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**PLANNING AND ZONING**

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ALL PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE #117 RELATING TO PLANNING AND ZONING

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WASHBURN, MCLEAN COUNTY NORTH DAKOTA

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## **117.1 Introduction**

### **117.1.1 Title**

This chapter shall be known as the “Washburn Land Development Ordinance” for the City of Washburn, North Dakota.

### **117.1.2 Authority**

These regulations are adopted under the authority granted by Chapters 40-47, 40-48 and 40-50 of the North Dakota Century Code.

### **117.1.3 Purpose**

These regulations are adopted to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the people of the City of Washburn.

### **117.1.4 Intent**

These regulations are adopted to implement the plans and policies of the City of Washburn, regulate the use of land resources and minimize the cost of public services.

- (1) To promote orderly development of Washburn and to prevent conflict among land uses and structures.
- (2) To secure safety from fire, panic, noxious fumes, and other dangers.
- (3) To facilitate development of water, sewerage, transportation and other customary municipal services cost effectively.
- (4) To regulate the use and division of land within the city limits and within the extra territorial jurisdiction, as authorized by North Dakota laws.
- (5) To regulate the proper arrangement of streets, alleys and roads for convenient and efficient access to the adjoining properties.
- (6) To protect the value of land and buildings and maintain harmony and consistency among land uses.
- (7) To protect the existing properties against nuisances that interfere with the use and enjoyment of property, endanger personal health or safety or is offensive to the senses, as provided under the City of Washburn ordinances.

### **117.1.5 Jurisdiction**

These regulations shall apply to all lands within the corporate limits of the City of Washburn, North Dakota and its extra territorial planning area authorized by the North Dakota Laws.

### **117.1.6 Interpretation**

These regulations shall be held to be the minimum requirements. Whenever, these requirements are at variance with other requirements, rules, regulations, deed restrictions or covenants, adoption by the City of Washburn, the most restrictive shall govern, unless otherwise specifically stated. The City Commission, the governing body of the City of Washburn, may, from time to time, amend, supplement or repeal any part of this ordinance after a public hearing.

### **117.1.7 Severability**

If any part of these regulations is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of these regulations shall not be affected.

### **117.1.8 Exceptions**

These regulations shall not apply to the land and buildings for agricultural uses, as herein defined.

### **117.1.9 Repeal**

The existing City Zoning ordinances together with any amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

### **117.1.10 Effective Date**

This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the City Commission of the City of Washburn, as provided by the North Dakota Century Code.

## **117.2 RULES AND DEFINITIONS**

### **117.2.1 Compliance**

No structure, land and building shall be hereafter used and no structure or part thereof shall hereafter be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted or structurally altered without a building permit and shall be in compliance with this ordinance.

### **117.2.2 Word Use**

In the construction of this ordinance, the following words, rules, definitions shall be observed and applied except when the context clearly indicates otherwise.

- (1) Words used in present tense shall include the future.
- (2) Words used in singular number shall include the plural number.
- (3) Shall is a mandatory word and not discretionary.
- (4) May is a permissive word.
- (5) The word "lot" shall also mean "parcel", "piece" and "plat".
- (6) The word "building" includes all structures and structure includes buildings.

### **117.2.3 Definitions**

(1) **"Accessory Building and Uses"** means a subordinate building or portion of the main building the use of which is clearly incidental to and serves exclusively the principal building or principal use and shall be located on the same zoning lot. All lawn sheds are considered accessory buildings.

(2) **"Agriculture"** means the process of producing food and fiber customary to the family farming operation with a minimum of 40 acres in area, excluding feed lots, processing and manufacturing of the farm-based products.

(3) **"Alley"** means a minor street providing access to the back or side of two or more parcels or lots.

(4) **"Animal Hospital or Kennel"** means a building or premises set up for treatment and boarding of domestic animals including veterinary facilities.

(5) **"Basement"** means a story, partly underground with more than one-half of its height below grade.

(6) **"Building"** means any structure designed or intended for shelter, housing, business, office, and accommodation of persons, animals, chattels or property.

(7) **“Building Area”** means that portion of the zoning lot that can be occupied by the principal and accessory uses.

(8) **“Building Height”** means vertical distance from the grade to the highest point of the roof.

(9) **“Building Line”** means a line establishing the minimum distance that structures may be placed from the lot lines or street right-of-way. For the purposes of this ordinance the building line is the same as setback line. Roof overhangs, basement window wells and steps leading to a five foot or less wide landing area by the front door, back door or side are permitted within the setback areas.

(10) **“Building, Principal”** means a building, the main use of which is single family and multi-family dwellings, offices, shops, stores and other uses permitted in the appropriate zoning district.

(11) **“Channel”** means a natural or man-made water course for conducting the flow of water.

(12) **“City”, “City Commission”** means the governing body of the City of Washburn, North Dakota.

(13) **“Club or Lodge”** means a private club or lodge which is a nonprofit association of persons for the purpose of gatherings and entertaining members including consumption of food and beverages.

(14) **“Code Administrator”** will be CEDD, City Auditor, Public Works Supervisor or whoever the Washburn City Commission designates as the Code Administrator.

(15) **“Comprehensive Plan” or “Washburn 2025 Plan”** means a guide for management of the resources and development of the City of Washburn.

(16) **“Conditional Use”** means use not automatically permitted in a zoning district and which requires review and approval of the City Commission after a public hearing. It is a use which would not be appropriate in a particular zoning district, but which if controlled as to the number, location, or relation to the surrounding uses and the area, may be consistent with the purpose and intent of these regulations. A conditional use is permitted in a district specifically allowing it, subject to the approval of the City Commission and only when the commission finds that such use meets all of the requirements applicable to it as specified in the city ordinances including these regulations.

(17) **“Conforming Building or Structure”** means a building or structure which complies with all requirements of this ordinance and other regulations adopted by the City of Washburn.

(18) **“Developer”** means the owner, or agent of land to be subdivided for a specific use.

(19) **“Deck”** means any landing larger than five feet by five feet (5ft x 5ft) in any direction.

(20) **“Development”** means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to the construction of buildings, structures or accessory structures, the construction of additions or alternations to buildings or structures, ditching, lagooning, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation and drilling operations.

(21) **“Development Plan”** means a document including maps and data for physical development of an area as provided by this ordinance or may be required by the City of Washburn.

(22) **“District Zoning”** means a section or sections of Washburn for which regulations governing the use of building and premises, the building heights, size of yards, lot area, lot width and the use are uniform.

(23) **“Dwelling”** means any building or portion thereof, used exclusively for human habitation including single family, multiple family, and duplex/twin home units but not including hotels or motels, or vehicles designed for camping and other temporary occupancy such as recreational purposes.

(24) **“Dwelling, Multiple Family”** means a single building or portion thereof, containing two (2) or more dwelling units which share common entry and hallway(s).

(25) **“Dwelling, Single Family Detached”** means a building containing one dwelling unit only. In addition, all housing units shall meet the following requirements: the main entrance shall face the street; the roof pitch shall not be less than (four/twelve) 4/12 ratio; each unit shall have space for at least a single stall attached garage; modular homes and site built homes shall meet the requirements of Uniform Building Code; each unit shall have at least nine hundred (900) square feet of living space; and each unit shall have appearance comparable to conventional site built homes in the vicinity.

(26) **“Easement”** means a right to the use of land for a specific purpose, such right being held by someone other than the owner who holds the title to the land.

(27) **“Encroachment”** means any fill, building, structure or use including accessory uses projecting into the required yard areas of public and private property.

(28) **“Establishment”** means a place of business for processing, production, assembly, sales, service of goods and materials.

(29) **“Extra-territorial Area”** means areas surrounding the City of Washburn within a distance of the city corporate limits in all directions, where the city has zoning and platting jurisdiction under the provisions of the North Dakota Century Code.

(30) **“Family Unit”** A group of one or more persons related by blood or marriage or a group of not more than four (4) persons any of whom are unrelated to any other occupying a premise and living as a single housekeeping unit as distinguished from a group occupying a boarding house, lodging house or hotel, as herein defined.

(31) **“Feed lot”** means a parcel of land which contains a commercial operation for feeding or raising of fifty (50) or more animals which is operated as a separate activity and not incidental to farming.

(32) **“Final Plat”** means the map, plan, or record of a subdivision and any accompanying material prepared in conformance with this ordinance.

(33) **“Frontage”** means the front part of a lot abutting a public right-of-way, or road or highway.

(34) **“Grade, Building”** means the land elevation at the horizontal intersection of the ground and the building.

(35) **“Home Occupation”** means any occupation which: (a) is carried on in a dwelling unit by members of the family; (b) is clearly secondary to the use of residential dwelling units; and (c) does not create excessive noise, traffic or conflict with adjoining uses.

(35) **“Hotel or Motel”** means buildings in which lodging accommodations, with or without meals are provided for compensation.

(37) **“Improvements”** means street grading, surfacing, installations of sidewalks, curb, gutter, water, sanitary and storm sewer systems, culverts, bridges, trees, street lights as may be required by the City of Washburn.

(38) **“Junk or Salvage Yard”** means an open area where waste or scrap material, including parts of used motor vehicles, appliances and farm implements are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, baled, parked, disassembled or handled.

(39) **“Kennel, Animal”** means any premises where dogs, cats and other domesticated pets, but not including wild animals, are boarded, bred and maintained for compensation.

(40) **“Lot”** means a piece, parcel, or area of land established by survey, plat or deed, which meets the yard requirements of this ordinance and fronts on a public street.

(41) **“Lot, Corner”** means a lot abutting two (2) or more public streets at their intersection.

(42) **“Lot Coverage”** means building area, the total surface area of a lot which is covered by any type of structure, excluding the yard areas.

(43) **“Lot Depth”** means the average horizontal distance between the front lot line and rear lot line.

(44) **“Lot Lines”** means the property lines bounding the lot.

(45) **“Lot of Record”** means a lot, which is a part of a subdivision or a parcel of land which has been recorded in the office of the McLean County Register of Deeds, prior to adoption of this ordinance.

(46) **“Lot Width”** means the horizontal distance between the side lot lines of a lot, measured at the front building setback line.

(47) **“Lot, Zoning”** means a single lot, parcel, or tract of land within a zoning district.

(48) **“Modular Homes”** means factory built dwelling units, transportable in one or more sections, with at least 900 square feet of living space, which are designed as year-round dwelling units and shall be placed on a permanent foundation of a 4 foot frost wall or basement, the roof pitch, must be a minimum of 4/12. The manufactured dwelling units shall bear a label certifying that such units were built in compliance with the latest Manufactured Home Safety Construction and Safety Standards adopted by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for manufactured homes. The Uniform Building Code shall apply to modular homes.

(49) **“Manufactured Home Park”** means a parcel of land for which a detailed plan indicating the location of lots, blocks, streets, facilities and utilities, is prepared subject to the requirements of this ordinance.

(50) **“Manufactured/Mobile Home”** means manufactured dwelling affixed to a steel chassis. The manufactured dwelling units shall bear a label certifying that such units were built in compliance with the latest Manufactured Home Safety Construction and Safety Standards adopted by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development for manufactured homes. The Uniform Building Code shall apply to manufactured/mobile homes.

(51) **“Nonconforming Building”** means any building or structure which does not conform to any or all of these ordinances but existed at the time of adoption of the ordinance.

(52) **“Nonconforming Use”** means any principal use of land or building which does not conform to any or all parts of this ordinance but existed at the time of adoption of the ordinance.

(53) **“Non-residential Plat”** means a plat whose intended use is other than residential such as commercial or industrial uses.

(54) **“Nursing, Elderly Care Facility”** means a residential facility for the aged or infirm in which unrelated persons are accommodated for compensation.

(55) **“Parking Lot”** means an off-street area designated for parking of automobiles accessible from a public street or alley where each parking space shall be no less than nine (9) feet by twenty (20) feet.

(56) **“Permanent Foundation”** means an extension of the outer walls of a building or structure made of solid materials such as concrete or treated wood and extended below the ground surface through the frost zone, or other depths as required by the city. Pilings shall not be accepted as permanent foundation.

(57) **“ Permitted Uses”** means those uses, buildings or structures which comply with the provisions of specific zoning districts because of the similarities in nature and relationship to each other. Permitted uses are distinct for conditional uses that are authorized only if certain requirements of this ordinance are met.

(58) **“Person”** means any individual, firm, corporation, partnership or legal entity.

(59) **“Planned Development”** means a plan for grouping of buildings and structures on a site of five (5) or more acres in single ownership which is based on a detailed layout plan and recorded in the Office of McLean County Register of Deeds upon approval by the City of Washburn.

(60) **“Planning and Zoning Commission”** means a citizen group appointed by the City Commission under the authority of North Dakota Laws, as an advisory group only. The City Commission may act as the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(61) **“Plat”** means a map of a subdivision of land including lot splits and re-plats prepared according to the provisions of this ordinance.

(62) **“Preliminary Plat”** means the preliminary plan of a subdivision and any accompanying material prepared in accordance with the requirements of this ordinance.

(63) **“Public Way”** means any dedicated and recorded right-of-way including alleys, bikeways, sidewalks, streets, roads or highways.

(64) **“Regional Flood”** means a flood determined by the State and Federal Emergency Management Agency and is representative of large floods known to have occurred in McLean County, North Dakota.

(65) **“Re-plat”** means a change in an approved or recorded plat requiring changes in street layout, lot lines, or blocks.

(66) **“Right-of-Way”** means a strip of land designated or dedicated for but not limited to streets, sidewalks, railroads, electric transmission line, telephone and telegraph lines, oil or gas pipelines, sanitary, storm or water systems.

