) feet
 2. From other off-premise signs - Three hundred (300) feet

SECTION 913: HEAVY MANUFACTURING (M-2) DISTRICT

A. The heavy manufacturing district is intended for intensive, heavy manufacturing uses. It is the intent of this Section to allow intensive manufacturing uses that may involve methods of operation, which require visual and distance separation from residential, commercial, and recreational uses.

B. The permitted principal uses are:

1. Warehousing
2. Light manufacturing, including: clothing, shoes, electronics, printing and publishing, tool and die
3. Heavy manufacturing, including: food products, wood products, paper products, chemical products, mineral products, plastic products, metal products, concrete products
4. Utility service structure, station or yard
5. Communication tower
6. Auto repair
7. Lumber yard

C. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Front Yard Setback
 - a. One hundred (100) feet from the centerline of county streets
 - b. Eighty (80) feet from the right-of-way line of state and federal streets
2. Side Yard Setback
Fifty (50) feet from lot line
3. Rear Yard Setback
Fifty (50) feet from lot line
4. Lot Size - Two (2) acres, unless on central sewer
5. Lot Width - One hundred (100) feet
6. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 1. Awning
 2. Banner
 3. Bulletin Board
 4. Construction
 5. Elevated
 6. Ground

7. Incidental
 8. Off-premise
 9. Pedestal
 10. Political
 11. Portable
 12. Projecting
 13. Real Estate
 14. Roof
 15. Tenant
 16. Wall
 17. Window
- b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
1. Building sign:
Shall not exceed a copy area of one and one half (1 1/2) times the lineal front footage of the building or tenant space
 2. Free Standing sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted
 - b. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - c. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 3. Off-Premise sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted per lot
 - b. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - c. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot.
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all property lines
 - e. Minimum separation distances:
 1. From dwelling unit, house of worship, or school - five hundred (500) feet
 2. From other off-premise signs - three hundred (300) feet

SECTION 914: EXTRACTIVE MANUFACTURING (M-3) DISTRICT

- A. The extractive manufacturing district is intended for the mining, storage, and processing of mineral resources. It is the intent of this Section to allow the extraction and processing of mineral resources in areas not experiencing development pressure.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Mining and processing of mineral resources
 - 2. Mining and processing of petroleum resources
 - 3. Manufacturing of products which utilize resources obtained from the site
 - 4. Utility service structure, station or yard
- C. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
 - 1. Front Yard Setback
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from centerline of county street
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from right-of-way line of state or federal street
 - 2. Side Yard Setback
 - Fifty (50) feet from lot line
 - 3. Rear Yard Setback
 - Fifty (50) feet from lot line
 - 4. Lot Area - Five (5) acres
 - 5. Lot Width - Two hundred (200) feet
 - 6. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 - 1. Awning
 - 2. Banner
 - 3. Bulletin
 - 4. Construction
 - 5. Elevated
 - 6. Ground
 - 7. Incidental
 - 8. Off-premise
 - 9. Pedestal
 - 10. Political
 - 11. Portable

12. Projecting
 13. Real Estate
 14. Roof
 15. Tenant
 16. Wall
 17. Window
- b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
1. Building sign:
Shall not exceed a copy area of one and one half (1 1/2) times the lineal front footage of the building or tenant space
 2. Free Standing sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted
 - b. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - c. Shall not exceed a copy area of thirty (30) percent of the lineal frontage of the lot
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 3. Off-Premise sign:
 - a. One (1) sign permitted per lot
 - b. Maximum height of thirty (30) feet
 - c. Maximum copy area of six hundred seventy-five (675) square feet
 - d. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines
 - e. Minimum separation distances:
 1. From dwelling unit, house of worship, or school – five hundred (500) feet
 2. From other off-premise signs - three hundred (300) feet

SECTION 915: AIRPORT (AZ) DISTRICT

- A. The airport district is intended for airport facilities and compatible land uses. It is the intent of this Section to allow for the continued use and expansion of airport facilities.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Terminal, freight and passenger
 - 2. Airplane hangers
 - 3. Airplane repair facilities
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. Utility service structure, station or yard
- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
 - 1. Front Yard Setback
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from centerline of County Street
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from right-of-way line of state or federal street
 - 2. Side and Rear Yard Setback
 - Ten (10) feet from lot line
 - 3. Lot Area - Five (5) acres
 - 4. Lot Width - One hundred (100) feet
 - 5. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 - 1. Awning
 - 2. Banner
 - 3. Bulletin
 - 4. Construction
 - 5. Elevated
 - 6. Ground
 - 7. Incidental
 - 8. Pedestal
 - 9. Political
 - 10. Portable
 - 11. Projecting
 - 12. Roof
 - 13. Wall
 - 14. Window

- b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in accordance with Section 707(M):
 - 1. Building sign:
 - Maximum copy area - one hundred (100) square feet
 - 2. Free Standing sign:
 - a. Maximum copy area - one hundred (100) square feet
 - b. Maximum height - fifteen (15) feet
 - c. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines

SECTION 916: OPEN SPACE (OS) DISTRICT

- A. The open space district is intended for outdoor recreational and leisure activities. It is the intent of this Section to limit development within this district to uses which are recreational or leisure in nature.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
 - 1. Golf Course
 - 2. Campground
 - 3. Swimming or Tennis Club
 - 4. Horseback Riding Stable
 - 5. Public Park/Playground
 - 6. Farm, except for Livestock operations, major or minor
 - 7. Solar Energy System
- C. The following uses are Special Exceptions, permitted subject to Section 501:
 - 1. Private Club
 - 2. Utility service structure, station or yard (excludes Solar Energy Systems)
 - 3. Private Park/Playground
 - 4. Dwelling, Single-family
 - 5. Vacation and Short-term Rentals
- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
 - 1. Setback
 - Fifty (50) feet from all lot lines
 - 2. Lot Area - Five (5) acres
 - 3. Signs
 - a. The following sign types are permitted:
 - 1. Awning
 - 2. Bulletin Board
 - 3. Construction
 - 4. Pedestal
 - 5. Political
 - 6. Roof
 - 7. Wall
 - 8. Window
 - b. Except as identified below, all permitted signs shall be erected or installed in

accordance with Section 707(M):

1. Building sign:
 - Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
2. Free Standing sign:
 - a. Maximum copy area - sixty (60) square feet
 - b. Maximum height of eight (8) feet
 - c. Minimum five (5) foot setback from all lot lines

SECTION 918: EXCLUSIVE USE OVERLAY DISTRICT (EUD)

- A. The Exclusive Use Overlay District is intended to be a district established for uses that do not readily permit classification in the agricultural, residential, commercial, or industrial districts. The development standards of other districts do not adequately address the specific and unusual characteristics of certain uses. However, such uses may contribute to the livability or economic health of the County or are of such character that their specific control is necessary.
- B. The Exclusive Use District is an overlay district. The existing zoning classification of the lot will remain with the lot, and all Permitted Uses and Special Exceptions for the existing classification will be allowed after a EUD classification is obtained.
- C. The permitted principal uses are:
 1. Sanitary landfill
 2. Recycling facility
 3. Incinerator
 4. Salvage yard
 5. Adult Entertainment establishment
- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:
 1. Sanitary Landfill
 - a. No building shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line.
 - b. No portion of the landfill operation shall be located within one hundred fifty (150) feet of any lot line. Except for any building and component of use associated with the landfill, the 150-foot buffer shall be landscaped.
 - c. Minimum separation from a dwelling unit - Three hundred (300) feet.
 - d. No portion of the landfill operation shall be located within three hundred (300) feet of any stream or watercourse.
 - e. Screening with a minimum height above grade of ten (10) feet shall be provided around the perimeter of the lot.
 - f. One (1) tree shall be provided for each fifty (50) lineal feet of frontage along any street adjacent to the landfill. These trees shall be located within the 150-foot buffer.
 2. Recycling Facility
 - a. No building shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line
 - b. Minimum Lot Size - Two (2) acres

3. Incinerator
 - a. No building shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line
 - b. Minimum Lot Size - Two (2) acres
4. Salvage Yard
 - a. No building shall be located within one hundred (100) feet of any lot line
 - b. Screening with a minimum height above grade of ten (10) feet shall be provided around the perimeter of the lot. No salvage material, nor any portion of the operation, shall be stored or conducted outside of the fenced-in area.
 - c. One (1) tree shall be provided for each fifty (50) lineal feet of frontage along any street adjacent to the salvage yard. These trees shall be located between the street and the screening
5. Adult Entertainment Establishment:
 - a. Minimum separation from dwelling unit - Five hundred (500) feet
 - b. Minimum separation from house of worship or school - One thousand (1,000) feet
 - c. Minimum separation from another adult entertainment establishment - One thousand (1,000) feet

E. Procedure for establishing EUD:

1. Applications shall be filed in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Commission.
2. The following information shall be submitted with a EUD application:
 - a. Survey and legal description of the lot
 - b. A drawing on one or more sheets of paper measuring not more than twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches, drawn to a scale as large as practical, and including the following information:
 1. Scale, date, north arrow, vicinity map, and title of the project.
 2. The boundaries, dimensions, and total gross acreage of the lot.
 3. The relationship of the project to the surrounding road system, including the width of adjacent roadways.
 4. The location and dimensions of existing manmade features such as roads, utilities, and structures, with indication as to which are to be removed, relocated, or altered.
 5. The location and dimensions of existing easements, watercourses, county drains, water and sewer lines, well and septic tank location, and other existing important physical features in and adjoining the project.
 6. The location and delineation of existing trees (12" in diameter or larger) and information as to which trees will be removed. Existing woods may be indicated as such on the plan.
 7. Identification of land use and zoning classification of adjacent lots.
 8. Location of the different land uses proposed.
 9. Location of proposed signs and lighting fixtures.
 10. Existing land use within a two (2) mile radius.
 - c. Proposal for providing sanitary sewer, potable water, storm water, gas, electricity, and any other utility service.
 - d. Statement of the proposed phasing of construction for the project.
 - e. The Director, or Commission, may require:
 1. Topographic maps, including contours with elevations of the pre-developed lot and proposed finished grade
 2. Soils report, prepared and certified by a qualified geologist or a registered civil engineer. Report must include:

- a. Name of soil type
 - b. Soil drainage class
 - c. Flood hazard potential
 - d. Permeability of soils
 - e. Dominant soil texture
 - f. Suitability of soil as cover material
- 3. Geologic report, prepared by a qualified geologist. Report must include:
 - a. The nature of the terrain including slope, topography, and surface drainage
 - b. The nature of bedrock materials including type, thickness, and physical characteristics
 - c. Maps or data showing residuum thickness, composition of materials, and hydrologic properties
 - d. Porosity and permeability of bedrock
 - e. Thickness of strata or zone in which waste materials are to be deposited
 - f. Depth to water table
 - g. Distance to nearby permanent water bodies
- 4. Operation plan for landfill indicating:
 - a. Proposed fill area
 - b. Any borrow area
 - c. Access Roads
 - d. On-site drive
 - e. Grades for proper drainage of each lift required, and a typical cross-section of a lift
 - f. Special drainage devices, if necessary
 - g. Location and type of fencing
 - h. Structures existing or to be located on the site
 - i. Existing wooded areas, trees, ponds, or other natural features to be preserved
 - j. Existing and proposed utilities
 - k. Phasing of landfill operations on the lot
 - l. A plan and schedule for site restoration and completion
 - m. A plan for the ultimate land use of the lot if possible
 - n. Method of operation including weighing of wastes, cross-sectioning the site at definite time intervals, thickness of cover material, depth of cells and lifts, compaction, wet weather procedures, cold weather procedures, amount, type and size of equipment and personnel
 - o. And all other pertinent information to indicate clearly the orderly development operation and completion of the sanitary landfill.
- 5. Drainage plan, including the following information:
 - a. Contours with elevations of the pre-developed lot and proposed finished grade
 - b. Size of the watershed
 - c. Method of calculation of stormwater
 - d. Proposal for the management of stormwater
- 6. Traffic impact analysis
- 7. Identification of streets to be used as hauls routes for transportation of product
- 8. Market study or need assessment showing need within the County for the use
- 9. Air quality impact analysis
- 10. Erosion control plan

- F. The application shall be reviewed as an amendment to the zone map in accordance with IC 36-7-4-600. In addition to the criteria established in IC 36-7-4-603, the Commission and Board of County Commissioners shall pay reasonable regard to the following criteria:
1. The importance of the service provided by the proposed facility to the community
 2. The availability of alternative locations for the proposed facility
 3. The compatibility of the proposed use with existing uses and permitted uses

SECTION 919: PROFESSIONAL OFFICE DISTRICT (POD)

- A. The Professional Office District is intended to accommodate low-intensity uses such as professional offices and business offices within a planned environment. This district is not commercial in character; however, certain limited commercial uses are permissible by special exception in demonstrated support of permitted uses in the specific POD. As the POD is designed to be compatible with residential uses, it is partially intended as a buffer or transitional area between residential and more intense business developments.
- B. The permitted principal uses are:
1. Professional offices
 2. Business offices
 3. Medical, dental, and optical offices and clinics
- C. The following uses are special exceptions permitted subject to Section 501:
1. Retail businesses
 2. Banks and financial institutions without drive-in facilities
- D. The following minimum standards and requirements shall apply:

1. Minimum Lot Size

- a. If the proposed development is subdivided into lots, each lot shall be a minimum of ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
- b. If the development is a planned development, there are no minimum lot size requirements for building pads; however, planned developments shall be a minimum of twenty thousand square feet (20,000 square feet).

2. Maximum Lot Coverage

Buildings and accessory structures shall occupy no more than forty percent (40%) of any lot or planned development.

3. Building Setbacks

- a. From any federal highway right-of-way line, ten (10) feet
- b. From any other right-of-way line, thirty (30) feet
- c. From any A, SR, R-2, or R-4 zoning district boundary line, thirty (30) feet
- d. From any R-8 zoning district boundary line, twenty (20) feet
- e. From all other zoning district boundary lines and lot lines, fifteen (15) feet
- f. Minimum separation between detached buildings, ten (10) feet

4. Maximum Building Height

The maximum height of any building or structure shall be thirty-five (35) feet.

5. Open Space

- a. Each lot or planned development shall provide a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of planting area.
- b. The required twenty percent (20%) planting area includes the required perimeter and interior landscaping areas.

6. Perimeter Landscaping

- a. When a lot or planned development has frontage on a federal highway, a perimeter landscape strip with a minimum width of five (5) feet shall be provided parallel to the highway.
- b. When a lot or planned development has frontage on any other right-of-way line, a perimeter landscape strip with a minimum width of ten (10) feet shall be provided parallel to the right-of-way line.
- c. When a lot or planned development is adjacent to any A, SR, R-2, or R-4 zoned property, a perimeter landscape strip with a minimum width of twenty-five (25) feet shall be provided parallel to the lot line.
- d. When a lot or planned development is adjacent to any R-8 or R-20 zoned property, a perimeter landscape strip with a minimum width of ten (10) feet shall be provided parallel to the lot line.
- e. A lot or planned development adjacent to any other zoning district shall provide a perimeter landscape strip with a minimum width of five (5) feet.
- f. One (1) tree for each thirty-five (35) lineal feet of property line or fraction thereof, shall be planted in the required perimeter landscape strip.
 - 1. The maximum separation between required trees shall be one-hundred (100) feet.
 - 2. Each tree shall be planted in a planting area of at least fifty (50) square feet.
 - 3. Trees shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet in height, with a minimum trunk diameter of two (2) inches at a point which is at least four (4) feet above finished grade, immediately after planting.
 - 4. Subject to the approval of the Commission, up to fifty (50) percent of the required perimeter trees may be located within the interior areas of the development if such relocation would improve the aesthetics and compatibility

of the development.

5. To encourage plant preservation where living plant material exists on a site before development, and provisions are made to preserve it permanently, credit may be given for such natural growth areas against the requirements of this Section. Said credit is to be determined by the Director based on size, location, and type of plant material to be preserved.
 - g. Within a required perimeter landscape strip which is adjacent to any SR, R-2, R-4, or R-8 zoned property, a living evergreen hedge with a minimum height of thirty (30) inches, measured from finished grade immediately upon planting, and spaced a maximum of twenty-four (24) inches on center, shall be planted.
 - h. The perimeter landscape strip shall remain in pervious surface, covered with grass, mulch, or ground cover plantings.
 - i. Necessary access ways for the street right-of-way through all such landscaping shall be permitted to service the off-street parking area, or other vehicular use area, and such access ways may, as determined by the Director, be subtracted from the linear dimensions used to determine the number of trees required.
 - j. The use of earth berms, with a maximum 3:1 slope, is encouraged within a perimeter landscape strip to increase the effectiveness of the buffer.
 - k. Perimeter landscape areas shall not be used for the following purposes:
 1. location of any buildings or structures
 2. sale of any products or services
 3. storage or parking of any vehicles
 - l. The required perimeter landscaping strip shall be completed prior to the occupancy of any building in the POD. The Director may allow the developer to phase the perimeter landscaping strip in accordance with the phasing of the building(s) or planned development. Any phasing of required landscaping shall not include landscaping intended to buffer buildings from existing residences.
7. Interior Landscaping
- a. At least five (5) percent of the area devoted to parking or other vehicular use, which includes all impervious surfaces except the building pad and any sidewalk areas, shall be landscaped. This landscaping shall be located within the general parking and vehicular use areas to improve the aesthetics of the parking area and to promote safe, efficient, and orderly traffic movement.
 - b. Each interior landscape area shall contain a minimum of fifty (50) square feet of planting area, with a minimum width of seven (7) feet.
 - c. Each planting area shall be landscaped with grass, mulch, or ground cover plantings, and may include required perimeter trees as provided in Section 919 (D) (6) (f) (4).
 - d. Landscaping around the foundation area of buildings is encouraged to accent the buildings and provide a visual buffer to diffuse the sharp contrast between the parking area and the building. Subject to the approval of the Commission, up to fifty (50) percent of the required interior landscaping may be located around building foundations.
8. Parking Areas
- a. Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with Section 705.
 - b. A common parking area for all required off-street parking spaces may be permitted upon binding assurances for the continual availability and maintenance of parking spaces.
 - c. If the development is a planned development, required off-street parking spaces shall be located within the same development as the building(s) requiring the spaces.

- d. The maximum separation between a building and its required parking area shall be five hundred (500) feet.
 - e. Required parking areas shall not be used in the following manner:
 - 1. storage, for more than forty-eight (48) hours, of operative or inoperative vehicles
 - 2. to store any goods, materials or inventory used in conjunction with any business or use on or off the premises
 - 3. for the sale, repair or servicing of vehicles
 - f. All required parking spaces; aisles and access ways shall be constructed with a hard surface using concrete, asphalt, or other paving material approved for use within the County.
 - g. Landscaping and landscaping areas within or adjacent to a parking area shall be protected from the encroachment of vehicles by a continuous raised curb or properly secured wheel stops.
9. Lighting
- a. All parking spaces, aisles, driveways, and access ways, intended to be utilized between dusk and dawn, shall be provided with site lighting.
 - b. Lighting shall be arranged so that no source of lighting is directed toward any adjoining or nearby property used or zoned for residential purposes.
 - a. Lighting shall be designed to shield public streets and all other adjacent properties from direct glare.
 - d. All parking luminaries except those used for security of the building and lot, shall be extinguished within one (1) hour after the end of business hours.
 - e. No luminary shall be located within perimeter landscape strips, except along pedestrian walkways.
10. Outdoor Furniture/Dumpster Location
- a. The exterior placement of outdoor furniture, including benches, tables, kiosks, and similar features, is permitted to enhance the outdoor environment of the planned development.
 - b. Outdoor furniture should be designed to be part of the architectural concept of design and landscaping for the planned development.
 - c. Dumpster areas shall be screened by landscaping, or decorative fencing on three (3) sides, with the open side facing the pavement area where access to the dumpster is gained.
 - d. Access to dumpster areas shall not be through parking spaces.
 - e. Dumpster areas should be located so as not to impede vehicular movement.
11. Signage
- a. The provisions of Section 707 of the Zoning Ordinance shall apply with the exception of those regulations regarding the number and type of signs permitted. The following regulations identify the number and type of signs permitted in the POD:
 - 1. Pedestal
 - a. One (1) pedestal sign, which may identify only the name and address of the planned development is permitted.
 - b. The pedestal sign shall be supported and affixed to a base so that there is no clearance between the bottom edge of the sign and top of the base, with such base to be comprised of materials of a permanent nature, which is set firmly in or below grade.
 - c. The maximum height of the sign, as measured from finished grade, shall be six (6) feet.
 - d. The maximum copy area of the sign shall be forty (40) square feet.
 - 2. Pedestal

- a. One (1) pedestal sign, which may identify those tenants or occupants within the planned development, shall be permitted per street frontage.
- b. The pedestal sign shall be supported and affixed to a base so that there is no clearance between the bottom edge of the sign and top of the base, with such base to be comprised of materials of a permanent nature, which is set firmly in or below grade.
- c. The maximum height of the sign, as measured from finished grade, shall be six (6) feet.
- d. The maximum copy area of the sign shall be forty (40) square feet.

