

ORDINANCE NUMBER 215

BENTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, the Benton County Planning Commission on its own motion instituted proceedings to amend the Shoreland provisions of the Benton County Development Code; and,

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1992 and March 3, 1992, notices were published in the official newspaper of Benton County; and,

WHEREAS, on February 20, 1992 and March 19, 1992, the Benton County Planning Commission held public hearings thereon and on March 19, 1992 approved the proposed ordinance on the condition that the County Board recommend to the Department of Natural Resources that that section of the Mississippi River lying north of the confluence of the Mississippi and Platte Rivers be reclassified; and,

WHEREAS, on March 3, 1992 and April 7, 1992, the Benton County Board of Commissioners held public hearings thereon and subsequently voted to enact the proposed ordinance;

NOW, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 394.25 AND SECTION 11.8 OF THE BENTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CODE, THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORDAINS:

That Sections 7.10 through 7.109 of the Benton County Development Code be deleted and replaced with the following language:

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SHORELAND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

SECTION 7S1.0 - STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION AND POLICY

7S1.1 Statutory Authorization

This shoreland ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authorization and policies contained in Minnesota Rules, Parts 6120.2500 - 6120.3900, and the planning and zoning enabling legislation in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394.

7S1.2 Policy

The uncontrolled use of shorelands of Benton County, Minnesota affects the public health, safety and general welfare, not only by contributing to pollution of public waters, but also by impairing the local tax base. Therefore, it is in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare to provide for the wise subdivision, use and development of shorelands of public waters. The Legislature of Minnesota has delegated responsibility to local governments of the state to regulate the subdivision, use and development of the shorelands of public waters and thus preserve and enhance the quality of surface waters, conserve the economic and natural environmental values of shorelands, and provide for the wise use of waters and related land resources. This responsibility is hereby recognized by Benton County.

SECTION 7S2.0 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

7S2.1 Jurisdiction

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to the shorelands of the public water bodies as classified in Section 7S4.0 of this ordinance. Pursuant to Minnesota Rules, Parts 6120.2500 - 6120.3900, no lake, pond, or flowage less than 10 acres in size in municipalities or 25 acres in size in unincorporated areas need be regulated in a local government's shoreland regulations. A body of water created by a private user where there was no previous shoreland may, at the discretion of the governing body, be exempt from this ordinance.

7S2.2 Compliance

The use of any shoreland of public waters; the size and shape of lots; the use, size, type and location of structures on lots; the installation and maintenance of water supply and waste treatment systems, the grading and filling of any shoreland area; the cutting of shoreland vegetation; and the subdivision of land shall be in full compliance with the terms of the Shoreland District requirements and other applicable regulations.

SECTION 7S3.0 - ADMINISTRATION

7S3.1 Permits Required

7S3.11 A permit is required for the construction of buildings or building additions (and including such related activities as construction of decks and signs), the installation and/or alteration of sewage treatment systems, and those grading and filling activities not exempted by Sections 7S5.31 and 7S5.32 of this ordinance. Application for a permit shall be made to the Planning & Zoning Administrator on the forms provided. The application shall include the necessary information so that the Planning & Zoning Administrator can determine the site's suitability for the intended use and that a compliant sewage treatment system will be provided.

7S3.2 Land Use Permit

A land use permit must be obtained from the Planning and Zoning Administrator for each activity requiring a permit as specified in Section 7S3.11 of this ordinance. This permit will specify that the use of land conforms to the requirements of this ordinance. Any use, arrangement, or construction at variance with that authorized by permit shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance and shall be punishable as provided in Section 7S2.3 of this ordinance.

7S3.3 Notifications to the Department of Natural Resources

7S3.31 Copies of all notices of any public hearings to consider variances, amendments, or conditional uses under local shoreland management controls must be sent to the commissioner or the commissioner's designated representative and postmarked at least ten days before the hearings. Notices of hearings to consider proposed subdivisions/plats must include copies of the subdivision/plat.