(67) **“Service Station”** means any building or premises where automotive fuels, automotive related services, lubricants, parts, and supplies are made available to the motorist.

(68) **“Setback”** means the minimum horizontal distance between the building line and the related front, side, or rear property line.

(69) **“Sign”** means any emblem, name, identification, description or illustration which is used for outdoor advertising having permanent location on the ground or attached to or painted on a building including bulletin boards, billboards and poster boards, but excluding real estate for sale signs, political campaign signs, public information and traffic signs.

(70) **“Site Plan”** means a detailed plan for making improvements to parcel(s) of land for the purpose of building and development as provided in this ordinance.

(71) **“Street”** means a dedicated public way which affords traffic circulation and is a principal means of access to abutting properties.

(72) **“Street, Line”** means the outer boundary of a public way.

(73) **“Street, Local”** means a public way intended for a low volume of traffic which provides access to individual properties.

(74) **“Street, Major”** means a public way, arterial or collector streets, used for carrying a large volume of traffic, as defined by AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Official).

(75) **“Structural Alterations”** means any change in the supporting elements of a building or structure including bearing elements, partitions, columns, beams, girders, roofs, exterior walls and embankment.

(76) **“Structure”** means anything, built, constructed above or below ground, the use of which requires permanent location on or below the ground, including advertising signs, billboards, power lines and transmission lines, tunnels and pipelines.

(77) **“Sub-divider”** means any person, group, corporation, entity or agency dividing or proposing to divide land so as to create a subdivision.

(78) **“Subdivision”** means the division of a tract or parcel of land into lots for the purpose of sale or of building development including lot splits and re-plats.

(79) **“Variance”** means the relaxation of the terms of the zoning ordinance in relationship to building height, size of the front, rear and side yards, where the literal enforcement of this ordinance would create an undue hardship, but it is not contrary to the purposes of the Washburn 2025 Plan and this Ordinance. The variance shall not be contrary to the public interest.

(80) **“Yard”** means an open space on a lot which is unoccupied or unobstructed by any portion of a structure from the ground upward.

(81) **“Yard, Front”** means a yard that extends across the full width of the lot as the least distance between the front lot line and the front building line.

(82) **“Yard, Rear”** means a yard that extends across the full width of the lot, as the least distance between the rear lot line and the rear building line.

(83) **“Yard, Side”** means a yard between the front and rear yards, as the least distance between the side of the principal building and the side lot line.

## **117.3 GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **117.3.1 Comprehensive Plan Washburn 2025 Plan**

This ordinance is administered and enforced to implement the Washburn 2025 Plan of the City of Washburn, a document adopted by the City Commission as a policy guide to protect the city's resources and accommodate the type of development deemed appropriate including but not limited to the following:

- (1) To preserve and enhance the taxable value of land and buildings, and to avoid land uses which pose negative impacts on one another.
- (2) To encourage the most appropriate use of land in the city.
- (3) To regulate and restrict the location and intensity of use of buildings and lands.
- (4) To separate and control unavoidable nuisance producing uses to minimize the adverse impacts on the surrounding areas or uses.
- (5) To facilitate traffic movement and promote development of compatible uses.

### **117.3.2 Non-conforming Uses**

The lawful use of a building or premises existing at the date of adoption of this ordinance may be continued. Where a non-conforming use is discontinued for a period of more than twelve consecutive calendar months, any subsequent use or occupancy of such premises shall conform to this ordinance. Any structure or building damaged by fire, flood explosion, wind, war or other catastrophe, in an amount if fifty percent(50%) maybe restored, repaired or rebuilt in its entirety of all of the following condition are met:

1. The structure will not occupy any portion of the lot that was not occupied by the destroyed structure
2. The structure will not have a greater floor area than the destroyed structure.
3. The structure will not exceed the height or number of stories than the destroyed structure.
4. The number of off street parking spaces located on the property will not be reduced.
5. The building permit for the repair of restoration must be obtained within six(6) months if the date of the damage

### **117.3.3 Land Suitability**

No land shall be used for a purpose which is held unsuitable for the reason of flooding, soil limitations, inadequate drainage, incompatibility with adjoining uses or any condition likely to be harmful to the health, safety or the welfare of the people in the area. The City Commission may require information and data to determine the land suitability. The city may consult with county and state agencies to assist in its determination.

### **117.3.4 Conditionally Permitted Uses**

Where a use is classified as a conditional use under this ordinance and exists at the date of adoption of this ordinance, it shall be considered a permitted use. Where a use is not allowed as a conditional use or permitted use, under this ordinance, and exists at the date of adoption of this ordinance, it shall be considered non-conforming and shall be subject to the non-conforming buildings and use provisions under Section 117.11.2.

### **117.3.5 Dedication of Land for Streets**

Whenever a parcel of land to be subdivided as a subdivision contains a street or public way, such a street or alley shall be dedicated to the city at the location and details shown on the final plat.

### **117.3.6 Residential Development**

No lot shall contain more than one principal residential building, and no dwelling unit shall be built on a lot which does not abut a dedicated public street.

### **117.3.7 Public Water and Sewer System**

To protect the public health, to control water pollution and to reduce nuisance and odor, all new development within the City of Washburn shall be connected to the city water and sewer system. Construction and use of septic tanks will not be permitted unless circumstances deem the City Sewer Service is unavailable under Article 62-03.1 of the North Dakota Plumbing code.

## **117.4 ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND MAP**

### **117.4.1 Zoning Districts**

The following zoning districts are hereby established to carry out the purposes of this ordinance:

1. A Agricultural District
2. R-1 Low Density Residential District
3. R-2 Large Lot Residential District
4. R-3 Medium Density Residential District
5. R-4 Multi-family Residential District
6. RR Rural Residential District
7. RM-1 Manufactured/Mobile Home Residential District
8. RM-2 Manufactured/Mobile Home Park District
9. RM-3 Travel Trailer District for Temporary Use
10. C-1 General Commercial District
11. C-2 Highway Commercial District
12. I Industrial District
13. PD Planned Development District
14. FP Floodplain Management District

### **117.4.2 Zoning District Map**

#### **(1) Zoning District Map**

The location and boundaries of the zoning districts are hereby established as shown on the “Zoning District Map” on file in the Office of the City of Washburn City Auditor. The zoning district maps, together with all information shown thereon and all amendments thereto, shall be an integral part of this ordinance.

#### **(2) Public Streets as Boundary**

Where zoning district boundary lines are indicated as following streets and public ways or extensions thereof, such boundary lines shall be construed to be the center line of said streets or public ways or extension thereof unless clearly shown to the contrary.

#### **(3) Lot Line as Boundary**

Where a zoning district boundary line coincides approximately but not exactly with the lot line, the zoning boundary shall be construed to the lot line at that location. All section lines, quarter section lines and quarter, quarter section lines may be construed as the property lines.

**(4) District Description for Un-subdivided Lands**

For un-subdivided property, zoning district boundaries may be determined by metes and bounds description or by a legal description.

**(5) Vacated Areas**

Where a street or public way is vacated by the official action of the City Commission, the zoning district boundaries shall be extended to the center of the vacated street or public way.

**(6) Zoning District Boundary Interpretation**

Where any uncertainty exists as to the exact location of the zoning district boundary lines, the City Commission shall determine the location of such boundary lines.

**(7) Certification**

The official zoning map shall bear a certificate with the signatures of the Mayor, the Planning and Zoning Commission Chairperson, the CEDD and the date of adoption of the zoning map as an integral part of this ordinance.

**117.5 ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

**117.5.1 A Agricultural District**

**(1) Purpose**

The purpose of this district is to provide for preservation and protection of agricultural uses while in existence, in the city and its extra territorial planning area.

**(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) All types of farming and ranching operations including dairying, but excluding feed lots, poultry, fish and fur farming.
- (b) Accessory buildings and structures
- (c) Churches and cemeteries
- (d) Golf courses, parks and play fields.
- (e) Home occupations.
- (f) Public and private schools, public buildings and facilities.
- (g) Single Family Residential Units including manufactured homes and modular homes.
- (h) Construction and maintenance of drainage systems to manage the water run-off and water reservoirs.
- (i) General utility lines and pipe lines including substations for transformers, pumping stations and lift stations.

**(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

The following uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.2 and also Section 117.6 where appropriate.

- (a) Feed lots, poultry, fish and fur farming subject to provisions of Section 117.6.4.
- (b) High voltage transmission lines and accessory structures
- (c) Manufacturing and processing of agricultural products produced in the area.

- (d) Radio, TV stations and towers and microwave and cellular phone towers and related communication facilities.
- (e) Sale and services of agricultural equipment and machinery.
- (f) Salvage and junk yards, subject to provisions of Section 117.6.3.
- (g) Sewage lagoons and waste water treatment facilities.
- (h) Skeet, trap and rifle
- (i) Storage of farm related chemicals.
- (j) Veterinary clinics, animal hospitals and domestic animals kennels
- (k) Sanitary land fills, subject to provisions of Section 117.6.6
- (l) Mining of sand and gravel, subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.5

**(4) Lot Area and Lot Width**

- (a) For agricultural uses, the area shall not be less than forty (40) acres.
- (b) For non-farm residential uses, the lot area shall not be less than five (5) acres.
- (c) For non-residential uses, the lot area shall not be less than five (5) acres.
- (d) The lot width for any use in agricultural district shall not be less than two hundred (200) feet.

**(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front yard, measured from the front property line shall not be less than fifty (50) feet.
- (b) The minimum rear yard, measured from the rear property line shall not be less than fifty feet.
- (c) The minimum side yard, measured from the side property line shall not be less than twenty five (25) feet.

**(6) Building Height**

- (a) The building height for residential buildings shall not exceed two and one half stories (2 1/2) or thirty five (35) feet. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding buildings within the development area or thirty five (35) feet.
- (b) The building heights for manufacturing of agricultural products, radio TV, microwave and cellular phone towers shall be determined by the City Commission, based on accepted standards used in the area.
- (c) The building height, excepting the radio and TV, microwave and cellular phone towers, wind towers and church steeples, for all other uses shall not exceed sixty (60) feet.

**(7) Parking Requirements**

Parking requirements shall be subject to the provision of Section 117.6.1

**117.5.3 R-1 Low Density Residential District**

**(1) Purpose**

The R-1 low density residential district is primarily established to promote a suitable residential environment and to accommodate low density detached single family residential units uninterrupted by conflicting uses and incompatible activities.

## **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Single family detached residential units.
- (b) Churches, schools and public facilities including libraries, parks and schools.
- (c) Accessory buildings and structures.
- (d) Home occupation.

## **(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

The following uses shall be subject to the provision of Section 117.11.2.

- (a) Day care facilities.
- (b) Modular Homes
- (c) Municipal offices including city, county and state offices

## **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Coverage**

- (a) The minimum lot area for single family units shall be eight thousand seven hundred and fifty (8,750) square feet. However, on a recorded lot corresponding to a plat or deed recorded prior to 1974, a single family unit may be erected, provided said lot contains a minimum of six thousand two hundred and fifty (6,250) feet.
- (b) The minimum lot width shall be no less than seventy (70) feet. However, on a recorded lot corresponding to a plat or deed recorded prior to 1974, minimum lot width shall be fifty (50) feet. Maximum lot coverage of principal and accessory buildings shall be fifty per cent (50%).
- (c) Any structure or building damaged by fire, flood, explosion, wind, war or other catastrophe, in an amount of fifty percent (50%) may be restored, repaired, or rebuilt in its entirety if all of the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The structure will not occupy any portion of the lot that was not occupied by the destroyed structure.
  - 2. The structure will not have a greater floor area than the destroyed structure.
  - 3. The structure will not exceed the height or number of stories than the destroyed structure.
  - 4. The number of off street parking spaces located on the property will not be reduced from the number available before the damage.
  - 5. The building permit for the repair or restoration must be obtained within six (6) months of date of the damage.

## **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front yard, measured from the front lot line, shall be no less than twenty five (25) feet.
- (b) Rear yard. Each lot of premises shall have a rear yard depth of not less than twenty (20) feet.
- (c) Side yard. Each lot shall have two (2) side yards, one on each side of the principal and accessory buildings, and in no case less than eight (8) feet per side.
- (d) Accessory buildings yard requirements see page #40

## **(6) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one half (2 1/2) stories or thirty five (35) feet high, excepting church steeples. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding building within the development area or thirty five (35) feet.

## **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) There shall be a minimum of two (2) surfaced off-street parking spaces for each residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking for the conditionally permitted uses and non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (c) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

## **(8) Sign Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no more than one identification sign per residential dwelling structure not exceeding six (6) square feet in area. The sign may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type but it shall not project into the public right-of-way or public property.
- (b) Temporary signs including political campaign signs, greeting signs and realty signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. Signs for rent and signs for sale may be permitted without a time limitation.
- (c) Signs for non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2

## **117.5.2 R-2 Large Lot Residential District**

### **(1) Purpose**

The R-2 large lot residential district is primarily established to promote a suitable residential environment and to accommodate low density detached single family residential units uninterrupted by conflicting uses and incompatible activities.

### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Single family detached residential units
- (b) Churches, schools and public facilities including libraries, parks and schools.
- (c) Accessory buildings and structures.
- (d) Home occupation.

### **(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

The following uses shall be subject to the provision of Section 117.11.2.

