

Article I.
Authority and Purpose.

1.1 Authority.

These regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Town of North Wilkesboro by its charter, the Session Laws, and the General Statutes of North Carolina, particularly Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 3 and any special local legislation enacted by the General Assembly for the Town of North Wilkesboro.

1.2 Purpose.

The purposes of these regulations are to: promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community; to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate and economic provision of public facilities and infrastructure; to conserve the value of buildings; and to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the corporate area and extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction, in accordance with adopted plans and policies.

1.3 Title.

These regulations shall be known as the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, and may be cited as the “Zoning Ordinance”. The maps referred to herein titled “Official Zoning Maps, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina” may be cited as the “Zoning Maps”

1.4 Jurisdiction.

These regulations govern the development and use of all land and structures within the corporate limits and the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the Town of North Wilkesboro.

1.5 Zoning Maps.

The Town Board, upon the recommendation of the Planning Board, has adopted a series of zoning maps entitled “Official Zoning Maps, Town of North Wilkesboro, NC” which are retained in the office of the Planning and Inspections. The zoning maps set out and delineate the zoning districts established in Section 6.1. The zoning maps and notations thereon are hereby designated, established, and incorporated as a part of these regulations and shall be as much a part of these regulations as if they were fully described herein.

1.6 Severability.

If any section, specific provision, or standard of these regulations, including any zoning district boundary that now exists or may exist in the future, is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid for any reason, the decision of the court shall not affect the validity of any other section, provision, standard, or district boundary of these regulations except the provision in question. The other portions of these regulations not affected by the decision of the court shall remain in full force and effect.

1.7 Relation to Other Ordinances.

If the provisions of this ordinance conflict with the provisions of any other validly enforceable ordinance(s), the most stringent provisions shall control.

1.8 Effective Date.

These regulations shall become effective upon the date of their adoption by the Town Board of Commissioners of the Town of North Wilkesboro.