7S3.32 A copy of approved amendments and subdivisions/plats, and final decisions granting variances or conditional uses under local shoreland management controls must be sent to the commissioner or the commissioner's designated representative and postmarked within ten days of final action.

SECTION 7S4.0 - SHORELAND CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM AND LAND USE DISTRICTS

7S4.12 Lakes

A. Natural Environment Lakes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Protected Water ID No.</u>
Bible's Duck Slough	15, 16	36	28	5-1
Donovan Lake	27, 34	36	30	5-4
Mayhew Lake	8, 17	37	30	5-7
Pularskis Lake	29, 30	38	30	5-9
Vicki Lake	22	38	31	5-50

B. Recreational Development Lakes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Protected Water ID No.</u>
Little Rock Lake	2, 3, 10, 11, 14, 34, 35	37, 38	31	5-13
Little Rock Channel & Flowage to Mississippi	14, 15	37	31	5-12

7S4.13 Rivers and Streams

All rivers and streams contained in Benton County shall be classified as Forested, Transition, Agricultural, Urban or Tributary. The classifications of particular rivers and streams shall be designated on the Official Protected Waters and Wetlands Map for Benton County, Minnesota, issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Waters. That document is hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of this ordinance.

7S4.2 Land Use Districts

Chapter 7S, the Shoreland section of the Benton County Development Code, contains standards that are additional to those set forth in other sections of the Code. The specific use restrictions applicable to shoreland property shall be determined by the underlying land use district in which the property is located. Property owners should initially refer to the appropriate zoning district section (e.g. A-1, R-2, etc.) to determine whether a proposed use is permitted in that district. If the property also lies in a designated shoreland area, this chapter should then be reviewed to determine whether further restrictions apply.

SECTION 7S5.0 - ZONING AND WATER SUPPLY/SANITARY PROVISIONS

7S5.1 Lot Area and Width Standards

The lot size restrictions listed below may differ from the standards applicable in the underlying zoning districts and listed in Sections 7.1.30, 7.2.30, 7.3.3, 7.4.3, 7.5.3 and 7.6.3 of the Code. In such cases, the more restrictive standard shall apply.

The lot area (in square feet) and lot width standards (in feet) for single, duplex, triplex and quad residential lots for the lake and river/stream classifications are the following:

7S5.11 Lakes, Private Septic Systems

A. Natural Environment:

	Littoral Lots		Nonlittoral Lots	
	Area	Width	Area	Width
Single	80,000	200	80,000	200
Duplex	120,000	300	160,000	400
Triplex	160,000	400	240,000	600
Quad	200,000	500	320,000	800

B. Recreational Development:

	Littoral Lots		Nonlittoral Lots	
	Area	Width	Area	Width
Single	40,000	150	40,000	150
Duplex	80,000	225	80,000	265
Triplex	120,000	300	120,000	375
Quad	160,000	375	160,000	490

7S5.12 Lakes, Public Sewer

A. Natural Environment:

	Littoral Lots		Nonlittoral Lots	
	Area	Width	Area	Width
Single	40,000	125	20,000	125
Duplex	70,000	225	35,000	220
Triplex	100,000	325	52,000	315
Quad	130,000	425	65,000	410

B. Recreational Development:

	Littoral Lots		Nonlittoral Lots	
	Area	Width	Area	Width
Single	20,000	80	15,000	75
Duplex	35,000	135	26,000	135
Triplex	50,000	195	38,000	190
Quad	65,000	255	49,000	245

7S5.13 River/Stream Lot Area and Width Standards

The minimum area of lots located within River/Stream Shoreland Areas shall be governed by the standards applicable in the underlying zoning districts and listed in Sections 7.1.30, 7.2.30, 7.3.3, 7.4.3, 7.5.3 and 7.6.3 of the Development Code.