- (a) Day care facilities.
- (b) Modular homes.
- (c) Municipal offices including city, county and state offices

### **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Coverage**

- (a) The minimum lot area for single family units shall be twelve thousand (12,000) square feet.
- (b) The minimum lot width shall be no less than one hundred (100) feet. Maximum lot coverage of principal and accessory buildings shall be fifty percent (50%)
- (c) Any structure or building damaged by fire, flood, explosion, wind, war or other catastrophe, in an amount of fifty percent (50%) maybe restored, repaired, or rebuilt in its entirety if all of the following conditions are met:

1. The structure will not occupy any portion of the lot that was not occupied by the destroyed structure.
2. The structure will not have a greater floor area than the destroyed structure.
3. The structure will not exceed the height or number of stories than the destroyed structure.
4. The number of off street parking spaces located on the property will not be reduced from the number available before the damage.
5. The building permit for the repair or restoration must be obtained within six (6) months of date of the damage.

#### **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front yard, measured from the front lot line, shall be no less than twenty five (25) feet.
- (b) Rear yard. Each lot of premises a rear yard depth of not less than twenty (20) feet.
- (c) Side yard, Each lot shall have two (2) side yards, one on each side of the principal and accessory buildings and in no case less than eight (8) feet per side.

#### **(6) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one half (2 1/2) stories or thirty five (35) feet high, excepting church steeples. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding buildings within the development area or thirty five (35) feet.

#### **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) There shall be a minimum of two (2) surfaced off-street parking spaces for each residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking for the conditionally permitted uses and non-residential uses shall be subject to provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (c) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

#### **(8) Sign Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no more than one identification sign per residential dwelling structure not exceeding six (6) square feet in area. The sign may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type but it shall not project into the public right-of-way or public property.
- (b) Temporary signs including political campaign signs, greeting signs and realty signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. Signs for rent and signs for sale may be permitted without a time limitation.
- (c) Signs for non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2

### **117.5.4 R-3 Medium Density Residential District**

#### **(1) Purpose**

The R-3 medium density residential district is primarily established to promote a suitable residential environment to accommodate single family and duplex residential dwelling units on smaller lots.

## **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Single family detached dwelling units including modular homes placed on a permanent foundation or basement.
- (b) Two family dwelling units.
- (c) Modular homes, provided that they: are placed on a permanent foundation or basement; have no less than nine hundred (900) square feet of living space on each floor; have roof pitch of no less than (four/twelve) 4/12 ratio; have main entrance facing the public street; have siding similar to the surrounding dwelling units.
- (d) Churches, schools and day care facilities.
- (e) Home Occupation.
- (f) Accessory buildings and structures.
- (g) Parks, playgrounds and recreational open spaces.

## **(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

The following uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.2.

- (a) Bed and breakfast establishments.
- (b) Hospitals, medical clinics, short or long term care homes.
- (c) Multi family dwelling units of three to four per structure.
- (e) Public and private utilities and structures.

## **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Coverage**

- (a) The minimum lot area for single family units shall be seven thousand (7,000) square feet.
- (b) For duplexes, the minimum lot area shall be four thousand (4,000) square feet per unit.
- (c) The minimum lot width shall be no less than sixty (60) feet.
- (d) Any structure or building damaged by fire, flood, explosion, wind, war or other catastrophe, in an amount of fifty percent (50%) may be restored, repaired, or rebuilt in its entirety if all of the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The structure will not occupy any portion of the lot that was not occupied by the destroyed structure.
  - 2. The structure will not have a greater floor area than the destroyed structure.
  - 3. The structure will not exceed the height or number of stories than the destroyed structure.
  - 4. The number of off street parking spaces located on the property will not be reduced from the number available before the damage.
  - 5. The building permit for the repair or restoration must be obtained within six (6) months of date of the damage.

## **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front yard, measured from the front lot line, shall be no less than twenty five (25) feet.
- (b) Rear yard. Each lot of premises shall have a rear yard depth of not less than twenty (20) feet.
- (c) Side yard. Each lot shall have two (2) side yards, one on each side of the principal and accessory buildings, and in no case less than eight (8) feet per side.

## **(6) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one half (2 1/2) stories or thirty five (35) feet high, excepting church steeples. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding buildings with in the development area or thirty five (35) feet.

## **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) There shall be a minimum of two (2) surfaced off-street parking spaces for each residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking for the conditionally permitted uses and non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (c) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of The City of Washburn Ordinances.

## **(8) Sign Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no more than one identification sign per residential dwelling structure not exceeding six (6) square feet in area. The sign may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type but it shall not project into the public right-of-way or public property.
- (b) Temporary signs including political campaign signs, greeting signs and realty signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. Signs for rent and signs for sale may be permitted without a time limitation.
- (c) Non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2.

## **117.5.5 R-4 Town House and Small Apartment Residential District**

### **(1) Purpose**

The R-4 medium density residential district is primary established to promote a suitable residential environment to accommodate duplexes, town houses and small apartment buildings with two to four units.

### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Two to four family dwelling units, including duplexes, town houses, and apartments not exceeding four units per building.
- (b) Home occupation.
- (c) Accessory buildings and structures.
- (d) Parks and play grounds and outdoor sport facilities.
- (e) Churches and related buildings
- (f) Day care facilities.

### **(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

The following uses are subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.2.

- (a) Bed and breakfast establishments.
- (b) Hospitals, medical clinics, short or long-term care homes.
- (c) Public and private utilities and structures.

#### **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Lot Coverage**

- (a) For duplexes, town houses and small apartment buildings, the minimum lot area shall be four thousand (4,000) square feet per unit.
- (b) The minimum lot width shall be fifty (50) feet per unit for two attached units and forty (40) feet per unit for three to four dwelling units for town houses build on one floor.
- (c) Any structure or building damaged by fire, flood, explosion , wind war or other catastrophe, in an amount of fifty percent (50%) maybe restored , repaired, or rebuilt in its entirety if all of the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The structure will not occupy any portion of the lot that was not occupied by the destroyed structure.
  - 2. The structure will not have a greater floor area than the destroyed structure.
  - 3. The structure will not exceed the height or number of stories than the destroyed structure.
  - 4. The number if off street parking spaces located on the property will not be reduced from the number available before the damage.
  - 5. The building permit for the repair of restoration must be obtained within six (6) months of date of the damage.

#### **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front yard, measured from the front lot line, shall be twenty five (25) feet.
- (b) Rear yard. Each lot of premises shall have a rear yard depth of not less than twenty (20) feet.
- (c) Side yard. Each lot shall have two (2) side yards, one on each side of the principal and accessory buildings and in no case less than eight (8) feet per side.

#### **(6) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one half (2 1/2) stories or thirty-five (35) feet high, excepting church steeples. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding buildings with in the development area or thirty five (35) feet.

#### **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) There shall be two (2) surfaced off-street parking spaces for each residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking for conditionally permitted uses and non-residential uses hall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (c) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

#### **(8) Sign Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no more than one identification sign per residential dwelling structure not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area. The sign may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type but it shall not project into the public right-of-way or public property.
- (b) Temporary signs including political campaign signs, greeting signs and realty signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. Signs for rent and signs for sale may be permitted without a time limitation.
- (c) Signs for Non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2.

## **117.5.6 RR Rural Residential**

### **(1) Purpose**

The RR District is established as a district in which the principal use of the land shall be for low density, large lot, single family dwellings, limited agriculture and, limited equine husbandry. For Rural Residential District and promoting the general purpose of this title, the specific intent of this section is:

- (a) To encourage the construction or placement of and use of land for single family dwelling on large rural lots and for limited agriculture uses.
- (b) To prohibit general commercial and industrial uses of the land and to prohibit any use which would substantially interfere with the development of the continuation of single-family dwellings and limited agricultural uses.
- (c) To encourage the discontinuance of existing uses that would not be permitted as new uses under the provisions of this title.
- (d) To discourage any use which would generate traffic on the streets of the district other than normal traffic to serve the single-family residences of the area.

### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Single –family dwellings.
- (b) Education group.
- (c) Daycare Centers
- (d) Churches
- (e) Public recreational group.
- (f) Private riding stables provided that animals shall be used for private use only; that no animal, animal stable, barn or shelter shall be located with in one hundred (100) feet of any neighboring residence structure; that two (2) horses shall be permitted on any premises which contains at least two (2) acres and additional horses shall be allowed at the rate of one horse for every additional three (3) acres of property owned. For the purposes of this ordinance the definition of a horse will only be those horse that are one calendar year of age or older.
- (g) Family foster home for adults.

### **(3) Conditional Uses**

- (a) Cemeteries, crematoriums and related facilities
- (b) Public and private schools
- (c) Private clubs and fraternal organizations
- (d) Banks and financial institutions.
- (e) Hotels and motels.

### **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Lot Coverage**

- (a) Lot area. Each principal building erected, together with its accessory buildings, shall be located on a lot containing a minimum area of 65,000 square feet with a minimum lot width of 150 feet and a minimum lot depth of 200 feet.
- (b) Front yard. Each platted lot shall have a front yard of not less than forty (40) feet in depth as measured from the front property line.
- (c) Side yard. Each lot shall have two (2) side yards, one on each side of the principal and accessory buildings and in no case less than fifteen (15) feet per yard.

- (d) Rear yard. Each lot of premises shall have a rear yard depth of fifty (50) feet or twenty (20) per cent of the average width of the lot.

### **(5) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one half (2 1/2) stories or thirty-five (35) feet high, excepting church steeples. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding buildings with in the development area or thirty five (35) feet.

### **(6) Parking Requirements**

- (a) There shall be a minimum of two (2) surfaced off-street parking spaces for each residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking for the conditionally permitted uses and non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (c) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of The City of Washburn Ordinances.

### **(7) Road Standard Requirement**

- (a) Sufficient temporary construction easements shall be given to allow for proper road construction.
- (b) All streets to be used for on-street parking shall be forty (40) feet in roadway width if constructed with curb and gutter section.
- (c) All streets to be used for on-street parking shall be thirty-six (36) feet in roadway width if constructed with out curb and gutter section.

### **(8) Accessory Buildings**

- (a) All allowable accessory buildings to a residence shall be limited to a maximum of three thousand (3000) square feet for each lot of three (3) acres or less.
- (b) All allowable accessory buildings to a residence shall not exceed two (2) percent of the total area of the lot up to a maximum of six thousand (6000) square feet for lots larger than three (3) acres.
- (c) Accessory buildings for the above computations shall include the following buildings: Barns, stables and storage buildings attached and detached garages provided that twelve hundred(1200) square feet of attached garages maybe exempted from the maximum allowable accessory building coverage computations delineated above.

### **(9) Sign Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no more than one identification sign per residential dwelling structure not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area. The sign may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type but it shall not project into the public right-of-way or public property.
- (b) Temporary signs including political campaign signs, greeting signs and realty signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. Signs for rent and signs for sale may be permitted without a time limitation.
- (c) Signs for Non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2

## **117.5.7 RM-1 Manufactured/Mobile Home Residential District**

### **(1) Purpose**

The RM-1 manufactured home residential district is primarily established to promote a suitable residential environment to accommodate and development of manufactured/mobile home districts and the placement of single-family manufactured home dwellings with in this district.

### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Manufactured Homes
- (b) Single family detached residential modular home
- (b) Industrial Housing
- (c) Community recreation facilities
- (d) Parks and playgrounds
- (e) Single family detached residential use
- (f) Modular home

### **(3) Conditional Uses**

- (a) Churches
- (b) Home Occupation.
- (c) Private or Public school
- (d) Bed and breakfast establishments.
- (e) Hospitals, medical clinics, short or long term care homes.
- (f) Public and private utilities and structures.
- (g) Daycares
- (h) Accessory buildings and structures

### **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Coverage**

- (a) The minimum lot area for a single family unit shall be nine thousand (9,000) square feet.
- (b) The minimum width of a lot shall measure seventy-five (75) feet
- (c) The minimum dwelling size shall be seven hundred and twenty (720) square feet
- (d) The principle and all accessory buildings shall not cover more than forty (40) percent of the lot

### **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front yard, measured from the front line, shall be no less than twenty five (25) feet
- (b) The minimum rear yard measured from the rear lot line, shall not be less than fifteen (15) feet.
- (c) The minimum side yard, measured from the side lot line, shall not be less than eight (8) feet on each side lot.

### **(6) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one half (2 1/2) stories or thirty-five (35) feet high, excepting church steeples. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding buildings with in the development area or thirty five (35) feet.

## **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) There shall be two (2) surfaced off-street parking spaces for each residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking for conditionally permitted uses and non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (c) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

## **(8) Sign Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no more than one identification sign per residential dwelling structure not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area. The sign may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type but it shall not project into the public right-of-way or public property.
- (b) Temporary signs including political campaign signs, greeting signs and realty signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. Signs for rent and signs for sale may be permitted without a time limitation.
- (c) Signs for Non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2.

## **(9) Special Manufactured Home Regulations**

- (a) All manufactured homes shall be equipped with colored compatible skirts to completely enclose the underside of the manufactured home.
- (b) All manufactured homes shall have a permanent foundation stands providing adequate support and a means of anchoring the manufactured home structure. Manufactured homes in these parks must comply to Article 108-03-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Rules.
- (c) The foundation stand shall not heave, shift, or settle unevenly under the weight of the mobile home due to frost action, inadequate drainage, vibration, wind or other forces acting on the structure.

## **117.5.8 RM-2 Manufactured/Mobile Home Park District**

### **(1) Purpose**

The RM-2 manufactured home residential district is primarily established to promote a suitable residential environment to accommodate and development of manufactured home park districts and the placement of single-family manufactured home dwellings within these parks.

### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Manufactured homes in these parks must comply to Article 108-03-01 of the North Dakota Administrative Rules
- (c) Community recreation facilities
- (d) Parks and playgrounds

### **(3) Conditional Uses**

- (b) Home Occupation.
- (c) Private or Public school
- (d) Bed and breakfast establishments.
- (g) Daycares

#### **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Coverage**

- (a) Minimum size of a manufactured home park must be five(5) acres
- (b) Minimum lot size for a single wide manufactured home dwelling unit must be fifty (50) feet in width and a minimum area of five thousand (5000) square feet.
- (c) Minimum lot size for a double-wide manufactured home dwelling unit must be sixty (60) feet in width and minimum area six thousand (6000) square feet.
- (d) The ground area occupied by a manufactured home dwelling, attached storm shed, patio, storage building, and off street parking spaces shall not exceed fifty((50) percent of the total area of the lot. In compiling the ground coverage, three hundred sixty (360) square feet shall be added to the actual area of the manufactured home dwelling and the accessory buildings for the two (2) required off-street parking spaces. This provision limits a lot to one (1) yard shed not over one hundred twenty (120) square feet in area, and said building shall be placed on a proper foundation

#### **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front yard depth, measured from the front line, shall be no less than fifteen five (15) feet. The set back line shall be uniform for all manufactured homes facing the same street. Lots having double frontage must provide the required front yards on both frontages.
- (b) The minimum rear yard measured from the rear lot line, shall not be less than five (5) feet.
- (c) The minimum side yard, measured from the side lot line, shall not be less than eight (8) feet on each side lot.
- (d) Permitted encroachments on side yard setbacks space as follows:
  - I. Outdoor steps or stairs may project three (3) feet into any setback.
  - II. Windows canopies may project into any setback space.

#### **(6) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one half (2 1/2) stories or thirty-five (35) feet high, excepting church steeples. Accessory buildings shall not exceed 1/2 story in height than the surrounding buildings with in the development area or thirty five (35) feet.

#### **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) There shall be two (2) surfaced off-street parking spaces for each residential dwelling unit.
- (b) Parking for conditionally permitted uses and non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1. All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

#### **(8) Sign Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no more than one identification sign per residential dwelling structure not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area. The sign may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type but it shall not project into the public right of-way or public property.

- (b) Temporary signs including political campaign signs, greeting signs and realty signs are permitted for a period of 30 days. Signs for rent and signs for sale may be permitted without a time limitation.
- (c) Signs for Non-residential uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2.

**(9) Special Manufactured Home Park District Regulations**

- (a) Dedicated Streets: Where the individual manufactured home unit in a manufactured home park district are served by dedicated public streets, those public streets shall be plotted and constructed according to the applicable street standards of the City of Washburn.
- (b) Private Streets or roadways shall be at least thirty-five (33) feet from curb to curb in width. Dead-end streets shall not exceed one hundred seventy-five (175) feet in length. Turning circles shall be at least eighty (80) feet in diameter. Roadways within the parks shall be hard-surfaced, either concrete or bituminized.
- (c) Entrances, exists and driveways between rows of manufactured homes shall be lightened to provide an intensity of 0.3 foot candles.
- (d) Walkways- Manufactured home parks shall be provided with hard-surfaced walkways at least three (3) feet wide between each mobile home lot and service building and other parts of said park.
- (e) Recreation areas shall provide in each manufactured home park for the exclusive use of the park occupants. Such recreation site or sites shall have a minimum area in the aggregated of twelve(12) percent of the total area of said park. The recreation site (s) shall be appropriated design and provided with adequate and permanent equipment.
- (f) Buffer strip- all manufactured home parks must provide a completely and permanently landscaped buffer area of at least twenty (20) feet in width around those portion of the park perimeter which border public right-of-way or adjoining residential property. Such areas may contain trees, shrubbery, grass, benches fences, etc.
- (g) Water and sewer shall be served by an approved water and sewer system.
- (h) Electrical service outlet supplying at least one hundred twenty (120) volts, and at least one electrical service outlet supplying at least two hundred forty (240)volts, shall be provided for each manufactured home spaces.
- (j) Safety – all provisions of water supply, electrical, sewage, and fire protection to be provided in any manufactured home park shall have been approved by the appropriate county and state departments.
- (k) Lawns within the manufactured home park shall be seeded or sod lay within one year of issuance of an occupancy permit unless an extension is granted by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**(10) Special Manufactured Home Regulations**

- (d) All manufactured homes shall be equipped with colored compatible skirts to completely enclose the underside of the manufactured home.
- (e) All manufactured homes shall have permanent foundation stands providing adequate support and a means of anchoring the manufactured home structure. Manufactured homes in these parks must comply to Article 108-03-01of the North Dakota Administrative Rules.
- (f) The foundation stand shall not heave, shift, or settle unevenly under the weight of the mobile home due to frost action, inadequate drainage, wind or other forces acting on the structure.

## **(11) Highway Access Regulations**

When a manufactured home park abuts state or federal highways outside corporate limits the following regulation must be enforced.

- (a) Access shall be limited to one per quarter mile
- (b) The landowner shall provide for frontage road or deed to nearest quarter mile access point to a public highway
- (c) Written evidence of approval by appropriate highway authorities shall be provided to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### **117.5.9 RM -3 Travel Trailer Park District for Temporary Use**

#### **(1) Purpose**

The RM-3 travel trailer park district is primarily established to promote a suitable environment for accommodation and development of travel trailer park districts for temporary uses.

#### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Parking of Travel Trailers, Recreation Vehicles, and Campers on a temporary use basis.
- (b) Community recreation facilities.
- (c) Parks and playgrounds.
- (d) Laundromat, washroom, bathing facilities.
- (e) Sanitary dumping station.

#### **(3) Conditional Uses**

- (a) Home occupation
- (b) Business office
- (c) Daycares

#### **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Coverage**

- (a) The minimum total area of the premise shall contain at least forty thousand (40,000) square feet.
- (b) Access to travel trailer parks shall be directly from major street or highway and such access is of a design that will minimize traffic congestion. The minimum width of a street or roadway within such park shall be at least thirty (30) feet in width. Dead-end streets shall not exceed one hundred and seventy five (175) feet in length and the turning circle shall be at least eighty (80) feet in diameter.
- (c) All entrance and exist lanes within such park shall be lighted to provide an intensity of at least five (5) foot candles.
- (d) A recreational area shall be provided in each travel trailer park at the ratio of at least two hundred (200) square feet per space, with a minimum of five thousand (5000) square feet per park.

#### **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) Each travel trailer space shall contain at least two thousand (2000) square feet and be at least thirty (30) feet wide. Each space shall be clearly defined on the ground by stakes or markers.

- (b) Spaces shall be arranged that no trailer will be parked less than fifteen (15) feet from an adjacent trailer. Trailer spaces adjacent to a major street or highway shall provide a setback of at least twenty-five (25) feet.

**(6) Special Travel Trailer Park Regulations**

- (a) All provisions for water, laundry, sanitary facilities, fire protection, and electrical services shall be installed and maintained in accordance with all applicable city ordinances and state regulation.
- (b) A travel trailer park containing more than 20 spaces shall provide toilet, washroom, and bathing facilities of the following minimum:
- (i) Men- two shower stalls, two water closets, three urinals, and three lavatories
  - (ii) Women- two shower stalls, four water closets, three lavatories
- One additional toilet, lavatory and shower stall shall be provided for each sex and one additional men's urinal for Travel Trailer Parks exceeding 100 spaces. All such facilities shall be constructed and installed pursuant to city building and state plumbing codes.
- (c) Each park shall include a sanitary dumping station to be so located as not to create a traffic hazard on the main or circulating roads, nor to be a health hazard to the occupants of the park. Such dumping station shall be constructed to meet the minimum and other applicable ordinances and regulations, and shall meet the approval of the health department.

**117.5.10 C-1 General Commercial District**

**(1) Purpose**

The C-1 general commercial district is primarily established to accommodate the concentration of commercial and related uses. Commercial uses must be compatible with adjoining uses and shall not negatively affect the adjoining properties.

**(2) Permitted Uses**

- Accessory buildings and uses.
- Advertising signs and billboards.
- Amusement places including bowling alleys, athletic clubs, pool halls and similar indoor facilities.
- Banks and financial institutions.
- Bed and breakfast establishments.
- Boarding and rooming houses.
- Fraternal and philanthropic organizations
- Hotel and motels.
- Multiple family dwelling units and residential units above commercial businesses.
- Professional offices for businesses and services without limitation.
- Public buildings and facilities
- Restaurants including all types of eating and drinking establishments, and catering.
- Retail stores of all types including but not limited to food, drug, clothing, parts, materials and the like.
- Animal hospitals and kennels.
- Battery and tire service establishments.
- Building material and supply establishments.
- Churches and places of assembly.
- Frozen food lockers, but not slaughtering on the premises.
- Fuel sales establishments.

- Garages for repair and service of motor vehicles including towing and wrecker service but not salvage operations.
- Highway maintenance shops.
- Machinery and equipment sales and service including farm machinery and accessories.
- Motor vehicle sales and rental.
- Packing and crating operations.
- Plumbing shops and yards.
- Recreational vehicles sales and service
- Shopping malls including the retail services customarily accommodated.

**(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

The following uses are subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.2.

- (a) Contractor’s yards and operations.
- (b) Processing and packaging of materials.
- (c) Radio, television, microwave, cellular telephones, wind towers, relay and other communication towers and structures.
- (d) Storage spaces for rent
- (e) Warehouses and wholesale distributorships.

**(4) Lot Area and Lot Width**

- (a) The minimum lot area for commercial use shall be ten thousand (10,000) square feet.
- (b) The minimum lot width for commercial district shall be seventy five (75) feet, excluding the lots of record.
- (c) The maximum lot coverage shall not be more than seventy (70) percent.

**(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front building line, measured from the front lot line, shall be twenty-five (25) feet with the exception of Main Avenue.
- (b) The minimum rear building line, measured from the rear lot line, shall be twenty (20) feet with the exception of Main Avenue
- (c) The minimum side building line, measured from the side lot line, of the lot shall be ten (10) feet with the exception of Main Avenue.

**(6) Building Height**

The building height requirements in the general commercial district shall not be more than sixty (60) feet excepting farm related buildings and communication towers and shall be subject to the provisions of the North Dakota State Aeronautic Commission and city regulations.

**(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) For commercial uses, the rear yard spaces maybe used for parking.
- (b) For commercial uses, parking shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1

**(8) Sign Requirements**

For uses in commercial district, the provisions of Section 117.6.2 shall ap

## **117.5.11 C-2 Highway Commercial District**

### **(1) Purpose**

The C-2 highway commercial district is primarily established to accommodate those highway oriented commercial uses which by nature and operational characteristics such as direct access, large number of parking spaces, require separation from other uses because of the intensity and frequency of consumer travel.

### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- Accessory buildings and uses.
- Advertising signs and billboards.
- Amusement places including bowling alleys, athletic clubs, pool halls and similar indoor facilities.
- Banks and financial institutions.
- Bed and breakfast establishments.
- Boarding and rooming houses.
- Fraternal and philanthropic organizations
- Hotel and motels.
- Multiple family dwelling units and residential units above commercial businesses.
- Professional offices for businesses and services without limitation.
- Public buildings and facilities
- Restaurants including all types of eating and drinking establishments, and catering.
- Retail stores of all types including but not limited to food, drug, clothing, parts, materials and the like.
- Animal hospitals and kennels.
- Battery and tire service establishments.
- Building material and supply establishments.
- Churches and places of assembly.
- Frozen food lockers, but not slaughtering on the premises.
- Fuel sales establishments.
- Garages for repair and service of motor vehicles including towing and wrecker service but not salvage operations.
- Highway maintenance shops.
- Machinery and equipment sales and service including farm machinery and accessories.
- Motor vehicle sales and rental.
- Packing and crating operations.
- Plumbing shops and yards.
- Recreational vehicles sales and service
- Shopping malls including the retail services customarily accommodated.

### **(2) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

Conditional uses shall not be located less than two hundred (200) feet from a residential district and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.2.

- (a) Contractors yard, provided that the storage area is fenced and not visible from the street.
- (b) Machine shops and fabrication of metal products.
- (c) Processing and packing of non-toxic and non-odorous material.

#### **(4) Lot Area, Lot Width and Lot Coverage**

- (a) The minimum lot area for C-2 commercial district shall be twenty thousand (20,000) square feet.
- (b) The minimum lot width for C-2 commercial district shall be one hundred (100) feet.
- (c) The maximum lot coverage shall be 70%.

#### **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum front building line, measured from the front lot line, shall be fifty (50) feet for all properties fronting State Highway 83 or 200A, McLean County Highway 22. For properties fronting other streets, the minimum building line shall be twenty five (25) feet.
- (b) The minimum rear building line for properties abutting State Highway 83, 200A and McLean County Highway 22 shall be fifty (50) feet and for other streets the minimum shall be twenty (20) feet.
- (c) The minimum side building line, measured from Highway 83, 200A and McLean County Highway right-of-way shall be twenty-five (25) feet. The minimum side yard for interior side of the lot shall be ten (10) feet. The minimum side building line measured from other rights-of-way shall be ten (10) feet.

#### **(6) Building Height**

Building height requirement in C-2 highway commercial district shall be subject to the provisions of the North Dakota State Aeronautic Commission and city regulations.

#### **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) The front yard, beyond the setback line may be used for parking.
- (b) Parking in C-2 highway commercial district, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (c) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

#### **(8) Sign Requirements**

For signs in C-2 highway commercial district shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2.

