

# **DODGE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance amending the May 16th, 1995 Dodge County Zoning Ordinance regulating land use and development in Dodge County, Minnesota.

**THE COUNTY BOARD OF DODGE COUNTY ORDAINS:**

## **CHAPTER 1:            PURPOSE AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

### **SECTION 1.1            TITLE**

This ordinance shall be known, cited and referred to as the "Dodge County Zoning Ordinance"; except as referred to herein, where it shall be known as "this Ordinance".

### **SECTION 1.2            PURPOSE**

1.2.1            This Ordinance is adopted for the purpose of:

- A.    Protecting and promoting public health, safety, general welfare and morals of the citizens of Dodge County;
- B.    Protecting and preserving agricultural land, productivity of such land and animal agriculture;
- C.    Promoting and providing for orderly, responsible and sustainable development of agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, conservation and public areas and land uses;
- D.    Promoting compatible development and uses to prevent land use conflicts, conserve the value of properties and preserve the quality of life for the citizens of the county; ;
- E.    Promoting appropriate development and use of land located within the shoreland to preserve and enhance the quality of surface waters, conserve the economic and natural environmental values of shorelands and provide for the wise use of water and related land resources

- F. Promoting appropriate development of floodplains and limiting the development or use of land which could result in the potential for loss of life and property, create health and safety hazards, and lead to extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief;
- G. Protecting and preserving historical, archeological, scenic and other natural resources which are significant to Dodge County;
- H. Protect groundwater water quantity and quality by facilitating the adequate provision of water, sewage treatment, manure storage and application and management of all land uses within the county;
- J. Protecting the environment;
- L. Administering the planning and zoning activities pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 394.21, as amended.

**SECTION 1.3 STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION**

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in *Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394; Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B; Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 116 and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103F*; or successor statutes.

**SECTION 1.4 JURISDICTION**

1.4.1 This Ordinance shall apply to all lands located within in Dodge County, Minnesota, except:

- A, Areas within incorporated limits of any city, however organized, except as provided by law; and
- B. As otherwise provided by law.

**SECTION 1.5 SCOPE & COMPLIANCE**

From and after the effective date of this Ordinance, no structure shall be erected, converted, enlarged, reconstructed or altered, and no structure or land shall be used for any purpose or in any manner which is not in conformity with this Ordinance.