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INTRODUCTION

1. Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the **Princeton Zoning Ordinance**.

2. Intent and Purpose

The intent of this ordinance is to divide the City of Princeton into districts and to establish regulation in each district for the purpose of: promoting the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare; regulating the location, height, bulk, number of stories, size of buildings and other structures, the percentage of lot which may be occupied, the size of yards and other open spaces, the density and distribution of population, the uses of buildings and structures for trade, industry, residence, recreation, public activities, or other purposes, the uses of land for trade, industry, residences, recreation, agriculture, water supply, and flood control, or other purposes; and establishing standards and procedures regulating such uses and natural resources.

It is the policy of the City of Princeton that the enforcement, amendment, and administration of this Ordinance be accomplished with due consideration of the recommendations contained in the City of Princeton's Comprehensive Plan and the Subdivision Regulations and Developer's Guide Ordinance (Subdivision Ordinance), as developed and amended from time to time by the Planning Commission and the City Council of Princeton. The Council recognizes the Comprehensive Plan as a guideline to regulate land use and development in accordance with the policies and purpose herein set forth.

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It is not intended by this ordinance to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, or land use controls. Where this ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this ordinance shall prevail. In case of conflict between a provision of Minnesota Statutes or Rules or provisions of existing local ordinances, the more protective provision shall apply.

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements, and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any powers or rights granted by Minnesota Statutes.

This zoning ordinance is intended to be exclusive in nature. In other words, the uses, provisions and standards that are listed herein are deemed as being the complete delineation of the allowed uses, provisions and standards. Any use, provision or standard not specifically listed or noted as permitted herein is deemed unacceptable and is not allowed unless reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be severable, and the invalidity of any paragraph, subparagraph, or subdivision thereof shall not make void any other paragraph, subparagraph, subdivision, or any other part. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge invalid any provision of this ordinance or the application of this ordinance to a particular property, building, or other structure, such judgment shall not affect any other provision of this ordinance or any other property, building, or structure not specifically included in said judgment.

The word "shall" is mandatory, not permissive. All distances unless otherwise specified shall be measured horizontally.