### **117.5.12 (I) Industrial District**

#### **(1) Purpose**

The I industrial district is primarily established to accommodate industrial uses and facilities appropriate to the City of Washburn. It is planned to encourage grouping of related industrial uses for preventing intrusion on other uses specifically residential areas and to maintain an orderly, functional and efficient industrial land use system.

#### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Accessory uses.
- (b) Agricultural chemical storage.
- (c) Any industrial or manufacturing operation provided that: (a) dust, fumes, odors, smoke, vapor, noise, lights and vibration producing operations shall be enclosed within the premises, and: (b)

outdoor storage, equipment and materials areas shall be concealed from abutting street or highway rights-of-way.

- (d) Any production, processing and treatment of products such as battery and tire service, concrete and asphalt products, dairy processing, bottling works, ice and cold storage plants, welding shops, machine and sheet metal shops provided that all operations be conducted entirely in enclosed buildings.
- (e) Building material and supply establishments.
- (f) Contractors yards and construction shops.
- (g) Electric power production and substations.
- (h) Fuel sales establishment including bottle gas.
- (j) Public utility buildings including water and waste water facilities and accessories.
- (k) Radio, Television, microwave, cellular phone towers and related facilities

### **(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

The following uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.2.

- (a) Local and regional sanitary landfills, compost sites and incinerators.
- (b) Salvage or junk yards.
- (c) Storage and sale of chemicals, and the like.
- (d) Conditional uses shall not be located nearer than five hundred (500) feet from any residential area.

### **(4) Lot Area and Lot Width**

- (a) The minimum lot area for industrial district shall be one acre.
- (b) The minimum lot width for industrial district shall be one hundred (100) feet.

### **(5) Yard Requirements**

- (a) The minimum setback from State Highway 83 and 200A, McLean County Highway 22 shall be fifty (50) feet and for any streets shall be twenty five (25) feet.
- (b) The minimum rear building line, measured from the rear lot line, for State Highway 83, 200A and McLean County Highways 22 shall be fifty (50) feet and for other streets shall be twenty (20) feet.
- (c) The minimum side building line, measured from the side lot line, shall be twenty (20) feet.
- (d) No building or structure shall be located within one hundred (100) feet from the boundary of a residential area.

### **(6) Building Height**

The building height requirement in industrial district shall not be more than sixty (60) feet and shall be subject to the provisions of the North Dakota State Aeronautic Commission and city regulations.

### **(7) Parking Requirements**

- (a) Parking in the industrial district, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.1.
- (b) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

## **(8) Sign Requirements**

Signs in the industrial district shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.6.2.

### **117.5.13 PD Planned Development District**

#### **(1) Purpose**

The PD planned development district is primarily established to encourage and promote environmental quality of the City of Washburn by allowing for greater freedom, imagination and flexibility in the development of land while complying with the intent and purpose of this ordinance, other municipal ordinances and the Washburn 2025 Plan. It is further the purpose of PD District to encourage more rational, efficient and cost-effective development with relationship to public services while enhancing and improving the environmental quality of the area.

#### **(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Any group of permitted uses in any zoning district in these regulations, provided that there is distinct compatibility and harmony among the uses, with no adverse effects on the adjoining uses.
- (b) No use shall be permitted in the PD District except in conformity with Washburn 2025 Plan and the precise development plan prepared to meet the requirement of this district.
- (c) In a PD District the uses and their intensity, appearance and arrangement shall be of such visual and operational character which: (1) are compatible with the physical nature of the site or area; (2) would not adversely affect the provisions for public services; (3) would not create a traffic or parking demand incompatible with the existing or proposed facilities.
- (d) The PD District shall not adversely affect the economic prosperity of the City of Washburn or its extra territorial planning area.
- (e) The PD District shall include assurances that the proposed plan would be completed in a manner that would not adversely affect the city or the area as a result of termination. The terms of the assurances shall address financial and development considerations in sufficient detail as may be required by the city.

#### **(3) Site Requirements**

- (a) There shall be no predetermined requirements for lot area, lot width, building height and yards, but such requirements are made a part of an approved, recorded, and detailed development plan.
- (b) The minimum land parcel for PD District shall be five (5) acres.
- (c) In PD District the location, number and configuration of parking spaces shall be a part of the detailed development plan.
- (d) In PD District the location, type and size of signs shall be a part of the detailed development plan.
- (e) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 2-01 of the City of Washburn Municipal Ordinances.

#### **(4) Development Plan**

Where a Development Plan is required for a tract of land, the following shall be included in the plan.

- (a) Location of existing property lines, buildings, drives, streams, wooded areas and other significant natural features.
- (b) Detailed layout of proposed streets and location of blocks for designated uses.

- (c) Location of open spaces and facilities for public uses.
- (d) Existing drainage pattern based on the current topographic information and the location of land to be dedicated for park and playground.
- (e) The development plan shall be drawn at a scale of one inch equaling four hundred (400) feet or less.
- (f) Other engineering or financial information required by the city.

**(5) Data Submission Requirements**

- (a) A general map of the area showing existing land use, zoning, street pattern and traffic data.
- (b) Detailed development plan showing:
  - (i) detailed lot layout and street pattern;
  - (ii) grading and storm water drainage plan;
  - (iii) location of open spaces and recreational areas;
  - (iv) location and description of any areas to be dedicated to the public.
- (c) Proof of financial capability.
- (d) Analysis of economic impacts.
- (e) Agreements, by-laws, provisions and covenants which insures the timely and satisfactory completion of the project without posing a burden on the city or adjoining properties.

**(6) Review and Approval Procedure**

- (a) The Planning and Zoning Commission shall review the proposed plan and it may require additional information and may require modification of the plan before it makes its recommendations to the City Commission after a public hearing.
- (b) The City Commission upon holding a public hearing may approve, deny or further modify the development plan. A developer’s agreement spelling out all financial responsibilities of the developer and the city is required.
- (c) Upon approval by the City Commission, the detailed development plan shall be recorded with the McLean County Register of Deeds and the original plan be kept on file in the office of the Code Administrator.

**117.5.14 F Flood Plain District**

The F Flood Plain District consists of the lands which have been or may be covered by flood water as delineated on the maps for the City of Washburn and McLean County, if prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for administration of the National Flood Insurance Program or other maps and information provided by the State of North Dakota. This district is an overlay district and its provisions apply to all flood prone lands.

**(1) Purpose**

The F Flood Plain District is primarily established to designate those areas which need to accommodate the run-off water and to protect the public and private property from the adverse effects of flooding by prohibiting development on the lands prone to flooding.

**(2) Permitted Uses**

- (a) Agricultural uses including general farming, pasture, grazing and related uses provided that the buildings and structures for human habitation are flood proofed.
- (b) Non-structural uses including ponding of run-off water and treated waste water.
- (c) Public utilities including railroads, streets, bridges, channels, and pipelines.

- (d) Outdoor recreational uses including, golf courses, bicycle trails, picnic areas and boat launching ramps.

### **(3) Conditionally Permitted Uses**

Temporary buildings and structures not related to flood control and farming such as stands, fences, shelters, temporary signs and temporary parking. These uses shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.2.

### **(4) Building Height**

No building shall be more than two and one-half (2 1/2) stories or thirty five (35) feet high excepting farm silos.

### **(5) Sign Requirements**

Temporary signs shall be no larger than thirty (30) square feet in area.

## **117.6 SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

### **117.6.1 Off-Street Parking**

#### **(1) Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to provide for the off-street parking regulations to increase the safety and capacity of public roads by requiring off-street parking or loading facilities.

#### **(2) General Requirements**

- (a) An off-street automobile parking space shall be at least nine (9) feet wide and twenty (20) feet long, exclusive of access drives.
- (b) All open off-street parking areas with four (4) or more spaces and all loading berths shall be: (a) improved with an all weather surface to provide a durable and dust free surface such as asphalt or concrete; and graded to dispose of all surface water run-off but not be diverted to adjoining properties.
- (c) Parking of recreational vehicles as living spaces in residential districts shall be limited to two (2) weeks. All recreational vehicles shall be parked on surfaced parking spaces.
- (d) All driveways shall be constructed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.
- (e) Parking of recreational vehicles as living spaces in commercial district shall be prohibited.

#### **(3) Special Requirements**

- (a) No structure shall be erected or enlarged without meeting the following parking requirements:
  - (i) For any new retail businesses and services, offices, studio, bank, medical or dental clinics, one (1) parking space for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area
  - (ii) For private club or lodge; one parking spaces for each one hundred (100) square feet of service area.
  - (iii) For restaurant, eating and drinking establishment; one parking space for each one hundred (100) square feet of floor area.

- (iv) For industrial uses there shall be one off street parking space for every one (1) employee.

## **117.6.2 Sign Requirements**

### **(1) Purpose**

The purposes of regulating signs in the City of Washburn is to provide for a visually pleasant environment and minimize potentially unsafe conditions for all age groups, but yet offer many opportunities for public and private information and advertising.

### **(2) General Requirements**

- (a) Directory signs shall not be larger than twenty (20) square feet in area for permitted uses.
- (b) Directory signs for conditional uses shall not be larger than forty (40) square feet.
- (c) General advertising signs shall not be larger than ninety six (96) square feet.
- (d) Billboards and large advertising signs shall be subject to the requirements of Section 117.11.2.

### **(3) Special Requirements**

- (a) Signs in the residential districts shall be limited to:
  - (i) One sign per dwelling structure not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in area which may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type;
  - (ii) One temporary sign such as “For Sale”, “For Rent”, not exceeding twenty (20) square feet in area.
- (b) Signs in the commercial and industrial districts shall be limited to:
  - (i) One general identification sign per business not exceeding two hundred (200) square feet in area which may be wall, pedestal, ground or projecting type.
  - (ii) Temporary signs including “For Sale”, “For Rent”; political campaign signs, greeting signs and rally signs not exceeding fifty (50) square feet in area;
  - (iii) Directory and advertising signs in agricultural, commercial and industrial districts shall not be larger than two hundred (200) square feet and not placed nearer than six hundred (600) feet apart.

## **117.6.3 Junk or Salvage Yards**

### **(1) Purpose**

The purpose of these requirements is to preserve and protect the visual and other environmental amenities of the rural areas while allowing the salvage or junk yards as business places.

### **(2) Site Approval Requirements**

All sites for salvage and junk yards require approval by the City Commission.

### **(3) Location Standards**

- (a) No salvage or junk yard shall be located within five hundred (500) feet of a residential district and two hundred (200) feet of commercial buildings and structures.
- (b) No salvage or junk yard shall be located in areas which due to high water table, flooding and soil conditions may affect the quality of surface and ground water.

- (c) No salvage or junk yard shall be located nearer than one hundred (100) feet of all streets and highway rights-of-way.
- (d) All salvage yards and operations shall be screened from the public view unless the salvage material is placed five hundred (500) feet away from any highway right-of-way and screened by natural vegetation, building or land form.

#### **117.6.4 Feed Lots**

##### **(1) Purpose**

These regulations are designed to allow feed lots for feeding of livestock, fur bearers and poultry at the same time protect the adjoining uses against odor, run off and other incompatible characteristics associated with feed lots.

##### **(2) General Requirement**

- (a) All feed lots as defined by this ordinance are only permitted as conditional uses subject to the provisions of this ordinance and the requirements of the North Dakota State Health Department.
- (b) All feed lots shall be designed and constructed with all reasonable preventive measures to avoid surface run-off including construction of sealed collection and retention ponds.
- (c) Where appropriate, there shall be sufficient drainage to avoid pollution of the ground water from the standing effluents.
- (d) Feed lots shall not be placed in the floodplains.
- (e) The applicant, as a part of site approval application, shall submit a plan for removal and disposal of the liquid and solid waste generated by the feed lot.
- (f) No feed lot shall be located nearer than one mile from a residential development in the extra territorial area or corporate limits of the City of Washburn, McLean County.

#### **117.6.5 Sand and Gravel Operations**

##### **(1) Purpose**

The purpose of these provisions is to provide for mining, stock piling and extraction of sand and gravel for commercial uses, and to protect and preserve agricultural land by guiding such operations, and to minimize the traffic, noise, dust, fume and vibration impact on the adjoining uses and the City of Washburn.

##### **(2) Site Approval Requirements**

All sand and gravel mining and stock piling excavation sites require approval by the City Commission.

##### **(3) Data Submission Requirements**

- (a) A site plan for operation and reclamation of the mined land including maps showing location of the land to be mined, location of roads and points of access to the site, maps showing the existing and proposed contours after the land is mined and a time table for operation of the site.
- (b) A guarantee that the reclamation of the site be completed within one year of the closure of the operation of the site.
- (c) Proof of compatibility with the existing land form including the vegetation, surface and ground water resources.

#### **(4) Proximity to Existing Uses**

The operation of sand and gravel sites shall not be nearer than five hundred (500) feet from any residential uses or three hundred (300) feet from non-residential uses.

#### **(5) Permit Requirements**

Any person who operates a sand and gravel operation shall obtain a permit from the City Auditor before starting any mining or excavation of the sand and gravel sites, and after approval by the City Commission.

### **117.6.6 Sanitary Landfills and Solid Waste Sites**

#### **(1) Compliance with State Laws and Rules**

No person who operates sanitary landfills, inert landfills or similar solid waste sites shall be allowed within the corporate city limits.

#### **(2) City Ordinance and Procedures**

The City of Washburn hereby adopts solid waste provisions, subject to the Provisions of NDCC 11-33-20, to assure meeting the purposes of this ordinance and the Washburn 2025 Plan.

#### **(3) Purpose**

The purpose of these provisions is to protect public health, ground and surface water, conflict with present land uses and preservation and protection of natural resources in the City of Washburn and its extra territorial area.