3. Wall

- a. One (1) wall sign, which identifies the name of the tenant(s) or occupant(s) of the building, shall be permitted per tenant or occupant within the building.
- b. The maximum copy area of the sign shall be nine (9) square feet.
- c. The wall sign shall be affixed directly to and flat against the wall of the building and shall not extend beyond the wall(s) of the building.
- d. The wall sign shall be located on the same side of the building as the main entrance.
 - e. The wall sign(s) shall be compatible with the architectural design of the building.
- b. No pedestal sign permitted by this Section shall be:
 - 1. located within five (5) feet of any right-of-way line
 - 2. located within thirty (30) feet of any residentially zoned property
 - 3. located within a sight visibility triangle, being the area of property located at a corner formed by the intersection of two (2) public right-of-way lines, or by the intersection of a right-of-way line and an accessway, with two (2) sides of a triangle being a minimum of twenty (20) feet in length, measured from the

point of intersection, and the third side being a line connecting the ends of the other two (2) sides.

- c. No temporary signs, banners, or similar advertising mechanism shall be permitted.

12. Drainage

- a. Connection to a Storm sewer shall be provided when required by Ordinance. The provision of on-site retention or detention ponds may be required by the Department to address existing or potential drainage problems.
- b. A drainage control plan shall be submitted at the time a preliminary development plan is required to be submitted.

13. Underground Utilities

Within a planned development, all utilities including sewer, water, telephone, television, cable, and electrical systems shall be installed underground. Appurtenances to these systems, which require above ground installation, must be effectively screened.

E. Procedure for reclassification to POD

An application for reclassification to POD shall include all information necessary to meet the requirements listed below and any additional information that will demonstrate the reclassification is appropriate.

- 1. A petitioner seeking reclassification approval shall submit a preliminary development plan on one or more sheets of paper measuring not more than twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches and drawn to a scale not smaller than one hundred (100) feet to the inch. The following information shall be provided on the preliminary development plan:

- a. Scale, date, north arrow, vicinity map, title of the project and total gross acreage
 - b. The boundaries and dimensions of the property and its relationship to the surrounding road system including the width of adjacent travel ways
 - c. The location and dimension of existing manmade features such as existing roads and structures with indication as to which are to be removed, renovated, or altered.
 - d. The location of existing easements, watercourses, water and sewer lines, well and septic tank location, and other existing important physical features in and adjoining the project.
 - e. The location and delineation of existing trees and information as to which trees will be removed
 - f. Identification of surrounding land use and zoning as well as the zoning of the petitioned site
 - g. A layout of the proposed lots and/or building sites including the following site data:
 1. Finished floor elevation
 2. Common open areas
 3. Generalized landscaping and buffer areas
 4. Internal circulation patterns including off-street parking and loading facilities
 5. Total project density
 6. Percentage of building coverage
 7. Percentage of impervious surface coverage
 8. Percentage of open space areas
 9. The shape, size, location and height of all structures
 - h. A traffic impact analysis, if required by the Director or Commission, including the following:
 1. Future right-of-way dedications
 2. Intersection improvements
 3. Traffic-control devices
 4. Traffic generation analysis
 5. Distribution and assignment of traffic
 6. Additional roadway needs
 - i. The proposed phasing of construction for the project if applicable
 - j. A drainage statement or drainage plan as required by the County Surveyor
 - k. Size, location, and orientation of signs
 1. Proposed lighting of the premises
 - m. One (1) aerial map showing the site in question with paved boundaries superimposed
 - n. A legal description of the land proposed for development
2. The reclassification petition and preliminary development plan shall be reviewed by the technical review committee. The technical review committee may make recommendation(s) to the Commission.
 3. The reclassification petition shall be considered as any other proposal to amend the zone map.

F. Site and Development Plan requirements

1. A lot with a POD zoning designation shall have a Site and Development Plan approved by the Plan Commission prior to the issuance of a building permit. The Site and Development Plan shall include the elements from Section 919 (E) (1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (g), (i), (j), (k), (l), and (m). If no changes to the preliminary development plan submitted under Section 919 (E) are required by the Plan Commission prior to final approval, the preliminary development plan shall be considered to be the approved Site and Development Plan.

2. A building permit may be issued under an approved Site and Development Plan after an ordinance to amend the zone map to establish the POD is approved by the County Commissioners, and after compliance with applicable law.
3. Modifications to an approved Site and Development Plan may be made only by written application to the Department.

A building permit may be issued under a Modified Site and Development Plan so long as the proposed modification is consistent with all applicable standards and requirements of the POD and so long as the proposed modification does not constitute a substantial deviation from the existing Site and Development Plan.

The Director shall review modifications to the Site and Development Plan and certify compliance with all standards and requirements of the POD and certify that no substantial deviation from the approved Site and Development Plan has occurred.

- a. A substantial deviation shall include, but is not limited to:
 1. Modification of building location, which would affect setback distances or buffering from adjacent residential property;
 2. Relocation of an access point to the site;
 3. Major redesign of the parking and vehicular use area;
 4. Fundamental change in the overall concept of the planned development.
- b. If the Director determines that the proposed modification is inconsistent with POD standards and requirements or that a substantial deviation exists, the proposed modification must be resubmitted for approval to the Commission and County Commissioners, with notice to interested parties, prior to the issuance of a building permit.

G. Duration of Approval

1. A building permit must be issued within one (1) year from the date of approval of the reclassification to POD and subsequent approval of the Site and Development Plan.
2. Upon request, and after good cause is shown, the time period within which a building permit must be issued may be extended by the Commission.

If the time period has expired without extension and without the issuance of such permit, the Director shall file with the records of the County Commissioners a certificate of non-compliance with a condition of the POD reclassification. Effective with the filing of the certificate, the zoning classification of the site shall revert to the zoning classification of the site prior to the POD reclassification.

If there is a desire to re-establish the site as a POD following the filing of the certificate of noncompliance, a petitioner must follow the procedures set forth in Sections 919 (F), and applicable law.

H. Limitation of Authority

1. A Site and Development Plan authorizes only the use, arrangement and construction set forth in such approved plans and applications. Use, arrangement, and construction different from the approved Site and Development Plan, including any amendments thereto, shall constitute a violation of this Zoning Ordinance.
2. Approval of the Site and Development Plan shall in no way exempt the applicant from strict observation of applicable provisions of this Zoning Ordinance and all other applicable law.

SECTION 950: HOME OCCUPATION

A. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the purpose and intent of this Section to provide for certain types of home occupations to be conducted within a dwelling unit or accessory structure on the resident's premises. Two classes of home occupations are established based upon the intensity of the home occupation. Accordingly, minimum standards have been established for each class of occupation in order to assure the compatibility of home occupations with other uses permitted in the applicable district and to preserve the character of residential neighborhoods.

B. HOME OCCUPATIONS

Home occupations shall not be permitted except in compliance with this Ordinance and other applicable law.

C. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION

An application for an Administrative Permit for a Type I Home Occupation or Special Exception Permit for a Type II Home Occupation shall be signed by all owners and adult residents of the property in question and filed with the Department on forms provided by the Department. The Executive Director shall review the application and classify the proposed home occupation as a Type I or Type II based upon:

1. The established standards for Type I and Type II home occupations described in Section 950 (D) and 950 (E); and
2. General planning and zoning standards established by this Ordinance.