The lot width standards (in feet) for single, duplex, triplex and quad residential developments for the six river/stream classifications are as follows:

	Forested	Transition	Agri-cultural	Urban & Tributary No sewer	Urban & Tributary Sewer
Single	200	250	150	100	75
Duplex	300	375	225	150	115
Triplex	400	500	300	200	150
Quad	500	625	375	250	190

7S5.14 Additional Special Provisions

- A. Residential subdivisions with dwelling unit densities exceeding those in the tables in Sections 7S5.12 and 7S5.13 can only be allowed if designed and approved as residential multiple unit developments under Section 7S8.0 of this ordinance. Only land above the ordinary high water level of public waters can be used to meet lot area standards, and lot width standards must be met at both the ordinary high water level and at the building line. The sewer lot area dimensions in Section 7S5.12 can only be used if publicly owned sewer system service is available to the property.
- B. Subdivisions of duplexes, triplexes, and quads on Natural Environment Lakes must also meet the following standards:
 - (1) Each building must be set back at least 200 feet from the ordinary high water level;
 - (2) Each building must have common sewage treatment and water systems in one location and serve all dwelling units in the building;
 - (3) Watercraft docking facilities for each lot must be centralized in one location and serve all dwelling units in the building; and
 - (4) No more than 25 percent of a lake's shoreline can be in duplex, triplex, or quad developments.
- C. Lots intended as controlled accesses to public waters or as recreation areas for use by owners of nonriparian or

nonlittoral lots within subdivisions are permissible and must meet or exceed the following standards:

- (1) They must meet the width and size requirements for residential lots, and be suitable for the intended uses of controlled access lots.
- (2) If docking, mooring, or over-water storage of more than six (6) watercraft is to be allowed at a controlled access lot, then the width of the lot (keeping the same lot depth) must be increased by the percent of the requirements for riparian or littoral residential lots for each watercraft beyond six, consistent with the following table:

Controlled Access Lot Frontage Requirements

Ratio of lake size to shore length (acres/mile)	Required increase in frontage (percent)
Less than 100	25
100-200	20
201-300	15
301-400	10
Greater than 400	5

- (3) They must be jointly owned by all purchasers of lots in the subdivision or by all purchasers of nonriparian or nonlittoral lots in the subdivision who are provided riparian or littoral access rights on the access lot; and
- (4) Covenants or other equally effective legal instruments must be developed that specify which lot owners have authority to use the access lot and what activities are allowed. The activities may include watercraft launching, loading, storage, beaching, mooring, or docking. They must also include other outdoor recreational activities that do not significantly conflict with general public use of the public water or the enjoyment of normal property rights by adjacent property owners. Examples of the nonsignificant conflict activities include swimming, sunbathing, or picnicking. The covenants must limit the total number of vehicles allowed to be parked and the total number of watercraft allowed to be continuously moored, docked, or stored over water, and must require centralization of all common facilities and activities in the most suitable locations on the lot to minimize topographic and vegetation alterations. They must also require all parking areas, storage buildings, and other facilities to be screened by vegetation or topography as much as practical from view from the public water, assuming summer, leaf-on conditions.

Placement, Design and Height of Structures

7S5.21 Placement of Structures on Lots

When more than one setback applies to a site, structures and facilities must be located to meet all setbacks. Structures shall be located as follows:

A. Structure and On-site Sewage System Setbacks (in feet) from Ordinary High Water Level*.

Setbacks*

Classes of Public Waters	Structures		Sewage Treatment System
	Unsewered	Sewered	

Lakes

Natural Environment	150	150	150
Recreational Development	100	75	75

Rivers

Forested and Transition	150	150	100
Agriculture, Urban, and Tributary	100	50	75

*One water-oriented accessory structure designed in accordance with section 7S5.22 of this ordinance may be set back a minimum distance of ten (10) feet from the ordinary high water level.

