

ORDINANCE NUMBER 7-2005

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, WA
IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY PLANNING**

RE: An application to Update the Franklin County Development Regulations—Zoning Ordinance 1-2003. The Zoning Ordinance is being updated to ensure consistency with the recently adopted Franklin County Growth Management Comprehensive Plan.

WHEREAS, there is a need to implement the Franklin County Growth Management Comprehensive Plan (Resolution 2005-215);

WHEREAS, the County Zoning Ordinance is an important and integral part of the County Development Regulations and the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan;

WHEREAS, this Zoning Ordinance has been developed to be consistent with the County Growth Management Comprehensive Plan and the State of Washington's Growth Management Act (R.C.W. 36.70A);

WHEREAS, the public use and interest will be served by approving the adoption and implementation of the Franklin County Development Regulations—Zoning Ordinance;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, that the above mentioned application for the adoption of the Franklin County Zoning Ordinance be approved in accordance with the provisions of Franklin County, the Growth Management Act, with support and recommendations from the Planning Department Staff and the County Planning Commission.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, do hereby supersede and repeal Franklin County Ordinance Number 1-2003, and all other applicable ordinances that have previously amended the Franklin County Zoning Ordinance.

The Franklin County Zoning Ordinance now reads as follows:

**CHAPTER 1
PURPOSE**

Section:

- 1.1.0 Purpose
- 1.2.0 Severability
- 1.3.0 Jurisdiction

This ordinance shall be known as the “Franklin County Development Regulations - Zoning”.

1.1.0 PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to implement the Comprehensive Plan(s) for the unincorporated portions of Franklin County and the unincorporated lands within designated Urban Growth Areas. This ordinance is to also further the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of the unincorporated portions of Franklin County, and;

- (1) To encourage and facilitate the orderly growth and development.
- (2) To provide adequate open space for light and air, to prevent overcrowding of the land, and to lessen congestion on the streets.
- (3) To secure economy in municipal expenditures, to facilitate adequate provisions for transportation, water, sewer, schools, parks, and other public facilities and services.
- (4) To increase the security of home life and preserve and create a more favorable environment for citizens and visitors of Franklin County.
- (5) To secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers.
- (6) To stabilize and improve property values.
- (7) To enhance the economic and cultural well being of the inhabitants.

- (8) To promote the development of a more wholesome, serviceable and attractive county resulting from an orderly, planned use of resources.

1.2.0 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any word, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, the judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this title or its application to other persons or circumstances, but shall be confined in its operation to the word, clause, sentence, paragraph, persons or circumstances, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

1.3.0 JURISDICTION. This ordinance is enacted and administered by Franklin County for lands and uses within the Urban Growth Areas as well as lands outside of the Urban Growth Areas in the unincorporated portions of Franklin County.