

Washington County, Minnesota Ordinances

Ordinance No. 4 County Development Code for Washington County, Minnesota Ordinance

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An Ordinance, hereinafter sometimes referred to as the County Development Code for Washington County, Minnesota.

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota does ordain:

Section I: Adoption of County Development Code for Washington County, Minnesota

There is hereby adopted as Ordinance No. 4 the Washington County Development Code, of which no less than three copies have been marked as official copies and are on file for the use and examination of the public in the office of the Washington County Auditor, Washington County Office Building, 300 East Eugene Street, Stillwater, Minnesota 55082.

Section II: Scope

Said Ordinance No. 4 consists of six separately adopted chapters dealing, in summary, with those matters set

forth below:

Chapter 1. Washington County Zoning Ordinance

An Ordinance for the purpose of promoting health, safety, order, convenience and general welfare, by regulating the use of land, the location and the use of buildings and the arrangement of buildings on lots, and the density of population, and the division of the county into districts for the orderly future development of the area of Washington County, Minnesota, or parts thereof outside the incorporated limits of the municipalities; and providing penalties for violations.

Chapter 2. Washington County Shoreland Management Ordinance

An Ordinance for the controlling of shoreland in Washington County for the purpose of promoting health, safety, order, convenience and general welfare, and to preserve and enhance the quality of surface waters, preserve the economic and natural environmental values of shoreland, and provide for the wise utilization of water and related land resources; and providing penalties for violations.

Chapter 3. Washington County Flood Plain Ordinance

An Ordinance for the controlling of lands within Washington County that are subject to recurring flooding by overflow of streams and other watercourses causing hazard to life and property, disruption of commerce and governmental services, unsanitary conditions, and the interruption of transportation and communications, all of which are detrimental to the health, safety, welfare, of the occupants of flood plain areas; and providing penalties for violations.

Chapter 4. Washington County Sanitary Sewer Disposal Ordinance

An Ordinance for the purpose of promoting health, safety, order, convenience and general welfare, by regulating the specifications, installation, and maintenance of on-site sewer disposal systems in the unincorporated areas of Washington County, Minnesota; and providing penalties for violations.

Chapter 5. Washington County Subdivision Ordinance

An Ordinance establishing platting and subdivision regulations to provide for orderly, economic and safe development of land and to promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare in the unincorporated areas of Washington County, Minnesota; and providing penalties for violations.

Chapter 6. Washington County Mining Ordinance

An Ordinance establishing mining regulations to provide for orderly, economic and safe removal of sand, gravel, rock, soil and other natural deposits and to promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare in the unincorporated areas of Washington County, Minnesota; and providing penalties for violations.

Section III: Purpose

For those specific purposes set forth in each of those six chapters described in Section II above, and for the general purpose of promoting the health, safety, order, convenience and welfare of the public.

Section IV: Validity

Should any chapter, section, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not effect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section V: Interpretation, Purpose and Conflict

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed to be the minimum requirements of the health, safety, order, convenience and welfare of the public in those areas which the Ordinance and its respective chapters regulate. In any case where a provision of this Ordinance is found to be in conflict with the provision of any other zoning, building, safety or health ordinance or code in force in Washington County, the provision which establishes the higher standard for the promotion and protection of health safety, order, convenience and welfare of the people of Washington County shall prevail.

Section VI: Jurisdiction

Ordinance No. 4 and its respective chapters and provisions have application only outside the incorporated limits of the municipalities of Washington County.

Section VII: Violations and Penalties

Any person who violates any of the provisions of Ordinance No. 4 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or imprisonment in the County Jail for not to exceed 90 days, or both. Each day that the violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

Section VIII: Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its upon passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the County Board of Commissioners of Washington County, Minnesota, this 6th day of July, 1972.