B. Additional Structure Setbacks. The following additional structure setbacks apply, regardless of the classification of the waterbody:

Setback From:	Setback (in feet)
(1) top of bluff;	30
(2) unplatted cemetery;	50
(3) right-of-way line of federal, state, or county highway; and	50
(4) right-of-way line of town road, public street, or other roads or streets not classified.	20

- C. Bluff Impact Zones. Structures and accessory facilities, except stairways and landings, must not be placed within bluff impact zones.
- D. Uses Without Water-oriented Needs. Uses without water-oriented needs must be located on lots or parcels without public waters frontage, or, if located on lots or parcels with public waters frontage, must either be set back double the normal ordinary high water level setback or be substantially screened from view from the water by vegetation or topography, assuming summer, leaf-on conditions.

7S5.22 Design Criteria For Structures

- A. High Water Elevations. Structures must be placed in accordance with any floodplain regulations applicable to the site. Where these controls do not exist, the elevation to which the lowest floor, including basement, is placed or flood-proofed must be determined as follows:
- (1) For lakes, by placing the lowest floor at a level at least three feet above the highest known water level, or three feet above the ordinary high water level, whichever is higher;
 - (2) For rivers and streams, by placing the lowest floor at least three feet above the flood of record, if data are available. If data are not available, by placing the lowest floor at least three feet above the ordinary high water level, or by conducting a technical evaluation to determine effects of proposed construction upon flood stages and flood flows and to establish a flood protection elevation. Under all three approaches, technical evaluations must be done by a qualified engineer or hydrologist consistent with parts 6120.5000 to 6120.6200 governing the management of flood plain areas. If more than one approach is used, the highest flood protection elevation determined must be used for placing structures and other facilities; and
 - (3) Water-oriented accessory structures may have the lowest floor placed lower than the elevation determined in this item if the structure is constructed of flood-resistant materials to the elevation, electrical and mechanical equipment is placed above the elevation and, if long duration flooding is anticipated, the structure is built to withstand ice action and wind-driven waves and debris.
- B. Water-oriented Accessory Structures. Each lot may have one water-oriented accessory structure not meeting the normal structure setback in Section 7S5.21 of this ordinance if this water-oriented accessory structure complies with the following provisions:
- (1) The structure or facility must not exceed ten feet in

height, exclusive of safety rails, and cannot occupy an area greater than 250 square feet. Detached decks must not exceed eight feet above grade at any point;

- (2) The setback of the structure or facility from the ordinary high water level must be at least ten feet;
- (3) The structure or facility must be treated to reduce visibility as viewed from public waters and adjacent shorelands by vegetation, topography, increased setbacks or color, assuming summer, leaf-on conditions;
- (4) The roof may be used as a deck with safety rails, but must not be enclosed or used as a storage area;
- (5) The structure or facility must not be designed or used for human habitation and must not contain water supply or sewage treatment facilities; and
- (6) As an alternative for general development and recreational development waterbodies, water-oriented accessory structures used solely for watercraft storage, and including storage of related boating and water-oriented sporting equipment, may occupy an area up to 400 square feet provided the minimum width of the structure is 20 feet as measured parallel to the configuration of the shoreline.

C. Stairways, Lifts, and Landings. Stairways and lifts are the preferred alternative to major topographic alterations for achieving access up and down bluffs and steep slopes to shore areas. Stairways and lifts must meet the following design requirements:

- (1) Stairways and lifts must not exceed four feet in width on residential lots. Wider stairways may be used for commercial properties, public open-space recreational properties, and planned unit developments;
- (2) Landings for stairways and lifts on residential lots must not exceed 32 square feet in area. Landings larger than 32 square feet may be used for commercial properties, public open-space recreational properties, and planned unit developments;
- (3) Canopies or roofs are not allowed on stairways, lifts, or landings;
- (4) Stairways, lifts, and landings may be either constructed above the ground on posts or pilings, or placed into the ground, provided they are designed and built in a manner that ensures control of soil erosion;
- (5) Stairways, lifts, and landings must be located in the

most visually inconspicuous portions of lots, as viewed from the surface of the public water assuming summer, leaf-on conditions, whenever practical; and

- (6) Facilities such as ramps, lifts, or mobility paths for physically handicapped persons are also allowed for achieving access to shore areas, provided that the dimensional and performance standards of subitems (1) to (5) are complied with in addition to the requirements of Minnesota Rules, Chapter 1340.