D. TYPE I HOME OCCUPATION

1. The following standards are applicable to all Type I Home Occupations:
 - a. No person other than residents of the dwelling unit on the subject premises named in the application shall be engaged in such home occupation.
 - b. No more than twenty (20) percent of the total gross floor area of the said dwelling unit shall be used for such home occupation.
 - c. No outdoor storage or display of products, equipment, or merchandise is permitted.
 - d. No retail sales shall be conducted on the premises.
 - e. The residential address of the home occupation may be utilized for identification and billing purposes only.
 - f. Exterior evidence of the conduct of a home occupation is not permitted.
 - g. The home occupation shall be conducted exclusively within the dwelling unit or accessory structure.
 - h. No equipment, process, or activity shall be used in such home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical or television interference which is detectable to the normal senses outside the dwelling unit or accessory structure.
 - i. No traffic shall be anticipated by a home occupation in substantially greater volumes than would normally be expected by one (1) dwelling unit in a residential neighborhood. No vehicle or delivery truck shall block or interfere with normal traffic circulation.
 - j. No specific outside entrance or exit for the home occupation shall be permitted.
 - k. Signage identifying the home occupation shall comply with the development standards of the applicable zoning district
1. No use, storage, or parking of tractor trailers, semi-trucks, or heavy equipment (e.g. construction equipment) shall be permitted on or about the premises.
2. The following uses are examples of home occupations which may be classified as a Type I:

- a. Telephone answering and solicitation
- b. Home crafts
- c. Computer programming, desktop publishing
- d. Typing or secretarial service
- e. Painting, sculpturing, or writing
- f. Dressmaking, sewing, or tailoring
- g. Drafting, surveying service
- h. Consulting services
- i. Mail order business, not including retail sales from site
- j. Sales representative, office only

E. TYPE II HOME OCCUPATION

1. The following standards are applicable to all Type II Home Occupations:
 - a. One (1) person other than the residents of the dwelling unit on the subject premises named in the application may be engaged in such home occupation.
 - b. No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the total gross floor area of the dwelling unit shall be used for such home occupation.
 - c. No outdoor storage or display of products, equipment or merchandise is permitted.
 - d. Retail sales are permitted only as an accessory use to the primary home occupation (e.g. beauty salon can sell shampoo and beauty products.).
 - e. Signage identifying the home occupation shall comply with the development standards of the applicable zoning district.
 - f. The home occupation shall be conducted exclusively within the dwelling unit or an accessory structure.
 - g. No equipment, process, or activity shall be used in a home occupation which creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical or television interference which is detectable to the normal senses outside the dwelling unit or accessory structure.
 - h. No traffic shall be anticipated by a home occupation in substantially greater volumes than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood. No vehicle or delivery truck shall block or interfere with normal traffic circulation.
 - i. A minimum of two (2) off-street parking spaces, in addition to those required for the dwelling unit, shall be provided for use by patrons of the home occupation. The Board of Zoning Appeals may require additional off-street parking based upon the use and location of the property.
 - j. No use, storage, or parking of tractor trailers, semi-trucks, or heavy equipment (e.g. construction equipment) shall be permitted on or about the premises.
2. The following uses are examples of home occupations, which may be classified as a Type II:
 - a. Attorney office
 - b. Insurance sales or broker
 - c. Real estate sales or broker
 - d. Jewelry repair
 - e. Shoe repair
 - f. Carpentry, cabinetmakers
 - g. Ceramics, which involve the use of a kiln
 - h. Medical or dental office
 - i. Catering or food preparation
 - j. Pet grooming service
 - k. Barber or beauty shop
 1. Photo developing, photo studio

m. Appliance repair facility

F. GENERAL PROVISION - All home occupations shall conform to the following standards:

1. Approval of a home occupation is not transferable to a location other than that which was approved.
2. In no case shall a home occupation be open to the public at times earlier than 7:00 a.m. nor later than 9:00 p.m.
3. All home occupations shall be subject to periodic inspections. Reasonable notice shall be provided to the permittee prior to the time requested for an inspection.
4. The Executive Director, in the case of an Administrative Permit for a Type I Home Occupation, or the Board of Zoning Appeals in the case of a Special Exception for a Type II Home Occupation, may impose reasonable conditions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, or to protect against a possible nuisance condition.
5. Administrative Permits issued by the Executive Director or Special Exception Permits issued by the Board of Zoning Appeals, may be revoked by the issuing authority for cause after reasonable notice to the permittee and opportunity for a hearing on the matter.
6. Home occupations shall commence only after the receipt of an Administrative Permit, if classified as a Type I, or Special Exception Permit, if classified as a Type II.

G. PERMIT REVIEW PROCESS - Applications for a home occupation shall be reviewed as follows:

1. Application filed, with authorization from property owner.
2. Review of application by Executive Director to determine classification as a Type I or Type II.
3. If classified as a Type I:
 - a. Executive Director can approve or deny the application:
 - b. If approved, an Administrative Permit for the home occupation shall be issued.
 - c. Executive Director may impose reasonable conditions as part of the approval.
 - d. Applicant may appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals if application is denied or if conditions are unacceptable. On appeal of a condition(s), appeals must be filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of the Executive Director's approval of the Administrative Permit.
4. If classified as a Type II, the application shall be reviewed and treated as a Special Exception request.
5. The standards set forth in Section 950 (D), 950 (E), and 950 (F) shall be incorporated as minimum conditions of approval.

H. ENFORCEMENT - In the event the Executive Director determines that the operation of any home occupation is in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance or any permit condition, notice shall be provided to the permittee setting forth a description of the violation, corrective action required, and a date by which such corrective action must be accomplished. The permit may be revoked if not corrected in the manner and by the date specified in the notice in accordance with the revocation procedures applicable for Special Exceptions. In addition, violations of this Section are subject to the penalties provided for in Section 350.

SECTION 951: SUBDIVISIONS

Pursuant to the Town of Markle Subdivision Control Ordinance, the subdivision of land which requires approval by the Plan Commission shall be permitted in all zoning districts.

SECTION 994: AIRPORT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS OVERLAY DISTRICT

A. GENERAL

In order to carry out the provisions of this Section, there are hereby created and established certain zones which include all of the land lying beneath the approach surfaces, transitional surfaces, horizontal surfaces, and conical surfaces shown on that certain Huntington Municipal Airport Height Restriction Overlay District Zoning Map which is made a part hereof. An area located in more than one of these zones is considered to be only in the zone with the more restrictive height limitation. These zones are hereby established and defined as follows:

1. Utility Runway Visual Approach Zone - The inner edge of this approach zone coincides with the width of the primary surface and is 250 feet wide. The approach zone expands outward uniformly to a width of 1,250 feet at a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet from the primary surface. It's centerline is the continuation of the centerline of the runway. (At the adoption of this Ordinance, this is the current classification of a proposed runway running generally in a north-northwest to south southeastern direction).
2. Utility Runway Non-precision Instrument Approach Zone - The inner edge of this approach zone coincides with the width of the primary surface and is 500 feet wide. The approach zone expands outward uniformly to a width of 2,000 feet at a horizontal distance 5,000 feet from the primary surface. Its centerline is the continuation of the centerline of the runway.
3. Runway Larger Than Utility Visual Approach Zone - The inner edge of this approach zone coincides with the width of the primary surface and is 500 feet wide. The approach zone expands outward uniformly to a width of 1,500 feet at a horizontal distance 5,000 feet from the primary surface. Its centerline is the continuation of the centerline of the runway.
4. Runway Larger Than Utility with a Minimum Greater Than 3/4 Mile Non-precision Instrument Approach Zone - The inner edge of this approach zone coincides with the width of the primary surface and is 500 feet wide. The approach zone expands outward uniformly to a width of 3,500 feet at a horizontal distance 10,000 feet from the primary surface. Its centerline is the continuation of the centerline of the runway. (At the adoption of this Ordinance, this is the current classification of Runway 9 running in a generally east to west direction.)
5. Runway Larger Than Utility with a Visibility Minimum as Low as 3/4 Mile Non-precision Instrument Approach Zone - The inner edge of this approach zone coincides with the width of the primary surface and is 1,000 feet wide. The approach zone expands outward uniformly to a width of 4,000 feet at a horizontal distance to 10,000 feet from the primary surface. Its centerline is the continuation of the centerline of the runway.
6. Transitional Zones - The transitional zones are the areas beneath the transitional surfaces.
7. Horizontal Zone - The horizontal zone is established by swinging arcs of 5,000 feet radii for all runways designated utility or visual and 10,000 feet for all others from the center of each end of the primary surface of each runway and connecting the adjacent arcs by drawing lines tangent to those arcs. The horizontal zone does not include the approach and transitional zones.
8. Conical Zone - The conical zone is established as the area that commences at the periphery of the horizontal zone and extends outward there from a horizontal distance of 4,000 feet.

B. HEIGHT LIMITATIONS

Except as otherwise provided in this section, no structure shall be erected, altered, or maintained in any zone created by this section to a height in excess of the applicable height limitation herein established for such zone. Such applicable height limitations are hereby established for each of the zones in question as follows:

1. Utility Runway Visual Approach Zone - Slopes twenty (20) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet along the extended runway centerline.
2. Utility Runway Non-precision Instrument Approach Zone - Slopes twenty (20) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet along the extended runway centerline.
3. Runway Larger than Utility Visual Approach Zone - Slopes twenty (20) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet along the extended runway centerline.
4. Runway Larger than Utility with a Visibility Minimum Greater than 3/4 Mile Non-precision Instrument Approach Zone - Slopes thirty-four (34) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of 10,000 feet along the extended runway centerline.
5. Runway Larger Than Utility With a Visibility Minimum as Low as 3/4 Mile Non-precision Instrument Approach Zone - Slopes thirty-four (34) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the end of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of 10,000 feet along the extended runway centerline.
6. Transitional Zones - Slopes seven (7) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the sides of and at the same elevation as the primary surface and the approach surface, and extending to a height of 150 feet above airport elevation, which is 806 feet above, mean sea level. In addition to the foregoing, there are established height limits sloping seven (7) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the sides of and the same elevation as the approach surface, and extending to where they intersect the conical surface.
7. Horizontal Zone - Established at 150 feet above the airport elevation or at a height of 956 feet above mean sea level
8. Conical Zone - Slopes twenty (20) feet outward for each foot upward beginning at the periphery of the horizontal zone and at 150 feet above the airport elevation and extending to a height of 350 feet above the airport elevation.
9. Excepted Height Limitation - Nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting the construction or maintenance of any structure to a height up to 50 feet above the surface of the land, and where land is located below the approach or transitional surfaces.

C. USE RESTRICTION

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, no one may within any zone established by this Code create electrical interference with navigational signals or radio communication between the airport aircraft, make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between airport lights and other lights, cause glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, impair visibility in the vicinity of the airport, create bird strike hazards, or otherwise in any way endanger or interfere with the landing, takeoff, or maneuvering of aircraft intending to use or using the airport.

D. NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES

1. Regulations Not Retroactive - The regulations prescribed in this Section shall not be construed to require the removal, lowering, or other change or alteration of any structure not conforming to the regulations as the effective date of this Section, or otherwise interfere with the continuance of a nonconforming structure. Nothing contained herein shall require any change in the construction, alteration, or intended use of any structure, the construction or alteration of which was granted all necessary

and appropriate permits from regulatory authorities and was begun prior to the effective date of this Section, and is diligently pursued.