#### **(4) Site Approval Requirements**

All solid waste sites require approval by the City Commission.

#### **(5) Location Standards**

- (a) No landfill or incinerator shall be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of residential uses, and five hundred (500) feet of commercial buildings and structures.
- (b) No landfill shall be located in areas which due to high water table, flooding, or soil conditions may affect the quality of surface and ground water.
- (c) No landfill operation shall be located nearer than two hundred (200) feet of all road and highway rights-of-way.

#### **(6) Data Submission Requirements**

- (a) Maps of the area showing existing features such as roads, highways, vegetation cover, water courses, drainage way, soils, topography, depth of water table, wet lands, sloughs, existing uses, buildings and structures including the existing utility lines.
- (b) A plan for operation of the site including a descriptive text explaining consistency or inconsistency with the natural or man made environment.
- (c) Records of data and information submitted to the state of North Dakota appropriate agencies and the county as a part of the application for state and county permits.
- (d) The City Commission may require additional information if it deems it necessary.

## **(7) Statement of Findings**

Upon the public notification and a public hearing, the City Commission shall determine whether the proposed site meets the requirements of this ordinance and public health, safety and welfare.

### **117.6.7 Public Nuisances**

Public nuisances including but not limited to noxious weeds, smoke, gases, radio interference, noise, accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish, automobiles, dead or diseased trees shall not be permitted and shall be subject to violation and penalties of Section 117.13 of this ordinance.

### **117.6.8 Fences and Hedges**

Fences are structures constructed of any material including wood, metal and plastics for the purpose of providing privacy, safety and protection of a property.

#### **(1) Residential Districts**

- (a) In residential districts, fences and hedges may be erected directly on the property line.
- (b) For the front yards, the height of the fences or hedges shall not exceed five (5) feet.
- (c) For the side and rear yards, the height of the fence shall not exceed eight (8) feet. There is no restriction for the height of the hedges and planting materials.
- (d) A fence/hedge shall not obstruct the view of the motorist with in fifty (50) feet of an intersection.
- (e) The finished side of fences that are installed must face the outside of the property of which the fence is installed.
- (f) It shall be unlawful for any person to erect or maintain any barbed wire, woven wire or snow fence in or along residential area in the City of Washburn, with the exception of a temporary garden fence.

#### **(2) Commercial and industrial districts,**

- (a) In commercial and industrial districts, fences and hedges may be erected directly on the property line.
- (b) A fence/hedge shall not exceed ten (10) feet.
- (c) A fence/hedge shall not obstruct the view of the motorist with in fifty (50) feet of an intersection.
- (d) The finished side of fences that are installed must face the outside of the property of which the fence is installed.
- (e) In commercial and industrial districts, any barb wire fence erected shall maintain the lowest strand of barbed wire at least six(6)feet above sidewalk grade, over the top of a non-barbed wire fence, and at least six(6) inches inside the property line.

#### **(3) Fence permit**

All fences require a permit from the City of Washburn, except temporary fences for construction. There shall be no fee for obtaining such permits.

## **117.6.9 Accessory Buildings**

### **(1) Accessory uses and buildings.**

- (a) The accessory use or building shall be incidental and customarily associated with the principal use or structure.
- (b) The accessory use or building shall contribute to the comfort, convenience, and necessity of the occupants of the principal use or building served.
- (c) The accessory use or building shall be located on the same zoning lot as the principal use or building.
- (d) The accessory use or building shall not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of surrounding properties.
- (e) No accessory building shall be located within any recorded public easement or over any known public utility.
- (f) No outside storage materials of any kind are allowed in the rear and side setback area of an accessory building.
- (e) Pole barn style buildings are not allowed in R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, RM-1, RM-2, and RM-3 zoning districts.
- (f) All lawn sheds are considered accessory buildings

### **(2) Location of accessory buildings.**

- (a) All accessory buildings except garages shall be located in the rear yard and shall not be less than eight(8) feet from the rear lot line and/or (8) feet from the side lot line, and located at least ten (10) feet behind the principal building.
- (b) A garage located in a rear yard and approached from an alley must be set back from the alley line at least twenty (20) feet. When the approach to the garage is parallel to the alley and the car maneuvers on private property, the distance from the alley and side lot lines may be not less than eight (8) feet.
- (c) Accessory buildings, including garages, located on a corner lot in a residential district shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from the lot line of the side street and in no case shall be set back less than the setback distance required for the principal building.
- (d) In a residential district, any garage on an inside lot may be located with the same setback from the street as required for the principal building providing that such setback is at least twenty (20) feet and that such garage does not violate the side yard requirements for a principal building for the zoning district in which it is located.
- (e) A private garage having any part of its wall in common with a dwelling or being attached to a dwelling by a breezeway or roofed passageway, shall be considered a part of the principal building and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of the principal building.
- (f) Any accessory building, or any enclosure, group, or run, or any part thereof used for the housing, shelter, or sale of animals shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any rear or side lot line, and at least fifty (50) feet from any building used for dwelling purposes on an adjoining lot.

### **(3) Accessory buildings and structures are not allowed in residential zoned district lots without a principal dwelling unit.**

## **117.7 LAND SUBDIVISION**

### **117.7.1 Purpose**

- (1) To insure the orderly development of the City of Washburn.
- (2) To provide for proper arrangement of streets in relation to other existing and planned streets.
- (3) To provide for adequate and convenient open spaces for traffic, utilities, fire fighting, recreation, light and air.
- (4) To facilitate adequate provisions for access, placement of water and sewer systems, schools, and public open spaces.
- (5) To avoid development of unsuitable areas because of soil, drainage and other physical limitations.
- (6) To facilitate subdivision of larger parcels into smaller parcels and lots.
- (7) To implement the Washburn 2025 Plan.

### **117.7.2 Preliminary Plat**

The preliminary plat shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor and shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation to the City Commission. The preliminary plat shall cover the entire contiguous area owned or controlled by the sub divider if it is under twenty (20) acres even though only a small portion of it is proposed for the development at the time. The sub divider may be required to submit a development plan if the owner/agent controls more than twenty (20) contiguous acres of land.

#### **(1) Pre-Application Consultation**

Prior to the submission of a preliminary plat, the sub divider shall consult the City Auditor for assistance regarding the requirement of the City of Washburn's Plans, Ordinances and Policies for subdividing any parcel of land. This step is intended to inform the sub divider of the importance of the plans, ordinances and policies to assist him/her in meeting the land subdivision requirements of the City of Washburn.

#### **(2) Preliminary Plat Content**

The preliminary plat shall include the following requirements, data and information.

- (a) The preliminary plat shall be drawn at a scale of one inch representing one hundred (100) feet.
- (b) Name and location of the subdivision.
- (c) Date, graphic scale and north point.
- (d) Boundary line of the proposed subdivision indicated by a solid heavy line, accurately drawn to scale and showing distances and bearings.
- (e) Location, right-of-way, width and names of any existing or proposed streets, alleys, public ways, easement, railroad, utility rights-of-way, parks and other public open spaces and corporate boundaries and section lines within or adjacent to the subdivision.
- (f) Location of existing property lines, buildings, drives, streams, water courses, wooded areas and drainage ways.
- (g) Boundary line of adjacent tracts of land or lots showing owners' name.
- (h) Contour at vertical intervals of not more than two (2) feet.

- (i) Location and dimension of any site to be reserved or dedicated for public uses including drainage ways, parks and open spaces.
- (j) Layout of the proposed streets, alleys, cross walks and easements, showing widths and street names.
- (k) Lay out, number and dimensions of all lots and blocks.
- (l) Parcels of land intended to be dedicated or reserved for public use or set aside for the use of property owners within the subdivision.
- (m) Building setback lines, showing dimensions.

**(2) Preliminary Plat Submission Requirements**

- (a) The sub divider shall apply on appropriate forms provided by the City Auditor to the Planning and Zoning Commission at least one week prior to its regularly scheduled meeting.
- (b) The sub divider shall submit two (2) prints of the preliminary plat to the City Auditor at the time the application is made. The plat shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance.
- (c) The sub divider may submit any instrument and covenant whereby he/she proposes to restrict land use in the subdivision for protecting the proposed development.
- (d) The sub divider shall provide other data related to drainage, soil suitability, financing of improvement and other related information which the City Commission requests.

**(3) Development Plan**

Where a development plan is required for a tract of land, the following shall be included in the plan.

- (a) Location of existing property lines, buildings, drives, streams, wooded areas and other significant natural features.
- (b) General layout of proposed streets and location of blocks and intended uses.
- (c) Location of open spaces and facilities for public uses.
- (d) Existing drainage pattern.
- (e) The development plan shall be drawn at a scale of not smaller than one inch representing four hundred (400) feet.
- (f) Soil and flood plain data
- (g) The Planning and Zoning Commission may require other information as a part of the development plan.

**(4) Preliminary Plat Review Process**

- (a) The Planning and Zoning Commission, after a public hearing, shall review the preliminary plat and recommend to the City Commission for approval, approval with conditions or denial of the preliminary plat. The Planning and Zoning Commission may require additional information before it takes action.
- (b) The conditional approval of a preliminary plat shall clearly state the nature and extent of the conditions which shall be met before a final plat is submitted for review and approval. Tentative approval of a preliminary plat by the City Commission is not an acceptance of a subdivision plat, but is an expression of approval of a general plat as a guide to preparation of a subdivision for final plat review and approval.
- (c) The City Commission may require the sub-divider to submit a revised preliminary plat before the sub-divider proceeds with the preparation of the final plat.
- (d) Approval of the preliminary plat shall be effective for a period of two (2) years within which a final plat shall be prepared. If the final plat is not submitted within this time period, the City Commission may require the sub-divider to resubmit the preliminary plat for review and

approval, unless the developer had provided a detailed time table for the preparation of the final plat(s).

### **117.7.3 Final Plat**

The final plat shall cover the area which is realistically designated for transfer or sale of lots.

#### **(1) Final Plat Content**

The final plat shall conform to all provisions of this ordinance and conditions set forth by the City Commission.

- (a) The preliminary plat shall be drawn at a scale of one inch representing one hundred (100) feet.
- (b) Name and location of the subdivision.
- (c) Date, graphic scale and north point.
- (d) Boundary line of the proposed subdivision indicated by a solid heavy line, accurately drawn to scale and showing distances and bearings.
- (e) Location, right-of-way, width and names of any existing or proposed streets, alleys, public ways, easement, railroad, utility rights-of-way, parks and other public open spaces and corporate boundaries and section lines within or adjacent to the subdivision.
- (f) Location of existing property lines, buildings, drives, streams, water courses, wooded areas and drainage ways.
- (g) Boundary line of adjacent tracts of land or lots showing owners' name.
- (h) Contour at vertical intervals of not more than two (2) feet.
- (i) Location and dimension of any site to be reserved or dedicated for public uses including drainage ways, parks and open spaces.
- (j) Layout of the proposed streets, alleys, crosswalks and easements, showing widths and street names.
- (k) Lay out, number and dimensions of all lots and blocks.
- (l) Parcels of land intended to be dedicated or reserved for public use or set aside for the use of property owners within the subdivision.
- (m) Building setback lines, showing dimensions.
- (n) Where required, detailed engineering drawings, cross-sections or profiles of streets, utility lines, catch basins or other installations of improvements as installed.
- (o) Certification by registered surveyor to the effect that the plat represents a survey made by him, and that the monuments shown thereon exist as located and that all dimensional and geodetic details are correct.
- (p) Notarized certification by the owners of the land of the adoption of the plat and the dedication of sewers, water distribution lines and other improvements and of streets and other public areas.
- (q) Appropriate place for signature by the property owner, city officials and McLean County officials.

#### **(2) Final Plat Submission Requirements**

The sub divider shall apply on appropriate forms to the Planning and Zoning Commission for approval of the final plat, if he/she holds a valid approval of the preliminary plat.

- (a) The sub divider shall submit the final plat to the Planning and Zoning Commission at least one week before the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (b) The final plat shall comply with all provisions of this ordinance and conditions and requirements set forth by the City Commission as a part of review and approval of the preliminary plat. All filing fees shall be paid to the city at the time of filing the final plat for approval.

- (c) The Planning and Zoning Commission may require the sub divider to submit detailed drawings for grading of the lots, blocks, streets, detailed drawings for pavement, curb, gutter and sidewalk, drawings for installation of water, sanitary and storm sewer facilities.

### **(3) Final Plat Review Process**

- (a) If the Planning and Zoning Commission, after a public hearing, finds the final plat in conformance with the requirements stipulated for approval of the preliminary plat, it shall recommend to the City Commission for approval after a public hearing.
- (b) For subdivisions outside of the city corporate limits, a print of the final plat shall be submitted to the McLean County Commission. The approval of the County Commission is necessary for all plats outside of the city.
- (c) The sub divider shall prepare an estimate of the cost of providing the required improvements based on the city design standards for street, curb, gutter, sidewalk, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and water lines.
- (d) If all conditions and requirements have been met, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall recommend approval of the final plat to the City Commission.
- (e) The City Commission, after a public hearing, may approve, deny or modify the final plat.

### **117.7.4 Lot Splits**

A lot split may be exempt from the platting requirements of this ordinance if the following conditions are met:

#### **(1) Conditions**

- (a) That the lot split does not contain more than two lots.
- (b) That the two lots conform to the requirement of the respective zoning district for width and area coverage of each lot.
- (c) That any lot may be split only once under these provisions.
- (d) That the lot split is not part of a continuing practice of lot splitting for a particular area to circumvent platting or re-platting requirements of this ordinance.
- (e) That the lot split does not violate any provisions of city ordinances, plans, or any other state and local ordinances.