D. Significant Historic Sites. No structure may be placed on a significant historic site in a manner that affects the values of the site unless adequate information about the site has been removed and documented in a public repository.

E. Steep Slopes. The Planning & Zoning Administrator or his agent must evaluate possible soil erosion impacts and development visibility from public waters before issuing a permit for construction of sewage treatment systems, roads, driveways, structures, or other improvements on steep slopes. When determined necessary, conditions must be attached to issued permits to prevent erosion and to preserve existing vegetation screening of structures, vehicles, and other facilities as viewed from the surface of public waters, assuming summer, leaf-on vegetation.

7S5.23 Height of Structures. All structures in residential districts, except churches and nonresidential agricultural structures, must not exceed 25 feet in height.

7S5.3 Shoreland Alterations

Alterations of vegetation and topography will be regulated to prevent erosion into public waters, fix nutrients, preserve shoreland aesthetics, preserve historic values, prevent bank slumping, and protect fish and wildlife habitat.

7S5.31 Vegetation Alterations

A. Vegetation alteration necessary for the construction of structures and sewage treatment systems and the construction of roads and parking areas regulated by Section 7S5.4 of this ordinance are exempt from the vegetation alteration standards that follow.

B. Removal or alteration of vegetation, except for agricultural and forest management uses as regulated in Sections 7S5.62 and 7S5.63, respectively, is allowed subject to the following standards:

- (1) Intensive vegetation clearing within the shore and bluff impact zones and on steep slopes is not allowed.

Intensive vegetation clearing for forest land conversion to another use outside of these areas is allowable as a conditional use if an erosion control and sedimentation plan is developed and approved by the Soil and Water Conservation District in which the property is located.

- (2) In shore and bluff impact zones and on steep slopes, limited clearing of trees and shrubs and cutting, pruning, and trimming of trees is allowed to provide a view to the water from the principal dwelling site and to accommodate the placement of stairways and landings, picnic areas, access paths, livestock watering areas, beach and watercraft access areas, and permitted water-oriented accessory structures or facilities, provided that:
 - (a) the screening of structures, vehicles, or other facilities as viewed from the water, assuming summer, leaf-on conditions, is not substantially reduced;
 - (b) along rivers, existing shading of water surfaces is preserved; and
 - (c) the above provisions are not applicable to the removal of trees, limbs, or branches that are dead, diseased, or pose safety hazards.

7S5.32 Topographic Alterations/Grading and Filling

- A. Grading and filling and excavations necessary for the construction of structures, sewage treatment systems, and driveways under validly issued construction permits for these facilities do not require the issuance of a separate grading and filling permit. However, the grading and filling standards in this Section must be incorporated into the issuance of permits for construction of structures, sewage treatment systems, and driveways.
- B. Public roads and parking areas are regulated by Section 7S5.4 of this ordinance.
- C. Notwithstanding Items A. and B. above, a grading and filling permit will be required for:
 - (1) the movement of more than ten (10) cubic yards of material on steep slopes or within shore or bluff impact zones; and
 - (2) the movement of more than 50 cubic yards of material outside of steep slopes and shore and bluff impact zones.
- D. The following considerations and conditions must be adhered to during the issuance of construction permits, grading and

filling permits, conditional use permits, variances and subdivision approvals:

- (1) Grading or filling in any type 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 wetland must be evaluated to determine how extensively the proposed activity would affect the following functional qualities of the wetland*:
 - (a) sediment and pollutant trapping and retention;
 - (b) storage of surface runoff to prevent or reduce flood damage;
 - (c) fish and wildlife habitat;
 - (d) recreational use;
 - (e) shoreline or bank stabilization; and
 - (f) noteworthiness, including special qualities such as historic significance, critical habitat for endangered plants and animals, or others.