2. Marking and Lighting - Notwithstanding the preceding provision of this Section, the owner of any existing nonconforming structure is hereby required to permit the installation, operation, and maintenance thereon of such markers and lights as shall be deemed necessary by the Board of Aviation Commissioners to indicate its presence, at the expense of the City of Huntington.

E. PERMITS

1. Future Uses - No structure shall be erected, enlarged or established in excess of the applicable height limitation set forth in Sub-section B paragraph 9, in any zone created under this Section unless a Height Permit has been applied for and granted by the City/County Planning Department. Each application for a Height Permit shall indicate the purpose for which the Height Permit is desired, with sufficient particularity to allow the Planning Department to determine whether the resulting structure conforms to the regulations herein prescribed. If such determination is in the affirmative, the Height Permit shall be granted. No Height Permit shall be granted if the structure's proposed height is inconsistent with the provision of this Section, unless a Height Variance has been approved in accordance with Subsection E, paragraph 5.
2. Height Permits - Applications for Height Permits required by this Section shall be submitted to the City/County Planning Department on forms published for that purpose. The City/County Planning Department shall promptly notify the Board of Aviation Commissioners or its designee of any and all applications for Height Permits filed under this Section for the purpose of obtaining technical advice concerning the aeronautical effects that the proposed structure will have on air traffic and safety. The Board shall have ten (10) days after notification in which to review and comment on the Height Permit application.
3. Existing Uses - No Height Permit shall be granted that would allow the establishment or creation of an obstruction or allow a nonconforming use or structure to become a greater hazard to air navigation, than it was on the effective date of this Section or any amendments thereto or than it was when the application for a Height Permit is made.
4. Nonconforming Uses Abandoned or Destroyed - Whenever a nonconforming structure has been abandoned or more than 80 percent torn down, physically deteriorated, or decayed, no Height Permit shall be granted that would allow such structure to be repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed in a manner which exceeds the applicable height limit, without first obtaining a Height Variance.
5. Height Variances - Any person desiring to erect or increase the height of any structure, or use property not in accordance with the regulations prescribed in this Section, may apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a Height Variance from such regulations. This application is to be made at the City/County Planning Department Office. The City/County Planning Department shall promptly notify the Board of Aviation Commissioners or its designee of any and all Height Variances filed under this Section for the purpose of obtaining technical advice concerning the aeronautical effects that the proposed structure will have on air traffic and safety. This notification shall be at least ten (10) days prior to any hearing by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The application for Height Variance shall be accompanied by a determination from the Federal Aviation Administration as to the effect of the proposal on the operation of air navigation facilities and the safe, efficient use of navigable airspace. Such Height

Variances shall be allowed where it is duly found that a literal application or enforcement of the regulations will result in unnecessary hardship and relief granted, will not be contrary to the public interest, will not create a hazard to air navigation, will do substantial justice, and will be in accordance with the spirit of this Section. If the Board of Aviation Commissioners, or its designee, does not respond within a reasonable amount of time prior to the hearing by the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Board of Zoning Appeals may act on its own to grant or deny said Height Variance application.

6. Obstruction Marking and Lighting - Any Height Permit or Height Variance granted may, if such action is deemed advisable to effectuate the purpose of this Section and be reasonable in the circumstances, be so conditioned as to require the owner of the structure in question to install, operate, and maintain, at the owner's expense, such markings and lights as may be necessary. If deemed proper by the Board of Zoning Appeals, this condition may be modified to require the owner to allow the City of Huntington, at its own expense, to install, operate, and maintain the necessary markings and lights.

F. ENFORCEMENT

It shall be the duty of the City/County Planning Department to administer and enforce the regulations prescribed herein. Application for height permits and height variances required by this Section shall be submitted to the City/County Planning Department on forms published for that purpose. The Board of Aviation Commissioners, or their appointed designee, shall act as a technical advisor to the Planning Department and/or Board of Zoning Appeals on any request for a Height Permit or Height Variance regarding this Section.

G. PENALTIES

Each violation of this Section or of any regulation, order, or ruling promulgated hereunder shall be subject to the penalties for violations outlined in Section 350 of the Zoning Ordinance.

H. CONFLICTING REGULATIONS

Where there exists a conflict between any of the regulations or limitations prescribed in this Section and any other regulations applicable to the same area, whether the conflict be with respect to the height of structures and the use of land, or any other matter, the more stringent limitation or regulation shall govern and prevail.

I. INDIANA HIGH STRUCTURE SAFETY ACT

If any provision of this Section conflicts with the Indiana High Structure Safety Act (I.C. 8-21-10-1 et. seq.), as it is now enacted or hereafter amended, the more restrictive provision controls.

J. FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS

Compliance with this Section does not relieve any person or entity from its obligation to comply with federal or state laws, which may or may not be more restrictive; nor relieve any person or entity from its obligation to obtain any studies or permits required by federal or state law.

SECTION 1010: PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD)

- A. It is the intent of this Section to provide a means to encourage development wherein such development promotes economical and efficient land use, an improved level of amenities, creative design, and preserves the existing environmental amenities. A Planned Unit Development (hereinafter referred to as PUD) permits flexibility in development standard requirements provided the PUD is granted a Special Exception and that all conditions of the Special Exception and all development standards contained within this Section are adhered to.
- B. A PUD is permissible as a Special Exception in the A, SR, R-2, R-4, R-8, R-20, LB, GB, AB, and CB districts, subject to Section 501.
- C. In a PUD, all permitted uses within the applicable zoning district are allowed. All Special Exceptions within the applicable district and all permitted and Special Exceptions within the other districts wherein a PUD is permissible shall be allowed subject to Section 501.
- D. An application for Special Exception approval of a PUD shall be processed and reviewed as follows:
 - 1. Application shall be made in accordance with the Board of Zoning Appeals rules of procedure.
 - 2. The application and information required by Sub-Section (E) below shall be forwarded to the Commission for their review and recommendation.
 - 3. The Commission shall review the PUD application and submit written findings and a recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 - 4. The Commission shall review each application based upon:
 - a. Compliance with the development standards of this Section;
 - b. Compliance with the criteria in Section 501;
 - c. Consistency with general planning, zoning, and engineering standards established by the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable County ordinances.
 - 5. The Board of Zoning Appeals can only grant a Special Exception for a PUD upon an affirmative finding on the criteria in Section 501.
- E. The following information shall be submitted with a PUD application:
 - 1. A drawing on one or more sheets of paper measuring not more than twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches, drawn to a scale as large as practical, and including the following information:
 - a. Scale, date, north arrow, vicinity map, and title of the project.
 - b. The boundaries, dimensions, and total gross acreage of the lot.
 - c. The relationship of the project to the surrounding road system, including the width of adjacent roadways.
 - d. The location and dimensions of existing manmade features such as roads, utilities, and structures, with indication as to which are to be removed, relocated, or altered.
 - e. The location and dimensions of existing easements, watercourses, county drains, water and sewer lines, well and septic tank location, and other existing important physical features in and adjoining the project.
 - f. The location and delineation of existing trees (12" in diameter or larger) and information as to which trees will be removed. Existing woods may be indicated as such on the plan.
 - g. Identification of land use and zoning classification of adjacent properties.
 - h. Location of the different land uses proposed, such as dwelling unit types, open space areas, recreational facilities, commercial and other uses, and off-street parking areas.

- i. If lots are to be sold, location and dimensions of lots.
 - j. Location of proposed signs and lighting fixtures.
 - 2. Legal description of the lot proposed for development.
 - 3. Proposal for providing sanitary sewer, potable water, storm water, gas, electricity, and any other utility service.
 - 4. Statement of the proposed phasing of construction for the project.
 - 5. Drainage Plan, which shall include the following information:
 - a. Contours with elevations of the pre-developed site and proposed finished grade
 - b. Size of the watershed
 - c. Method of calculation of stormwater run-off
 - d. Proposal for the management of stormwater
 - 6. Statement of additional roadway needs, including improvements necessary to adequately access and service the lot.
 - 7. Traffic impact analysis, if required by the Director or Commission.
- F. The following development standards apply to a PUD site:
- 1. Minimum Lot Area - Two (2) acres
 - 2. Minimum Lot Frontage - Fifty (50) feet
 - 3. Building setback, density, parking, landscaping, signage, accessory building, fence, building height, and any other development standard requirements shall be determined through the PUD Special Exception review process.
- G. Modifications to an approved PUD site plan may be made only upon written application to the Department. The Director shall review modifications and certify compliance with all Special Exception conditions of approval and certify that no substantial deviation from the approved site plan has occurred.
- 1. A substantial deviation shall include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Relocation of an access point to the site;
 - b. Major redesign of the vehicular use areas; and
 - c. Fundamental change in the overall concept of the development
 - 2. If the Director determines that the proposed modification is inconsistent with a condition of approval, or that a substantial deviation exists, the modified PUD site plan must be resubmitted for approval as required by this Section.
- H. Upon approval of a PUD Special Exception, development activity shall occur at the site within three (3) years of the date of approval, or the Special Exception approval will expire.
- I. The Board of Zoning Appeals, after notice to the property owner and developer of the PUD site, may revoke the PUD approval if the conditions of approval are not adhered to.

SECTION 1020: LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

A. PURPOSE AND INTENT

It is the purpose and intent of this Section to provide for livestock operations within Huntington County. Two classes of livestock operations have been established based upon the intensity of use. Accordingly, minimum standards have been established for each class of livestock operation in order to assure the compatibility of livestock operations with other uses permitted in the applicable district. These minimum standards are intended to provide protection for existing residential, commercial, industrial, and public buildings from being encroached upon by new livestock operations, as well as protecting approved livestock operations from being encroached upon by new residential, commercial, industrial, and public buildings.

