

Chapter 1: Introduction

Section 1 – Preamble

1.1.01 Purpose

The intent of this ordinance is to control land uses within the corporate limits of the town of Rockford, in order to guide the community's growth in a logical and orderly manner as prescribed by its Comprehensive Plan. The basic purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the conservation of public health, and for the safety, convenience and general welfare of the town of Rockford by insuring the impacts of development are within the limits of established community standards.

1.1.02 Enactment

The Town Council of the town of Rockford does ordain as follows:

This Ordinance, establishing zoning and land development regulations for the town of Rockford, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 35.27 RCW, Laws of the State of Washington, is pursuant to the recommendations of the Rockford Town Council. As such, the regulations set forth in this Ordinance shall apply to all lands within the existing and future corporate boundaries of the town of Rockford. This Ordinance supersedes all other zoning ordinances enacted by the town of Rockford.

In the event that the town of Rockford does not have provisions for certain design or improvement standards, Spokane County regulations shall be used.

1.1.03 Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as "Town of Rockford Zoning and Development Regulations".

Section 2 – Severability Clause

1.2.01 Severability Clause

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be adjudged by any court or judgment, same shall be confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered, and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any part thereof to any other person or circumstance and to this ions." end, the provisions of each clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 3 – Repeal Clause

1.3.01 Repeal Clause

All existing codes and laws applying to the town of Rockford and any part of any such codes or laws in conflict with or inconsistent with any provisions contained herein are hereby repealed, save and except such codes and laws which provide higher standards than those provided herein.

Section 4 – Effective Date

1.4.01 Effective Date

The ordinance shall be in full force and effect 9 days after the passage and publication as provided by law.

Section 5 – Enforcement and Penalty

1.5.01 General Statement

The town of Rockford has the right to enforce this ordinance by any legal means. These means include, but are not limited to, actions in the courts, whether criminal or civil in nature. These means include also administrative actions, including but not limited to the following: revocation of a license or permit; collection of a penalty or imposition of a fine; recovery of the costs of enforcement; or any combination of these actions.

1.5.02 Filing and Investigation of Complaints

Upon filing of a written complaint, the Town's compliance officer shall investigate the matter complained of and submit written findings to the Town Council.

1.5.03 Violations

The Town Council shall review the Compliance Officer's findings to determine whether this ordinance has been violated. If it determines that the ordinance has been violated, the Town Council or its attorney shall notify the violator. The notice shall specify a date after which the violator may be subject to a penalty if the violation continues. The notice shall also recite the penalty to which the violator may be subject if the violation continues.

1.5.04 Civil Penalty Clause

If the Town Council finds that a violation of this ordinance has occurred, the Council may fine the violator up to \$1,000.00 for each such violation. Further, each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation. As a result, if, for example, a violation occurs for three (3) days, the Council may fine the violator up to \$3,000.00.