*This evaluation must also include a determination of whether the wetland alteration being proposed requires permits, reviews, or approvals by other local, state, or federal agencies such as a watershed district, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, or the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

- (2) Alterations must be designed and conducted in a manner that ensures only the smallest amount of bare ground is exposed for the shortest time possible;
- (3) Mulches or similar materials must be used, where necessary, for temporary bare soil coverage, and a permanent vegetation cover must be established as soon as possible;
- (4) Methods to minimize soil erosion and to trap sediments before they reach any surface water feature must be used;
- (5) Altered areas must be stabilized to acceptable erosion control standards consistent with the field office technical guides of the local soil and water conservation districts and the United States Soil Conservation Service;
- (6) Fill or excavated material must not be placed in a manner that creates an unstable slope;
- (7) Plans to place fill or excavated material on steep slopes must be reviewed by qualified professionals for continued slope stability and must not create finished slopes of 30

percent or greater;

- (8) Fill or excavated material must not be placed in bluff impact zones;
- (9) Any alterations below the ordinary high water level of public waters must first be authorized by the Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.245;
- (10) Alterations of topography must only be allowed if they are accessory to permitted or conditional uses and do not adversely affect adjacent or nearby properties; and
- (11) Placement of natural rock riprap, including associated grading of the shoreline and placement of a filter blanket, is permitted if the finished slope does not exceed three feet horizontal to one foot vertical, the landward extent of the riprap is within ten feet of the ordinary high water level, and the height of the riprap above the ordinary high water level does not exceed three feet.

E. Connections to public waters. Excavations where the intended purpose is connection to a public water, such as boat slips, canals, lagoons, and harbors, must be controlled by local shoreland controls. Permission for excavations may be given only after the Commissioner of DNR has approved the proposed connection to public waters.

7S5.4 Placement and Design of Roads, Driveways, and Parking Areas

7S5.41 Public and private roads and parking areas must be designed to take advantage of natural vegetation and topography to achieve maximum screening from view from public waters. Documentation must be provided by a qualified individual that all roads and parking areas are designed and constructed to minimize and control erosion to public waters consistent with the field office technical guides of the local Soil and Water Conservation District, or other applicable technical materials.

7S5.42 Roads, driveways, and parking areas must meet structure setbacks and must not be placed within bluff and shore impact zones, when other reasonable and feasible placement alternatives exist. If no alternatives exist, they may be placed within these areas, and must be designed to minimize adverse impacts.

7S5.43 Public and private watercraft access ramps, approach roads, and access-related parking areas may be placed within shore impact zones provided the vegetative

screening and erosion control conditions of this subpart are met. For private facilities, the grading and filling provisions of Section 7S5.32 of this ordinance must be met.

7S5.5 Stormwater Management

The following general and specific standards shall apply:

7S5.51 General Standards:

- A. When possible, existing natural drainageways, wetlands, and vegetated soil surfaces must be used to convey, store, filter, and retain stormwater runoff before discharge to public waters.
- B. Development must be planned and conducted in a manner that will minimize the extent of disturbed areas, runoff velocities, erosion potential, and reduce and delay runoff volumes. Disturbed areas must be stabilized and protected as soon as possible and facilities or methods used to retain sediment on the site.
- C. When development density, topographic features, and soil and vegetation conditions are not sufficient to adequately handle stormwater runoff using natural features and vegetation, various types of constructed facilities such as diversions, settling basins, skimming devices, dikes, waterways, and ponds may be used. Preference must be given to designs using surface drainage, vegetation, and infiltration rather than buried pipes and man-made materials and facilities.

