

ARTICLE V

GENERAL PROVISION

SECTION 5.01 Establishment of Districts

The Township is hereby divided into the following zoning districts as shown on the Official Zoning Map, which together with all explanatory matter shown thereon, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be part of this Ordinance:

OC – OPEN SPACE WATERBODY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AA - AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

RA - LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

RB - MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

HS - HIGHWAY SERVICE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

LI - LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

SECTION 5.02 Provision for Official Zoning Map

These districts, so established, are bounded and defined as shown on the map entitled:

"ZONING DISTRICT MAP OF WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP"

adopted by the Township Board, and which, with all notations, references and other information appearing thereon, is hereby declared to be a part of this Ordinance and of the same force and effect as if the Districts shown thereon were fully set forth by metes and bounds therein.

SECTION 5.03 Changes to Official Zoning Map

If, in accordance with the procedures of this Ordinance and of Act 184, of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, a change is made in a zoning district boundary such change shall be made by the Zoning Administrator promptly after the ordinance authorizing such change shall have been adopted and published by the Township Board. The Zoning Board of Appeals may authorize that dimensions be indicated on the Official Zoning map when they have been required to make an official interpretation.

SECTION 5.04 Authority of Official Zoning Map

Regardless of the existence of purported copies of the Official Zoning map which may from time to time be made or published, the Official Zoning Map shall be located in the Township Hall and shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of any land, parcel, lot, district, use, building or structure in the Township.

SECTION 5.05 Replacement of Official Zoning Map

In the event that the Official Zoning map becomes damaged, destroyed, lost or difficult to interpret because of the nature or number of changes made thereto, the Township Board may by ordinance adopt a new official zoning map which shall supersede the prior official Zoning Map. The new official Zoning Map may correct drafting or other errors or omissions on the prior official Zoning Map, but no such correction shall have the effect of amending the Zoning Ordinance or the prior official Zoning Map. The new official Zoning Map shall be identified by the signature of the Township Supervisor, attested by the Township Clerk, and bear the seal of the Township under the following words:

"This is to certify that this is the Official Zoning Map referred to in the Zoning Ordinance of Wheatland Township", adopted on _____ .

SECTION 5.06 Interpretation of Zoning Districts

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of zoning districts as shown on the Official Zoning Map, the following rules for interpretation shall apply:

- a. A boundary indicated as approximately following the centerline of a highway, street, alley, railroad or easement shall be construed as following such centerline.
- b. A boundary indicated as approximately following a recorded lot line, bounding a parcel, section line, quarter section line, or other survey line shall be construed as following such line.
- c. A boundary indicated as approximately following the corporate boundary line of a city, village or township shall be construed as following such line.
- d. A boundary indicated as following a shoreline shall be construed as following such shoreline, and in the event of change in a shoreline shall be construed as following the actual shoreline.
- e. A boundary indicated as following the centerline of a stream, river, canal, lake or other body of water shall be construed as following such centerline.
- f. A boundary indicated as parallel or an extension of a feature indicated in

paragraphs A through E above shall be so construed.

g. A distance not specifically indicated on the Official Zoning Map shall be determined by the scale of the map.

SECTION 5.07 Application of Regulations

The regulations established by this Ordinance within each zoning district shall be the minimum regulations for promoting and protecting the public health, safety, and general welfare and shall be uniform for each class of land or building, dwellings and structures throughout each district. Where there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships due to the interpretation or regulation of this ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the power to interpret the provisions or grant variance from dimensional requirements as specified in the zoning ordinance.