

Section 1.0 Introductions

1.1 Authority

Whereas the Town Board of Newark, Rock County, Wisconsin, has heretofore been directed, on April 3, 1962, at an annual Town meeting of the qualified electors to exercise all powers relating to and conferred upon villages, and whereas these regulations are adopted under the authority granted by Sections 60.10(2)(c), 60.22(3), 60.65, 60.61 and 60.62 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Therefore, the Town Board of Newark, Rock County, Wisconsin, does ordain as follows:

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the comfort, health, safety, morals, prosperity, aesthetics, and general welfare of this community.

1.3 Intent

It is the general intent of this Ordinance to regulate and restrict the use of all lands and waters; preserve productive and historic agricultural soils; regulate and restrict lot coverage, number of stories and size of buildings and other structures, population distribution and density, and to stabilize and protect property values; further the appropriate use of land and conservation of natural resources; preserve and promote the beauty of the community; implement the community's comprehensive plan for plan components. It is further intended to provide for the administration and enforcement of this Ordinance and to provide penalties for its violation.

1.4 Abrogation and Greater Restrictions

It is not intended by this Ordinance to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair, or interfere with any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, ordinances, rules, regulations, or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to laws. However, wherever this Ordinance imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern.

1.5 Interpretation

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of the Town and shall not be deemed a limitation or repeal of any other power granted by the Wisconsin Statutes.

1.6 Severability

If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

If any application of this Ordinance to a particular structure, land or water is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such judgment shall not be applicable to any other structure, land or water not specifically included in said judgment.

1.7 Repeal

All other ordinances, maps, or parts of ordinances of the Town inconsistent or conflicting with this Ordinance, to the extent of the inconsistency only, are hereby repealed.

1.8 Title

This Ordinance shall be known as, referred to, or cited as the “ZONING ORDINANCE, TOWN OF NEWARK, ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN.”

1.9 Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be effective after a public hearing, adoption by the Town Board and posting as provided by law. Changes or amendments to the text of this Ordinance or the “Official Zoning Map” shall be effective after the provisions of Seciton10 have been compiled with and the change or amendment has been published or posted as provide by law.