7S5.52 Specific Standards:

- A. Impervious surface coverage of lots must not exceed 25 percent of the lot area.
- B. When constructed facilities are used for stormwater management, documentation must be provided by a qualified individual that they are designed and installed consistent with the field office technical guide of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts.
- C. New constructed stormwater outfalls to public waters must provide for filtering or settling of suspended solids and skimming of surface debris before discharge.

7S5.6 Special Provisions for Commercial, Industrial, Public/Semipublic, Agricultural, Forestry and Extractive Uses and Mining of Metallic Minerals and Peat

7S5.61 Standards for Commercial, Industrial, Public, and Semipublic Uses.

A. Surface water-oriented commercial uses and industrial, public, or semipublic uses with similar needs to have access to and use of public waters may be located on parcels or lots with frontage on public waters. Those uses with water-oriented needs must meet the following standards:

- (1) in addition to meeting impervious coverage limits, setbacks, and other zoning standards in this ordinance, the uses must be designed to incorporate topographic and vegetative screening of parking areas and structures;
- (2) uses that require short-term watercraft mooring for patrons must centralize these facilities and design them to avoid obstructions of navigation and to be the minimum size necessary to meet the need; and
- (3) uses that depend on patrons arriving by watercraft may use signs and lighting to convey needed information to the public, subject to the following general standards:
 - (a) no advertising signs or supporting facilities for signs may be placed in or upon public waters. Signs conveying information or safety messages may be placed in or on public waters by a public authority or under a permit issued by the county sheriff;
 - (b) signs may be placed, when necessary, within the shore impact zone if they are designed and sized to be the minimum necessary to convey needed information. They must only convey the location and name of the establishment and the general types of goods or services available. The signs must not contain other detailed information such as product brands and prices, must not be located higher than ten feet above the ground, and must not exceed 32 square feet in size. If illuminated by artificial lights, the lights must be shielded or directed to prevent illumination out across public waters; and
 - (c) other outside lighting may be located within the shore impact zone or over public waters if it is used primarily to illuminate potential safety hazards and is shielded or otherwise directed to prevent direct illumination out across public waters. This does not preclude use of navigational lights.
 - (d) all signs must comply with Section 9.1 of the Benton County Development Code.

- B. Uses without water-oriented needs must be located on lots or parcels without public waters frontage, or, if located on lots or parcels with public waters frontage, must either be set back double the normal ordinary high water level setback or be substantially screened from view from the water by vegetation or topography, assuming summer, leaf-on conditions.

7S5.62 Agriculture Use Standards

- A. General cultivation farming, grazing, nurseries, horticulture, truck farming, sod farming, and wild crop harvesting are permitted uses if steep slopes and shore and bluff impact zones are maintained in permanent vegetation or operated under an approved conservation plan (Resource Management Systems) consistent with the field office technical guides of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts or the United States Soil Conservation Service, as provided by a qualified individual or agency. The shore impact zone for parcels with permitted agricultural land uses is equal to a line parallel to and 50 feet from the ordinary high water level.
- B. In addition to the standards of Section 9.11.2, new feedlots must not be located in bluff impact zones.

7S5.63 Forest Management Standards. The harvesting of timber and associated reforestation must be conducted consistent with the provisions of the Minnesota Nonpoint Source Pollution Assessment-Forestry and the provisions of Water Quality in Forest Management "Best Management Practices in Minnesota."

7S5.64 Extractive Use Standards

- A. Site Development and Restoration Plan. An extractive use site development and restoration plan must be developed, approved, and followed over the course of operation of the site. The plan must address dust, noise, possible pollutant discharges, hours and duration of operation, and anticipated vegetation and topographic alterations. It must also identify actions to be taken during operation to mitigate adverse environmental impacts, particularly erosion, and must clearly explain how the site will be rehabilitated after extractive activities end.
- B. Setbacks for Processing Machinery. Processing machinery must be located consistent with setback standards for structures from ordinary high water levels of public waters and from bluffs.