B. APPLICATION FOR LIVESTOCK OPERATION

1. An application for livestock operation approval shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department.
2. The application form shall be submitted to the Department along with the following information:
 - a. A site plan of the property:
 1. The boundaries, dimensions, and total gross acreage of the property;
 2. The location and setback from property lines of all existing and proposed buildings, confinement areas, pits, ponds, lagoons, holding tanks, and wells;
 3. The location of existing easements, watercourses, county drains, well and septic tank locations; and other important physical features on the property;
 4. The location of the property in relation to the surrounding road system;
 - b. A site plan showing the boundaries of the property and all existing dwelling units, commercial buildings, and subdivision lots within one thousand (1,000) feet of the property.
 - c. A site plan showing the boundaries of the property and the land application areas for waste, including dimensions and total acreage.
 - d. A waste management plan, which shall include a proposal for the storage and disposal of waste.
 - e. Any additional information requested by the Department, which relates to compliance review.

C. APPLICATION REVIEW

Application for a livestock operation shall be reviewed by the Executive Director as follows:

1. Classification as a minor livestock operation or intensive livestock operation shall be made based upon the definitions described in Section 1020(D) and (E).
2. Compliance with the provisions of Section 1020(F).
3. If the provisions of Section 1020 are adhered to, and if all required and requested information is submitted, the Executive Director can issue a minor livestock operation permit for those operations classified as minor, or intensive livestock operation permit for those operations classified as intensive.
4. The standards set forth in Section 1020(F) shall be incorporated as minimum conditions of approval.

D. MINOR LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

Minor livestock operations shall be defined as a tract of land or tracts of adjacent lands with no more than the following numbers of livestock per acre based on the tracts(s) of land upon which the livestock and livestock buildings are located:

1. 10 finishing hogs; or
2. 4 sows; or
3. 1 cow; or
4. 25 nursery pigs (under 40 lbs.); or
5. 2 feeder cattle; or
6. 2 heifers (replacement); or
7. 100 turkeys; or
8. 150 laying hens; or
9. 150 pullets; or
10. 150 broilers; or

11. 5 veal calves; or
12. 5 sheep; or
13. 5 goats; or
14. 4 horses; or
15. Limits for other livestock not enumerated herein shall be determined by the Executive Director based upon type or size of livestock.

E. INTENSIVE LIVESTOCK OPERATION

1. Intensive livestock operations shall be defined as any proposed livestock operation or an expansion of an existing livestock operation exceeding the per acre limits set forth in Section 1020 (D) above or any one operation regardless of acreage which has livestock numbers exceeding the following:
 - a. 400 sows; or
 - b. 1,000 finishing hogs; or
 - c. 1,000 nursery pigs; or
 - d. 300 cattle; or
 - e. 30,000 poultry; or
 - f. 500 veal calves
2. Where a livestock operation involves less than 400 sows, 1,000 finishing hogs, 1,000 nursery pigs, 300 cattle, 30,000 poultry, 500 veal calves, but there are more than one kind of species of animals, the number of animals in the operation shall be divided by 400 in the case of sows, 1,000 in the case of finishing hogs or nursery pigs, 500 in the case of veal calves, 300 in the case of cattle and 30,000 in the case of poultry and the resulting percentages shall be added together. If the total of such percentages equals or exceeds one hundred, then the operation is an intensive livestock operation as defined herein. If the total of such percentages is less than one hundred and complies with the acreage restrictions of Section 1020 (D) above, then the operation is a minor livestock operation.

F. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The following setbacks shall be maintained for a minor livestock operation building, pen, or confined feeding area:
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of all two (2) lane county roads;
 - b. Seventy-five (75) feet from the right-of-way line of all state and federal roadways if two (2) lanes wide, and sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of county, state, or federal roadways if four (4) lanes wide;
 - c. Twenty-five (25) feet from any side or rear property line; and
 - d. One hundred (100) feet from any water well, which services a dwelling unit.
2. The following setbacks shall be maintained for an intensive livestock operation building, pen, or confined feeding area:
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of all two (2) lane county roads;
 - b. Seventy-five (75) feet from the right-of-way line of all state and federal roadways if two (2) lanes wide, and sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of county, state, or federal roadways, if four (4) lanes wide;
 - c. Twenty-five (25) feet from any side or rear property line;
 - d. One hundred (100) feet from any water well, which services a dwelling unit;
 - e. Five hundred (500) feet from any dwelling unit other than the dwelling unit(s) on the property;
 - f. One thousand (1,000) feet from any commercial, industrial, or public building; and

3. The following setbacks shall be maintained for any pit, pond, lagoon, or structure open to the sky or not completely contained in a holding tank with cover, and utilized for storage of livestock waste:
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of all two (2) lane county roads;
 - b. Seventy-five (75) feet from the right-of-way line of all state and federal roadways if two (2) lanes wide, and sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of county, state, or federal roadways if four (4) lanes wide;
 - c. Fifty (50) feet from any side or rear property line;
 - d. One hundred (100) feet from any water well, which services a dwelling unit;
 - e. One thousand (1,000) feet from any dwelling unit other than the dwelling unit(s) on the property;
 - f. One thousand (1,000) feet from any commercial, industrial, or public building;
4. The following setbacks shall be maintained for any holding tank with cover which is separate from a livestock building and which is utilized for the storage of livestock waste:
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of all two (2) lane county roads;
 - b. Seventy-five (75) feet from the right-of-way line of all state and federal roadways if two (2) lanes wide, and sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of county, state, or federal roadways if four (4) lanes wide;
 - c. Fifty (50) feet from any side or rear property line; and
 - d. One hundred (100) feet from any water well, which services a dwelling unit.
5. The following setbacks shall be maintained for the land application of waste:
 - a. One hundred (100) feet from any water well, which services a dwelling unit;
 - b. One hundred (100) feet from any dwelling unit other than the dwelling unit(s) on the property; and
 - c. One hundred (100) feet from any commercial, industrial, or public building.
6. All new dwelling units, commercial buildings, industrial buildings, and public buildings shall adhere to the separation distances listed in Section 1020(F)(2), (3) and (5) above.
7. A dwelling unit, commercial building, industrial building, or public building is considered existing on a site under the following circumstances:
 - a. If the building exists on the property; or
 - b. If a building permit, which remains valid, is issued; or
 - c. If the lot upon which the building is to be constructed is in a recorded subdivision or part of an approved and valid preliminary plat.
8. A pit, pond, or lagoon is considered existing on a site if an Improvement Location Permit, which remains valid, has been issued; or, the pit, pond, or lagoon exists on the property.
9. Disposing of Waste
 - a. Sufficient land shall be available for disposing of the waste from the operation. The following minimum land area shall be available for disposal of waste:
 1. One acre for each 45-nursery pigs;
 2. One acre for each 11 sows;
 3. One acre for each 20 finishing hogs;
 4. One acre for each 5-feeder cattle;
 5. One acre for each 6 heifers (replacement);
 6. One acre for each 300 turkeys, ducks, geese
 7. One acre for each 15 veal calves;
 8. One acre for each 3 cows;
 9. One acre for each 450 laying hens;
 10. One acre for each 590 pullets;
 11. One acre for each 690 broilers;
 12. One acre for each 10 horses;

13. One acre for each 20 sheep or goats.
14. Limits for other livestock not enumerated herein shall be determined by the Executive Director by comparing body weight and animal wastes with those, which are enumerated.
- b. Fifty (50) percent of the application land must be within two (2) miles of the livestock operation building and must either be owned by the owner of the livestock operation or if not, the owner of the livestock operation must present and submit to the Executive Director an agreement granting permission to apply wastes on the area. This agreement shall be signed by the livestock operator and the owner of the property, which is available for waste application, and must be duly notarized to be acceptable.
- c. A current, valid agreement must be on file at all times with the Department. If an agreement is not on file, the livestock operator is limited to the maximum number of livestock per acre based upon land owned by the owner of the livestock operation.
- d. The handling and application of waste from the livestock operations must meet all additional requirements and standards set forth by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (idem) AND Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

G. REQUIREMENTS FOR DOMESTICATED LIVESTOCK

Small quantities of domesticated livestock may be kept as an accessory use in all zoning districts provided the following standards are met:

1. The use must be accessory to a single-family detached or two-family dwelling as the principal use on the same lot or parcel and shall be for personal use only. Breeding, raising of animals for slaughter, and selling of animal products (e.g. eggs) is strictly prohibited.
2. The caretaker or owner of the animal(s) must reside on the same lot as the animal(s).
3. The number and type of domesticated livestock permitted within the Town limits shall be determined by separate ordinance(s) adopted by the Town Council. All other domesticated livestock not expressly permitted by the Town Council in this manner will be prohibited.
4. Permitted domesticated livestock shall not be considered a minor livestock operation or be required to follow the general provisions of Section 1020 (F).
5. Waste must be collected and removed or composted regularly. All animal remains must be disposed of and removed from the site within 24 hours.
6. All housing or structures for domesticated livestock shall follow the accessory structure side and rear setbacks for the applicable zoning district, or the setbacks prescribed by Town Council ordinance, whichever is greater (more stringent). Domesticated livestock housing or structures shall be permitted only within the rear yard of the property, not in a front or side yard.

H. REQUIREMENTS FOR EXISTING LIVESTOCK OPERATIONS

1. An approval of a minor or intensive livestock operation, which was granted in accordance with Ordinance 1980-2, which became effective June 1, 1980, and was in compliance with the requirements of Ordinance 1980-2 upon the adoption of this Ordinance shall remain valid. Any increase in the number of livestock, which would change the status of the operation from minor to intensive; or any new construction of feeding areas, pits, ponds, lagoons, or holding tanks; or, any existing application lands or application lands established after the effective date of this Ordinance, shall require compliance with the regulations of this Ordinance.
2. It is the responsibility of the livestock operator to assure all information on file with the Department regarding their operation is accurate.

I. ACCESS TO PROPERTY/INSPECTIONS

The Executive Director may inspect any building, structure, or property at any reasonable time for the purpose of administering and enforcing the provisions of this Section. Inspection of the building(s), structure(s), or property shall be for the purpose of verifying number of livestock; setback distances; location of building(s), structure(s), and waste storage facilities; and location of waste application lands.

J. APPEALS

Any livestock operation determination made by the Director may be appealed to the County Board of Zoning Appeals in accordance with applicable law.

SECTION 1040: PONDS

A. Purpose and Intent:

It is the purpose and intent of this section to provide minimum standards and a permitting process for allowing the development of ponds within the County.