#### **(2) Procedure**

An application for lot split shall be submitted to the Code Administrator. If the Code Administrator determines that conditions are met, he/she shall schedule a review/approval before a board represented by the Chair of Planning and Zoning Commission, the City Commission President and the Code Administrator. Written notice if application shall be sent to all property owners within 150 feet of the proposed lot, excluding street rights-of-way and publicly owned properties before the meeting. The board may approve, modify or deny the application for lot split.

#### **(3) Application**

A fee similar to application for rezoning requests shall be required for each application. If the request for lot split is denied, the fee shall be refunded.

#### **(4) Transfer of Lots**

No owner, or agent of owner, shall transfer, sell or agree to sell any land before the lot split, re-plat, or plat is approved as provided under the requirements of this ordinance.

#### **117.7.5 Amendment of Washburn 2025 Plan**

Upon final approval of a subdivision involving the creation of new streets, the widening, decreasing or vacation of existing streets or alleys, or the creation, enlargement or decrease of other lands devoted to public use, the City Commission shall, at the same time, and without further public hearing, approve such change in streets, alleys or public lands as an amendment to the Washburn 2025 Plan, if it finds appropriate. In the case of streets, alleys and public lands outside of the city corporate limits, notice of action of the City Commission and appropriate recommendations shall be forwarded to the McLean County Commission.

#### **117.7.6 Filing of Subdivision Plat**

The sub-divider, upon approval of the final plat, shall file the plat with the Register of Deeds of McLean County. Sale of any lot prior to filing of the final plat is in violation of this ordinance.

### **117.8 DESIGN STANDARDS**

#### **117.8.1 Conformance**

The sub divider shall prepare the preliminary and final plat in conformance with the standard set forth in this ordinance and the current AASHTO standards.

#### **117.8.2 Street Design**

- (1) The arrangement, character, classification, extent, width, grade, and location of all streets shall be designed in relation to existing and planned streets, topographic conditions, existing natural features, flood plain, public convenience and safety and the proposed uses of land served by such streets and to the most advantageous development of adjoining uses.
- (2) Where it is not shown on the Washburn 2025 Plan, the arrangement of streets in a subdivision shall either provide for the continuation or appropriate projection of existing streets in surrounding areas or conform to a plan approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission to meet a particular situation.
- (3) Where a subdivision abuts or contains an existing or proposed major street or highway, the Planning and Zoning Commission may require: (a) service streets, reverse frontage street with screen planting in a reservation strip along the rear property line; (b) deep lots with rear service alleys abutting the major street; and (c) highway, or such other treatment as may be necessary for adequate protection of residential properties and for separation of through and local traffic.
- (4) Where a subdivision borders on or contains a railroad right-of-way, STATE HIGHWAY 83 AND 200A, a limited access highway right-of-way or other arterial highways, the Planning and Zoning Commission may require a street approximately parallel to and on each side of the right-of-way, at a distance suitable for the appropriate use of the intervening land. Such distances shall be determined with due regard for the requirements of approach grades and future grade separations.
- (5) Reserve strips in private ownership controlling access to streets are prohibited.

- (6) Street jogs with centerline offsets of less than one hundred fifty (150) feet shall be avoided.
- (7) A tangent at least one hundred (100) feet long shall be introduced between reverse curves on major streets.
- (8) Streets shall be laid out so as to intersect as nearly as possible at right angles, and no street shall intersect any other street at less than eighty (80) degrees.
- (9) Curb radii on all block corners shall be at least ten (10) feet and a five (5) foot radius shall be used at intersections of streets and alleys.
- (10) Street rights-of-way shall be not less than the following:
- (a) Major arterial streets, eighty (80) feet;
  - (b) Minor arterials and collector streets, sixty six (66) feet;
  - (c) Local streets, seventy (70) feet; except for short streets and cul-de-sacs that are no longer than six hundred (600) feet, the right of way width may be sixty (60) feet.
  - (d) Cul-de-sac, one hundred (100) feet in diameter for a suitable turnaround;
  - (e) Alleys, residential district, twenty (20) feet;
  - (f) Sidewalks, six (6) feet;
- (11) Half streets are prohibited except where essential to the reasonable development of the subdivision and in conformity with the other requirements of this ordinance and where the City Commission finds it will be practicable to require the dedication of the other half when the adjoining property is subdivided. Wherever an existing half street is adjacent to a tract to be subdivided, the other half of the street shall be platted within such tract.
- (12) Cul-de-sacs shall not be longer than five hundred (500) feet.
- (13) Intersections of more than two (2) streets at a point shall not be permitted.
- (14) Dead-end streets without a suitable turnaround are prohibited.

### **117.8.3 Block Design**

The length, width, and shape of blocks shall be suited to the planned use of land, zoning requirements, needs for convenient access, control of safety of street traffic, and the topographic conditions.

- (1) Residential block length shall not exceed nine hundred (900) feet. The length of blocks is considered to be the distance from one street centerline to opposite street centerline and is measured through adjacent back lot lines or through the center of the block.
- (2) Pedestrian crosswalks not less than ten (10) feet wide may be required in blocks longer than six hundred (600) feet where the crosswalks are deemed by the City Commission to be essential to provide circulation, or access to schools, playgrounds or other community facilities.
- (3) The width of blocks shall generally be sufficient to allow two (2) tiers of lots and shall be at least two hundred and fifty (250) feet wide.

(4) Blocks intended for commercial and industrial use shall be specifically designated for such purposes with adequate space set aside for off-street parking and delivery facilities. The City Commission may require service drives or frontage roads along major streets for business and industry.

#### **117.8.4 Lot Design**

(1) The shape, size, and orientation of the lots shall be appropriate for the location of the subdivision. For residential low density a north-south lot orientation is encouraged. Residential lot dimensions within the city corporate limits shall be subject to the provisions of the appropriate zoning districts under Sections 117.5.1 through 117.5.9.

(2) Non-residential lots shall be subject to the provisions of commercial and industrial zoning districts stipulated in Sections 117.5.10 through 117.5.12.

(3) Residential lot dimensions within the extra territorial planning area in Agricultural District shall be subject to the provisions of Section 117.5.1.

(4) Residential lots abutting major streets shall have extra depth of at least twenty (20) feet to allow for proper setbacks. Residential lots abutting STATE HIGHWAY 83 AND 200A shall have extra depth of fifty (50) feet to provide for adequate buffer against noise and vibration.

(5) All lots shall front a public street.

(6) Residential corner lots shall have an extra width of ten (10) feet to permit adequate building setbacks from the side streets.

(7) Lot lines shall follow the city corporate limits.

(8) Double frontage lots shall be avoided except where essential to provide separation of development from arterial and controlled access streets.

(9) Depth and width of lots reserved or laid out for commercial or industrial uses shall be adequate to provide for off-street parking and service facilities required by the type of use and development and the provisions of the appropriate zoning district.

#### **117.8.5 Street Names**

(1) The Planning and Zoning Commission may disapprove the name of any street shown on the plat which has already been used elsewhere in the area, or because of similarity that may cause confusion.

(2) Where a street maintains the same general direction, except for curvilinear changes for a short distance, the same name shall continue for the entire length of the street.

(3) A name assigned to a street, which is not presently a through street, shall be continued for the separate part of a through street.

#### **117.8.6 Utility Easements**

(1) Easements across lots or along rear or side lot lines shall be provided for utilities where necessary and shall be at least seven (7) feet wide on each side of the lot line and shall be designated as "utility easement".

(2) All lots shall be served by underground electric, cable television and telephone lines unless waived by the City Commission due to topographic conditions or excessive costs.

(3) All utility lines for electric power, cable television and telephone service carried overhead shall be placed in utility easement.

(4) Utility lines installed in the utility easement shall not be closer than one (1) foot to the property line or three (3) feet to any monument.

### **117.8.7 Drainage Way Easement**

Where a subdivision is traversed by a water course or drainage way, an adequate drainage way easement shall be provided. The location, width, alignment and grading of such easement shall be set by the City Commission to accommodate the anticipated discharge from the property being subdivided and also the anticipated run-off from the adjoining properties.

### **117.8.8 Landscaping**

The planting of trees and shrubs of an appropriate species and at appropriate locations are required in all new plats of subdivisions.

(1) For residential subdivisions abutting major streets and STATE HIGHWAY 83 AND 200A, there shall be a buffer area for planting of trees and shrubs to provide a sense of esthetic as well as protection against noise and vibration caused by the moving traffic.

(2) For non-residential uses abutting the major streets and STATE HIGHWAY 83 AND 200A, the City Commission requires submission of a landscaping plan for each lot as a prerequisite for issuing a building permit.

### **117.8.9 Street lights**

Street lights and their location shall be in accordance with the minimum standards established by the City Commission.

### **117.8.10 Dedication of Land for Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation**

All preliminary and final plats shall designate area(s) for park, playground, and recreational facilities. The parcel(s) to be dedicated shall be usable and accessible to the adjoining properties.

(1) The area of land required for dedication to the city shall be:

- (a) Ten percent (10%) of the gross area of the residential final plat for single family and multi-family uses.
- (b) Ten percent (10%) of the gross area of the planned development.
- (c) Five percent (5%) of the gross area of the commercial or industrial final plats.

(2) Unusable land located in the drainage way and flood plain, wetlands and land(s) difficult to use for park, playground and recreational uses shall not be accepted.

(3) The City of Washburn may waive the requirement for land dedication if it finds that the proposed site is too small or unsuitable for developing park, open space,

playground or recreational facilities. In lieu of land dedication, the city shall require cash payment per lot for the final plat, the amount of which shall be set by the City Commission. The fees collected shall be used in residential development from which the fees are derived.

- (4) The City of Washburn may require a combined cash and land as a part of land dedication requirements, where the percentage of land dedicated shall reduce the required cash by equal amount.
- (5) The sub divider shall make the payment to the City of Washburn upon approval of the final plat as a part of the developer's agreement. Funds received by the city shall be placed in a public improvement fund at the discretion of the City Commission. These funds shall be only used for acquisition and development of parks, playgrounds and community recreational facilities.
- (6) Where private space for park, playground and recreational facilities is provided in a proposed subdivision, such areas may be used, at the discretion of the City Commission, for credit to meet the requirement of land dedication as stated above. The City Commission must find this alternative suitable to meet the public interest and the needs of the City of Washburn. In such cases, the City of Washburn shall require an irreversible covenant to assure the existence of the facility in perpetuity.

#### **117.8.11 Excavation**

All excavations shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements of State Law and Washburn City Ordinance #133 which includes making a North Dakota One Call before digging.

#### **117.8.12 Street Trees**

Street trees shall be installed in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #130 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.

### **117.9 REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS**

Before installation of improvements in any subdivision, the City Commission shall make a determination for improvements required, based on a schedule of improvements including the standards, and class of construction.

#### **117.9.1 Completion Assurance**

To cover the cost of improvements, as determined by the City Commission, the sub divider may post a bond or submit a letter of credit from an acceptable financial institution in an amount sufficient to construct such improvements.

#### **117.9.2 Survey Monuments**

The sub divider shall install survey monuments in all lots and block corners in the subdivision in accordance with the requirements of the State of North Dakota.

### **117.9.3 Public Water**

- (1) Where appropriate, water mains shall be installed so as to provide individual service to each lot within the subdivision.
- (1) Water mains shall extend to the boundary of the subdivision, except where in the opinion of the City Commission, it is deemed impractical.
- (2) A rural water supply shall comply with the requirements of McLean County and State of North Dakota.

### **117.9.4 Sanitary Sewer**

- (1) All subdivisions shall be provided with sanitary sewers to each lot and shall be in accordance with City and State regulations.
- (2) Sanitary sewer shall be extended to the boundary of the subdivision, except where in the opinion of the City Commission it is deemed impractical.
- (3) Private sewer systems must meet all state regulations.

### **117.9.5 Storm Sewer**

The storm sewer drainage facilities shall be installed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the City Commission.

### **117.9.6 Grading and Drainage**

- (1) The sub divider shall provide a detailed grading and drainage plan showing the grades of streets and drainage improvements. The sub divider shall provide suitable drainage facilities for any surface run-off affecting the subdivision. The drainage facilities shall be located in street right-of-way or in drainage easements. The drainage shall not discharge into any sanitary sewer facility.
- (2) The drainage shall not discharge into any sanitary sewer facility, as required by Ordinance #140 of the City of Washburn Ordinances.
- (3) The grading and drainage system shall be approved by the City Engineer in accordance with the plans and policies of the City of Washburn.
- (4) Grading established in any sub-division shall not be changed without approval of the City Engineer and the City Commission.
- (5) Street grades, wherever feasible, shall not exceed the following, unless approved by the City Commission.
  - (a) Arterial streets (primary and secondary), four percent (4%).
  - (b) Collector streets, five percent (5%).
  - (c) Local streets, six percent (6%).
- (6) Flat grades shall extend fifty (50) feet from an intersection, but in no case shall grades exceed four percent (4%) for a distance of at least fifty (50) feet from an intersection.

### **117.9.7 Curbs, Gutters and Sidewalks**

- (1) Concrete curbs and gutters shall be installed in all subdivisions in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn.
- (2) Where the city requires construction of a sidewalk, it shall be in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn.
- (3) All driveways shall be constructed according to the requirements Ordinance #133 of the City of Washburn.

## **117.9.8 Installation of Improvements**

Construction of all improvements is contingent on approval by the City Commission. The sub divider shall be responsible for furnishing the necessary data required for such approval.

