



ZONING ORDINANCE

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**Chapter 16 Land Use Controls
Zoning Ordinance**

Ordinance Number _____, as Amended _____

An ordinance to repeal the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, Indiana, Ordinance Number 1965-1, as amended, the Improvement Location Permit Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, Indiana, Ordinance Number 1965-2, as amended, and the Subdivision Control Ordinance of the Town of Westfield, Indiana Ordinance Number 1965-3, as amended, passed by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Westfield, Indiana, Hamilton County, Indiana, in June 1965, and the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 1977 being Ordinance Number 1977-202 and to enact a new “Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of 2008” concerning minimum standards for physical improvements to land, the regulations and guidelines for administration, standards to administer violations of the ordinance, creating a Board of Zoning Appeals, providing for court review, and specific subdivision controls. Such new ordinance shall be known as the Westfield-Washington Township Zoning Ordinance most recently adopted by Ordinance Number _____ and shall read as follows:

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Westfield, Indiana in accordance with IC 18-7-5 and IC 18-7-6 [IC 36-7-4] and all acts amendatory and supplemental thereto.

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INTRODUCTION

Zoning is essentially a means of ensuring that land uses within the City of Westfield and Washington Township are properly related and situated. The Zoning process helps the City to carry out its Comprehensive Plan and protects the character of districts and property values. Zoning directs new growth into appropriate districts and protects existing property by requiring that new development and construction afford adequate light, air, and privacy for persons living and working within the City and Township.

Zoning is the most common device available for implementing land-use plans. Of major importance, zoning helps to do the following:

- o stabilize and preserve property values;
- o promote the public health, safety, values, and general welfare of the citizens;
- o encourage the highest and best use of the land;
- o prevent overcrowding of land and population; and,
- o make it easier to provide water, sewer, roads, parks and public buildings and services; and, prevent prohibited and incompatible use of land, buildings and structures.

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