B. Authority:

The Executive Director of the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development, and the Huntington County Surveyor, are hereby authorized and directed to administer and enforce all of the provisions of this section as applicable.

C. Application and interpretation

Whenever any words or phases used herein are not defined herein but are defined in other applicable County Ordinances or State laws regulating development and/or drainage, any such definition therein shall be deemed to apply to such words and phases used herein, except when the context otherwise requires.

D. Definitions:

1. County – Huntington County, Indiana.
2. County Commissioners – The Board of Commissioners of Huntington County, Indiana.
3. Development – The construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation or enlargement of any buildings; or any clearing, grading, or other movement of land.
4. Drainage Board – The Huntington County, Indiana Drainage Board.
5. Improvement – Any structure or man-made feature, which becomes part of, placed upon, or is affixed to land.
6. Plan Commission – Town of Markle Advisory Plan Commission.
7. Enforcement Official – The individual(s) appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Huntington County, Indiana as the designated enforcement official(s) of the provision of this Ordinance.

E. Permit Required

No pond shall be constructed, or increased in size, without a permit issued by the Huntington Countywide Department of Community Development. Said permit shall be issued only in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance. The following information shall be submitted with the application for a pond permit:

1. Site plan of the property showing the location of the proposed pond, including:
 - a. The proposed distance the pond will be from all property lines (as measured in accordance with Section F below)
 - b. The direction of the flow of water prior to the construction of the pond

- c. The size, location, and elevation of the outlet pipe, and the direction of the flow of water exiting the property
 - d. If any disturbance of the soil is to occur in any of the setback areas, spot elevations will need to be performed in those areas prior to the disturbance of the soil. Setbacks areas will then need to be returned to the original elevation prior to final inspection of the pond.
- 2. A permit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be paid to the Department of Community Development when the permit is issued.
- 3. Permits shall be valid for one (1) year after the date of issuance.

F. Minimum Standards

- 1. All ponds shall adhere to the following setbacks from property lines:
 - a. Seventy-five (75) feet from the centerline of all county roads (high water level).
 - b. Sixty (60) feet from the right-of-way line of all state and federal roads (high water level).
 - c. Thirty-five (35) feet from the centerline of all county roads (excavating/site work).
 - d. Thirty (30) feet from the right-of-way line of all state and federal roads (excavating/site work).
 - e. Ten (10) feet from all other property line
- 2. The setback for the side and rear property lines shall be measured to the toe of the slope of the bank of the pond, or to the high water level of the pond, whichever is closer to the property line or roadway. In no case shall any excavation occur, or fill be placed, in the required setback area or within any regulated drain easement.
- 3. The setback for the front yard shall be measured to the high water level of the pond, with no excavating/site work occurring within a distance of thirty-five (35) feet from the centerline of all county roads or thirty (30) feet from the right-of-way line of all state and federal roads.
- 4. In no case shall the direction or volume of water exiting the property be permanently altered due to the construction of the pond.
- 5. The Huntington County Surveyor's Office shall be notified by the property owner and /or excavation contractor when work commences of the construction of the pond. Prior to the removal of excavating equipment, the Huntington County Surveyor's Office will be contacted and will give final approval of the newly constructed pond.
- 6. Ponds are prohibited from being located on or within designated primary and/or secondary on-site sewage (OSS) systems. Designated primary and/or secondary OSS sites will be located and verified by a licensed Soil Scientist as a suitable site and mapped on a survey by a licensed Land Surveyor with distances to the property lines. Pond permits will not be issued without providing documentation of suitable primary and/or secondary sites.

G. Variance Procedure

- 1. Variance from the minimum requirements of this section shall be filed in accordance with procedures set forth in Section 6.3 of the "Rules and Procedures of the Town of Markle BZA.
- 2. A request for a variance from the minimum setbacks requirements or alteration of the direction of volume of water flow from the property shall be submitted to the Department Of Community Development. A filing fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be paid to the Department.
- 3. A letter from the County Surveyor stating the Surveyor's recommendations on the proposed variance request shall be filed with the application.
- 4. Inspections:

The Huntington County Surveyor's Office shall be notified by the property owner and/or excavation contractor when work commences on the construction of a pond to insure compliance with the requirements set forth in this section

5. If any tiles are cut, broken down, or rendered less effective during development activity on a lot, the landowner shall be responsible for the repair, replacement, or relocation of the tile on the lot to maintain the amount on drainage through the lot that existed prior to the development act.

H. Enforcement, Violation, Remedies and Penalties:

1. Complaints Regarding Violations

Any person may file a written complaint whenever a violation of this Ordinance occurs or is reasonably believed to have occurred. The complaint shall state reasonably fully and accurately the particulars thereof, and be filed with the Director of the Department of Community Development or the County Surveyor. The County shall investigate and may take action upon such complaint as provided in this Ordinance.

2. Enforcement Official

The Director of the Department of Community Development and the Huntington County Surveyor are hereby designated as enforcement officials who are authorized and directed to implement the enforcement of this Ordinance.

3. Access to Property/Inspections

- a. The enforcement officials, and designated persons acting on their behalf, may inspect any property in the County at any reasonable time for the purposes of determining or enforcing compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- b. By making application for a permit as provided in this Ordinance, an applicant certifies that the applicant is acting for her/him/itself and as an authorized agent for the property owner(s) related to access to the property for the inspection purposes referred to herein.

I. Violations, remedies and penalties

1. It shall be the duty of the enforcement official to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.
2. The following shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance and shall be subject to the enforcement remedies and penalties provided by this Ordinance:
 - a. The construction, erection, or location of any improvement in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance;
 - b. The use or development of property in a manner, which does not conform to the provisions of this Ordinance;
 - c. Any act contrary to the provisions and requirements of this Ordinance; or
 - d. Altering, damaging, or removing any drainage related improvements required by the Plan Commission as part of a development plan or subdivision approval or by the Board of Zoning Appeals as part of a variance or special exception approval, or any other action that compromises the development standards of the zoning code.
3. Any activity considered a violation of this Ordinance is declared to be a common nuisance.
4. A person acting as owner, agent, principal, lessee, contractor, engineer, surveyor, or otherwise who, either individually or in concert with another, knowingly acts contrary to the provisions and requirements of this Ordinance, shall be liable for maintaining a common nuisance.

5. Private covenants or agreements imposing standards different than those in this Ordinance shall not impose an enforcement obligation on the Plan Commission or Drainage Board.
6. The owner, tenant, or occupant of any structure or land and any architect, engineer, surveyor, contractor, or other person who participates in, assists, directs, creates, or maintains any situation that is contrary to the requirements of this Ordinance may be held responsible for the violation and suffer the penalties and be subject to the remedies provided.
7. The following process shall be followed by the enforcement official when pursuing a violation of this Ordinance
 - a. The Huntington County Surveyor shall provide up to thirty (30) days for a violation to come into compliance with this ordinance. If at the time the violations have not been corrected, then
 - b. The enforcement official shall send written notice to the person believed responsible for the violation(s), and to the property owner of the property involved if different, indicating the nature of the alleged violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it.
 - c. If the violation(s) is not corrected, the enforcement official shall send a written notice identified as being the final notice, and shall state what action the enforcement official can take if the violation is not corrected. The notice shall indicate that an appeal may be filed to the County Commissioners and the procedure for filing an appeal.
 - d. In all violation notices, a reasonable time period shall be expressed and allotted for compliance.
 - e. If compliance is not achieved by the deadline specified in the final notice, the enforcement official may impose one or more of the remedies listed in Section 8 of this Ordinance.
 - f. The enforcement official working with the County Attorney may file a complaint against the person(s) responsible for and prosecute the alleged violation.
8. The enforcement official may impose any one or all of the following remedies listed below for any violation of this Ordinance:
 - a. A **STOP WORK ORDER** whereby all work on the improvement authorized by the issuance of a permit on the property shall cease at the time of posting. A written **STOP WORK ORDER** shall be sent to the property owner, contractor, or other appropriate individual specifying what action is necessary to remove the **STOP WORK ORDER**. All corrective work or action necessary to release the **STOP WORK ORDER** shall be completed within the stated time limitation. Failure to adhere to this time limitation is a violation of this Ordinance.
 - b. A revocation of any permit issued for work on the property.
 - c. Bring an action in the Circuit or Superior Court to invoke any legal, equitable, or special remedy for the enforcement of this Ordinance, or action taken under this Ordinance. Further, an action may also seek the imposition of a penalty under Indiana Code 36-7-4-1018 or its successor provision.
 - d. Bring action for injunction in the Circuit or Superior Court. This action may seek to enjoin a person or entity from violating, or continuing to violate any provision of this Ordinance and/or maintaining a common nuisance. Further, it may seek the prevention, removal, or abatement of the violation.
 - e. Any other remedy or penalty provided for herein, or by other applicable authority.

2. Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance in an enforcement action brought under this Ordinance shall be responsible to pay reasonable costs and expenses, including attorney fees, incurred to the County in connection with the prosecution of such action.

J. Fee Schedule and Fines:

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Permit Fee	\$25.00
Application for Variance from Development Standards	\$60.00
<u>Fine Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Starting pond construction without obtaining permits	\$250.00 fined to contractor
Finishing pond without obtaining final approval from County Surveyor	\$250.00 fined to contractor
Construction and/or excavation/site work in setback areas without BZA approvals	\$1000.00 fined to contractor

SECTION 1050: DEVELOPMENT PLAN

A. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIRED

1. Except as otherwise specifically stated in this section, a Development Plan is required for all development in the following zoning districts: A, SR, R-2, R-4, R-8, R-20, RMH, LB, GB, AB, M-1, M-2, POD, and AZ, and the Commission has exclusive authority to approve or disapprove development plans in these districts. A Development Plan is not required for the following land uses:
 - a. Dwelling, single-family
 - b. Dwelling, two-family
 - c. Livestock operation, minor or intensive
 - d. Farm
 - e. Commercial Forestry Production
 - f. Fish hatchery
 - g. Manufactured Home Type I or II
 - h. Home Occupation Type II or II
 - i. Park
 - j. Kennel
 - k. Child care home
 - l. Day care home
 - m. Cemetery
 - n. Utility service structure, station or yard (except for Solar Energy Systems)

- o. Communication tower
- p. Group Home
- q. Planned Unit Development
- r. Child caring institution
- s. Child care center

Any of the above uses that are exempt with proposed buildings over 10,000 square feet will be required to have development plan approval prior it issuance of an Improvement Location Permit or Building Permit.