## **117.10 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **117.10.1 Organization**

To administer this ordinance the following bodies are hereby vested with authority to act in behalf of City of Washburn.

- The City Auditor or President of Commission
- The Planning and Zoning Commission
- The City Commission

### **117.10.2 Code Administrator**

The Code Administrator are duly appointed city officials authorized by the City Commission and is responsible to administer this ordinance, to assist the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the City Commission on any matter related to this ordinance. The Code Administrator shall consult with the City Engineer on all design and construction matters under this ordinance.

#### **(1) Duties**

- (a) Issue all zoning certificates, permits and maintain records thereof.
- (b) Issue all building and repair permits.
- (c) Maintain zoning related records and zoning district map including records of all amendments, conditional uses and variances.
- (d) Receive, file and forward in behalf of the City Commission to the Planning and Zoning Commission all applications for zoning amendments, site approvals and conditional uses.
- (e) Prepare and publish notices and notify adjoining property owners. For all applications pertaining to zoning district changes, conditionally permitted uses and variances, a written notice shall be mailed to all property owners within 150 feet of the subject land. This distance shall not include the public lands such as parkland; street right-of-way and any land owned by the city, county, state and federal government.
- (f) Notify, in writing, the property owner or user upon finding violation of this ordinance and cite the nature of violation clearly, require compliance and a report of the findings to the City Commission.
- (g) Receive, file and forward to the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Engineer all applications for preliminary and final plats and the supporting documents.
- (h) Receive, file and forward all requests for variances to the City Commission, which may act as a Board of Adjustment.
- (i) Report all zoning and land subdivision violations to the City Commission.
- (j) All data and information required in application for zoning changes, conditional use permits, variances, preliminary and final plats shall be submitted to the City Auditor/Code Administrator before the notice of the public hearing is published. Failure to submit the required data and information at least 15 days before the public hearing or regular meetings to be held by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the City Commission shall result in delaying the action of the Planning and Zoning Commission or the City Commission.

- (k) The City Auditor/Code Administrator shall require appropriate data and information from the applicant requested by the City Engineer, other city agencies, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Commission.
- (l) The City Auditor/Code Administrator may develop a timetable for processing of each application for consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Commission.

## **(2) Interpretation of Regulations**

All questions of interpretation of this ordinance shall be presented to the Board of Adjustment.

## **(3) Building Permit Applications**

Any person or persons intending to construct or reconstruct or relocate a building or make alteration, shall, before proceeding with the work, or commencing any excavation in connection with it, shall obtain a permit from the Code Administrator. These provisions shall also apply to manufactured homes.

- (a) Each application for a building permit shall be accompanied by a legal description and a map showing the actual dimension of the lot to be built upon, the size, shape and location of the building for observing the yard requirements of this ordinance.
- (b) The application shall specify the type of the building, structure, material of which it is composed, the part or portion of the lot to be occupied by the principal building and accessory buildings and the building cost.

## **(4) Building Permits**

The Code Administrator shall issue a building permit if the proposed building or structure conforms to zoning and building provision of this ordinance. If the City Auditor/Code Administrator denies a permit because of nonconformance with this ordinance, he/she shall inform the applicant of his/her right to appeal to the Board of Adjustment. Building permits expire one year from date of issuance.

## **(5) Fees**

The City Auditor/Code Administrator shall charge and collect a fee for zoning applications, conditional use permits, variances, and preliminary and final plats in accordance with the fee schedule established by the City Commission.

## **(6) Site inspection**

All inspection of construction will be preformed by the State Inspectors and in accordance with North Dakota State Building Code.

## **(7) Conditional Use and Site Approval Permits**

The City Auditor/Code Administrator shall issue a conditional use or site approval permit upon approval of the application by the City Commission subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.

## **(8) Variances**

The Code Administrator shall issue a permit if the City Commission approves the variance. The terms of the variance shall be stipulated in the permit, subject to the provisions of Section 117.11.

## **(9) The Final Plat**

The City Mayor shall sign the final plat, if the City Commission has approved the final plat subject to the provisions of Sections 117.7, 117.8 and 117.9 of this ordinance.

### **117.10.3 Planning and Zoning Commission**

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall consist of at least five members appointed by the City Commission. The City Commission may act as the Planning and Zoning Commission

#### **(1) Duties**

- (a) To hear and act on all applications for amendments to zoning districts, plats of subdivisions and take action for approval, denial or approval with modification.
- (b) To hear and act on all applications for conditionally permitted uses and site approvals in the manner prescribed in this ordinance and make recommendations to the City Commission.
- (c) The action of the Planning and Zoning Commission is advisory to the City Commission and all final decisions rest with the City Commission.

#### **(2) Notice of Hearings**

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall fix a reasonable date for hearing of applications for zoning district amendments, conditional use permits, site approval and plat applications and other matters before it, give public notice thereof in the official newspaper of the city at least once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the hearing. The notices shall give time and place of hearing and shall state the purpose of the hearing and that the applications and supporting documents for zoning district amendments and conditional use permits shall be available for public inspection by the Code Administrator.

#### **(3) Meetings**

Meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be held on the first and third Mondays of the month if there are agenda items to be acted upon, at the call of the Chairperson and at such other times as the Planning and Zoning Commission may determine. All meetings shall be open to the public and any person may testify for or against a petition.

### **117.10.4 Board of Adjustment**

The Board of Adjustment shall be the Planning and Zoning Commission. The City Commission may act as the Planning and Zoning Commission.

#### **(1) Duties**

Hear and make a recommendation to the City Commission petition(s) variance from the terms of this ordinance that shall not be contrary to the public interest.

#### **(2) Notice of Hearing**

The Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment shall fix a reasonable date for hearing the application for variance(s), give public notice in the official newspaper of the city at least once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the hearing. The notices shall give time and place of hearing and shall state the purpose of hearing and that the application and supporting documents for variance shall be available for public inspection by Code Administrator

## **117.10.5 City Commission**

The City Commission maintains the authority for review, approval, modification and denial of recommendations of the City Auditor/Code Administrator, City Engineer and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### **(1) Duties**

- (a) The City Commission is responsible for approval, modification or denial of amendments to the text of this ordinance.
- (b) The City Commission is responsible for approval, modification or denial of amendments to change the zoning district(s) boundaries.
- (c) The City Commission is responsible for granting conditional use permits, preliminary and final plat approval and establishing a fee schedule for all permits issued by the City Auditor.
- (d) The City Commission may act as the Planning and Zoning Commission.

### **(2) Notice of Hearing**

The City Commission may hold hearing(s) as required by this ordinance and the laws of the State of North Dakota.

## **117.11 PROCEDURES FOR AMENDMENTS, CONDITIONAL USES, VARIANCES AND PLATS OF SUBDIVISION**

### **117.11.1 Zoning District Amendments**

#### **(1) Public Hearing Notice**

The Planning and Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing, a notice of which shall be published at least once a week for two weeks prior to the hearing in the official newspaper of the city. The notice of hearing shall include: (a) the time and place of hearing for the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Commission (b) description of the property by street address for platted lands and clearly identifiable location for the unplatted lands; (c) the proposed use, requested zoning district change; (d) time and place for public inspection of the documents submitted by the applicant before the hearing; and (e) notification to all property owners within 150 feet of the property in question.

#### **(2) Public Hearings**

The Planning and Zoning Commission at the hearing shall listen to all persons who may speak in support of or in opposition to the proposal. Upon the completion of its review, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall make recommendation to the City Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission may require additional information before it completes its findings and making its recommendations.

#### **(3) Data Submission Requirements**

Petitions for zoning district change, conditional uses and site approval shall be submitted to the Code Administrator with the following information:

- (a) Legal description of the area proposed to be rezoned.
- (b) A site plan showing buildings and uses in the zoning district proposed to be changed and the requested zoning district classification.
- (c) A fee shall be paid in accordance with the schedule established by the City Commission.

#### **(4) Deliberation and Decision**

Following the hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission, upon due deliberation, shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the City Commission.

### **117.11.2 Conditional Use Permits**

#### **(1) Purpose**

The development of this ordinance is based upon division of the city into districts, within which district the use of land and building bulk and locations of building and structures are mutually compatible and substantially harmonious. However, there are certain uses which, because of their unique characteristics, cannot be properly classified as permitted uses in any particular district, without consideration, in each case, of impact of those uses upon neighboring premises. Such uses, nevertheless, may be necessary or desirable to be allowed in a particular district provided that due consideration is given to location, development and operation of such uses.

#### **(2) Public Hearing Notice**

Shall be the same as the provisions set forth for public hearing notice for zoning district amendment in Section 117.11.1(1).

#### **(3) Public Hearings**

Shall be the same as the provisions set forth for public hearing for zoning district amendment in Section 117.11.1(2).

#### **(4) Data Submission Requirements**

Shall be the same as the provisions set forth for data submission requirements for zoning district amendment in Section 117.11.1(3).

#### **(5) Deliberation and Decision**

Shall be the same as the provisions set forth for deliberation and decision for zoning district amendment in Section 117.11.1(4).

#### **(6) Standards**

No application for conditional use shall be approved unless the City Commission finds that all of the following conditions are present.

- (a) That the establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare.
- (b) That the uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the area for purposes already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner substantially impaired or diminished by the establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use.
- (c) That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding properties for uses permitted in the district.
- (d) That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary site improvements have been or are being provided.

- (e) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic impact on the area.
- (f) That the conditional use shall conform to all applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.

### **(7) Conditions and Guarantees**

- (a) Prior to the decision on any conditional use, the Planning and Zoning Commission may stipulate such conditions and restrictions upon the establishment, location, construction, maintenance and operation of the conditional use as deemed necessary to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the city and to secure compliance with the standards and requirements specified in Section 117.11.2(6).
- (b) No alteration of conditionally permitted uses shall be permitted unless approved by the City Commission.
- (c) All Conditional Use Permits have a one year window for implementation of construction project.

### **117.11.3 Variances**

Variance from the dimensional standards of this ordinance may be granted provided that the applicant establishes proof of practical difficulty or undue hardship. Use variances shall be prohibited.

#### **(1) Public Hearing Notice**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment shall hold a public hearing, which shall be published at least once a week for two weeks prior to the hearing in the official newspaper of the city. The notice of hearing shall include:

- (a) The time and place of hearing;
- (b) Description of the property by street address for platted lands and clearly identifiable location for the un-platted lands;
- (c) The proposed use and zoning district in which the property is located;
- (d) Time and place for public inspection of the documents before the hearing.

#### **(2) Public Hearings**

Shall be the same as the provisions set forth for public hearing notice for zoning district amendment in Section 117.11.1(1).

#### **(3) Data Submission Requirements**

Petitions for variances shall be submitted with the following information.

- (a) Legal description of the property.
- (b) A map showing the existing land uses and zoning district classification of the area.
- (c) The reason for the variance request.
- (d) A proof of whether the hardship is unique to the applicant's property.
- (e) Any other information that the Board of Adjustment deems necessary.

#### **(4) Deliberation and Decision**

In making its finding, the Board of Adjustment shall ascertain that the requests for variance is consistent with the Washburn 2025 Plan and meets all requirements of this ordinance and other regulations of the City of Washburn.

## **(5) Standards**

No application for variance shall be approved unless the Board of Adjustment finds that all of the following are present.

- (a) That special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the premises and which are not applicable to other premises in the same zoning district.
- (b) That literal interpretation of this ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district.
- (c) That the special conditions and circumstances have not resulted from actions of the applicant.
- (d) That granting the variance requested will not confer upon the applicant any special privileges that are denied by this ordinance to other premises

## **(6) Justification**

- (a) That the reasons set forth in the application justify the granting of the variance.
- (b) The variance is the minimum which would make possible a reasonable use of the premises.
- (c) That the granting of variance will be in harmony with the general purpose of this ordinance and will not be injurious to the surrounding premises, neighborhood or the city and will not be contrary to the Washburn 2025 Plan and the purposes of this ordinance.
- (d) That there is practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship in use of the premises if the strict applications of the regulations are to be carried out.

## **(7) Approval of Variance**

- (a) The City Auditor/Code Administrator shall issue a variance upon the approval of the application by the City Commission.
- (b) All Variance Permits have a one year window for implementation of construction project.

## **(8) Appeal**

The decision of the Board of Adjustment may be appealed to the City Commission. The City Commission after a public hearing subject to the provision of Section 117.11.1 shall determine to confirm or reject the decision of the Board of Adjustment. The decision of the City Commission may be appealed to McLean County District Court under the laws of North Dakota.

### **117.11.4 Plat Approval**

The procedure for approval of the preliminary and final plats shall be the same as the zoning amendment procedure under Section 117.11.

## **117.11 CITIZENS PROTEST**

If a protest to amendments, conditional use permits, variances and subdivision plats is signed by owners of 20% or more of the area of the lots included in such proposed change, or of the area adjacent, extending one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the property to be changed, the amendment shall not become effective except by a favorable vote of at least three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the City Commission.

### 117.13 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Anyone who violates the provisions of this ordinance or fails to comply with any of its requirements, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of no more than \$500.00 per day. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

### 117.14 ENACTMENT

In order that all development, buildings and structures within the City of Washburn and its extra territorial planning and zoning area, be properly guided in accordance with the requirements set forth herein, this Land Development Ordinance is hereby adopted.

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Duane Bauer, President  
City of Washburn

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Date of Adoption

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Milissa Price  
City Auditor, City of Washburn

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Date effective

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Final Passage \_\_\_\_\_

(Original Signatures maintained on file in Official Ordinance Book)