A Solar Energy System (SES) does require Development Plan approval in all zoning districts. Please refer to the Solar Energy System Ordinance (Section 730-V) for submittal requirements

- 2. No Improvement Location Permit or Building Permit shall be issued until a Development Plan is approved.

B. APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 1. The following items shall be submitted or paid to the Department to initiate reviews of a Development Plan:
 - a. Completed application form signed by the property owner.
 - b. Payment of filing fees as required by Section 360(D)
 - c. Site plan, drawn on one or more sheets of paper measuring not more than twenty-four (24) inches by thirty-six (36) inches, drawn to a scale as large as practical, and including the following information:
 - 1. Scale, date, north arrow, vicinity map, and title of the project;
 - 2. The boundaries, dimensions, and gross acreage of the property;
 - 3. The relationship of the development to the surrounding road system, including the width of the adjacent roadways;
 - 4. The location and dimensions of existing manmade features such as roads, utilities, and structures, with indication as to which are to be removed, relocated, or altered.
 - 5. The location and dimensions of existing easements, watercourses, county drains, water and sewer lines, well and septic tank locations, and other existing important physical features in and adjoining the development;
 - 6. The location and delineation of existing trees (12" in diameter or larger) and information as to which trees will be removed. Existing woods may be indicated as such on the plan.
 - 7. Identification of existing land use and zoning of the petitioned site and adjacent properties;
 - 8. A layout of the proposed building site including the following site data:
 - a. Finished floor elevations
 - b. Common open areas
 - c. Landscaping and buffer areas
 - d. Internal circulation patterns including off street parking and loading facilities
 - e. Total project density (residential)
 - f. Building area
 - g. Percentage of impervious and near impervious surface coverage
 - h. Percentage of open space areas

- i. The shape, size, location, and height of all structures
 - 9. Size, location, and orientation of proposed signs;
 - 10. Proposed lighting of the premises;
 - 11. Name and address of developers/property owners; and
 - 12. Size and location of site utilities, including: sanitary sewer or septic, storm sewer, water, gas, and electricity.
 - d. Storm water Management Plan, which shall include the following information:
 - 1. Contours of the site with elevations of the predeveloped site and proposed finished grade
 - 2. Size of the watershed
 - 3. Method of calculation of stormwater run-off
 - 4. Location, size, and capacity of drainage facilities serving the development
 - 5. Proposal for the management of stormwater
 - e. Traffic Management Plan, which shall include the following information:
 - 1. Traffic generation analysis for proposed use
 - 2. Distribution and assignment of traffic
 - 3. Adjacent roadway/intersection improvements
 - 4. Future right-of-way dedications
 - 5. Additional roadway needs
 - f. A description of the nature and intensity of proposed uses in the development.
 - g. Statement on capacity of sanitary sewer system to service the development.
 - h. Legal description of the property proposed for development.
2. Upon written request from the applicant, the Commission may waive the requirement to submit one or more of the items listed in Section 1050(B)(1)(c)(d) or (e). In order for the Commission to waive a requirement, the Commission shall determine that:
- a. the item is not necessary for the Commission to adequately review the Development Plan; and
 - b. the item is not necessary for the Commission to determine if the development requirements in Section 1050(C) are satisfied.
 - c. One copy of the application form and five (5) copies of the site plan, stormwater management plan, and traffic management plan shall be submitted at the time the application is filed.

C. DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The following development requirements shall be satisfied before approval of a Development Plan:

- 1. Compatibility of development with surrounding land uses.
- 2. Availability of potable water, sanitary sewer or septic system, and other utilities necessary to operate and maintain the development in a manner that protects the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.
- 3. Availability of adequate stormwater detention facilities.
- 4. Compliance with the following development standards, as required in the applicable zoning district:
 - a. lot size
 - b. lot frontage
 - c. building setbacks
 - d. building coverage
 - e. building separation
 - f. parking

- g. landscaping
 - h. signs
 - i. building height
 - j. building width
 - k. any other development standard in the applicable zoning district
5. Management of traffic in a manner that creates conditions favorable to health, safety, convenience, and the harmonious development of the community by ensuring that:
- a. the design and location of proposed street and highway access points minimize safety hazards and congestion;
 - b. the capacity of adjacent streets and highways is sufficient to safely and efficiently accept traffic that will be generated by the new development; and
 - c. the entrances, streets, and internal traffic circulation facilities in the Development Plan are compatible with existing and planned streets and adjacent developments.

D. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

- 1. Development Plans shall be reviewed by the Development Plan Committee in accordance with the Plan Commission Rules of Procedure.
- 2. The Department shall establish a meeting date, time, and place for the Development Plan Committee to review the Development Plan.
- 3. The Department may prepare a staff report, and may make a recommendation to the Committee.
- 4. Notice to interested parties shall be completed in accordance with the Plan Commission Rules of Procedure.
- 5. The Development Plan Committee may receive evidence from any person regarding the Development Plan.
- 6. The Development Plan Committee shall review a Development Plan to determine if the Development Plan:
 - a. satisfies the development requirements specified in Section 1050(C); and
 - b. is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- 7. The Development Plan Committee shall make written findings concerning each decision to approve or disapprove a Development Plan. The chairperson of the Development Plan Committee, or the presiding officer in the absence of the chairperson, shall sign the written findings of the Committee.

E. WAIVER OF DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS

The Development Plan Committee may waive the following development requirements under the specific conditions listed:

- 1. Section 1050(C)(3) - Availability of stormwater detention facilities, if the development will have a negligible effect on increasing stormwater run-off or altering the flow of storm water run-off
- 2. Section 1050(C)(5) - Traffic Management Plan, if the development will have a negligible effect on traffic generation, traffic congestion, or traffic safety.

F. CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Prior to approval of a Development Plan, or amendment to an approved Development Plan, the Development Plan Committee, or Director in the case of an amended Development Plan that does not require Development Plan Committee approval, may:

- 1. Impose conditions on the approval of a Development Plan if the conditions are reasonably necessary to satisfy the development requirements specified in Section 1050(C);

2. Require the submittal of a bond or written assurance that guarantees the timely completion of a proposed public improvement in the proposed development and is in a form that is satisfactory to the Committee; and
3. Permit or require the owner of real property to make a written commitment concerning the use or development of the property. Such commitment shall be completed in accordance with Section 502, the Plan Commission Rules of Procedure, and applicable law.

G. AMENDMENT TO AN APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. A property owner may file a written application with the Director to amend an approved Development Plan on property they own.
2. The Director shall review modifications to the Development Plan and determine compliance with applicable land use and development standards and requirements and also determine whether a substantial deviation from the approved Development Plan has occurred.
 - a. A substantial deviation shall include, but is not limited to:
 1. Modification of building location, which would affect setback distances or buffering from adjacent residential property;
 2. Relocation of an access point to the site;
 3. Major redesign of the parking and vehicular use area; or
 4. Fundamental change in the overall concept of the development.
 - b. If the Director determines that the proposed modification is inconsistent with the standards and requirements, or that a substantial deviation exists, the modified Development Plan must be resubmitted and approved by the Development Plan Committee in the same manner as an original Development Plan and prior to the issuance of an Improvement Location Permit.
 - c. If the modified plan is consistent with applicable land use and development standards and requirements, and if no substantial deviation exists, the Director may approve the amended Development Plan. Interested parties, who were notified of the initial Development Plan application, and those who presented evidence to, or appeared at the meeting of, the Plan Commission at the time of the original Development Plan approval, shall be provided notice of the decision to approve the amended Development Plan. The notice shall be mailed no later than two (2) working days after the date of approval of the amended Development Plan, and shall allow fifteen (15) calendar days from the date of approval to file an appeal of the decision. If an appeal is filed, it shall be reviewed in accordance with Section 1050(J) and applicable law.
 - d. The Director shall make written findings concerning each decision to approve or disapprove an amendment to a Development Plan. The director shall sign the written findings.

H. DURATION OF APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. Development Plan approval expires if an Improvement Location Permit is not issued within two (2) years from the date of approval.
2. Upon request, and after good cause is shown, the time period within which an Improvement Location Permit must be issued may be extended by the Development Plan Committee for a time period not to exceed one (1) year.
3. If the time period has expired without extension and without the issuance of such permit, the Director shall file with the records of the Plan Commission a certificate of non-compliance and no Improvement Location Permit shall be issued until a new application for Development Plan is approved.

I. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

1. A Development Plan authorizes only the development set forth in such approved plans and applications. Development different from the approved Development Plan, including any approved modifications thereto, shall constitute a violation of the Zoning Code.
2. Approval of the Development Plan shall in no way exempt the applicant from strict observation of applicable provisions of the Zoning Code and all other applicable law.

J. APPEALS

1. Any decision or determination of the Development Plan Committee or of the Director may be appealed to the Plan Commission. The following procedures shall apply:
 - a. Appeal shall be filed with the Department on a form provided by the Department within fourteen (14) days of the date of issuance of the decision.
 - b. Notice shall be provided to interested parties in accordance with the County Plan Commission Rules of Procedure.
 - c. The Commission shall review the appeal request at its next regular meeting, provided the appeal is filed at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. If this requirement cannot be met, the appeal shall be scheduled for the next following Commission meeting.
 - d. The Commission may affirm, rescind, or modify the decision of the Director or Development Plan Committee. Only that item or items to which an appeal is filed shall be heard and decided by the Commission.
 - e. No filing fee is required for an appeal.
2. The decision by the Commission on an appeal request is a final decision of the Commission that may be reviewed as provided in IC 36-7-4-1016.