7S5.7 Conditional Uses

Conditional uses allowable within shoreland areas shall be subject to the review and approval procedures, and criteria and conditions for review of conditional uses established

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community-wide. The following additional evaluation criteria and conditions apply within shoreland areas:

7S5.71 Evaluation criteria. A thorough evaluation of the waterbody and the topographic, vegetation, and soils conditions on the site must be made to ensure:

- (1) the prevention of soil erosion or other possible pollution of public waters, both during and after construction;
- (2) the visibility of structures and other facilities as viewed from public waters is limited;
- (3) the site is adequate for water supply and on-site sewage treatment; and
- (4) the types, uses, and number of watercraft that the project will generate are compatible in relation to the suitability of public waters to safely accommodate these watercraft.

7S5.72 Conditions attached to conditional use permits. The Benton County Planning Commission, upon consideration of the criteria listed above and the purposes of this ordinance, shall attach such conditions to the issuance of the conditional use permits as it deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of this ordinance. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) increased setbacks from the ordinary high water level;
- (2) limitations on the natural vegetation to be removed or the requirement that additional vegetation be planted; and
- (3) special provisions for the location, design, and use of structures, sewage treatment systems, watercraft launching and docking areas, and vehicle parking areas.

7S5.8 Water Supply and Sewage Treatment

7S5.81 Water Supply. Any public or private supply of water for domestic purposes must meet or exceed standards for water quality of the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

7S5.82 Sewage treatment. Any premises used for human occupancy must be provided with an adequate method of sewage treatment, and fully comply with the standards set forth in Section 9.6 of the Benton County Development Code.

- A. Publicly-owned sewer systems must be used where available.
- B. On-site sewage treatment systems must be set back from the ordinary high water level in accordance with the setbacks contained in Section 7S5.21 of this ordinance.
- C. All proposed sites for individual sewage treatment systems shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria in subitems (1)-(4). If the determination of a site's suitability cannot be made with publicly available, existing information, it shall then be the responsibility of the applicant to provide sufficient soil borings and percolation tests from on-site field investigations by a certified septic system designer or a licensed engineer.

Evaluation criteria:

- (1) depth to the highest known or calculated ground water table or bedrock;
- (2) soil conditions, properties, and permeability;
- (3) slope;
- (4) the existence of lowlands, local surface depressions, and rock outcrops;

- D. Nonconforming sewage treatment systems shall be regulated and upgraded in accordance with section 9.6 of the Benton County Development Code.

SECTION 7S6.0 - NONCONFORMITIES

All legally established nonconformities as of the date of this shoreland ordinance may continue, but they will be managed according to applicable state statutes and other regulations of this community for the subjects of alterations and additions, repair after damage, discontinuance of use, and intensification of use.

A variance from setback requirements must be obtained before any use, sewage treatment system, or building permit is issued for a lot. In evaluating the variance, the board of adjustment shall consider sewage treatment and water supply capabilities or constraints of the lot and shall deny the variance if adequate facilities cannot be provided.

7S6.1 Additions/expansions to nonconforming systems

- A. All additions or expansions to the outside dimensions of an existing nonconforming structure must meet the setback,

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height, and other requirements of Section 7S5.0 of this ordinance. Any deviation from these requirements must be authorized by a variance.

B. Deck additions may be allowed without a variance to a structure not meeting the required setback from the ordinary high water level if all of the following criteria and standards are met:

- (1) the structure existed on the date the structure setbacks were established;
- (2) a thorough evaluation of the property and structure reveals no reasonable location for a deck meeting or exceeding the existing ordinary high water level setback of the structure;
- (3) the deck encroachment toward the ordinary high water level does not exceed 15 percent of the existing setback of the structure from the ordinary high water level or does not encroach closer than 50 feet, whichever is more restrictive; and
- (4) the deck is constructed primarily of wood, and is not roofed or screened.

SECTION 7S7.0 - SUBDIVISION/PLATTING PROVISIONS

7S7.11 Land suitability. Each lot created through subdivision, including planned unit developments authorized under Section 7S8.0 of this ordinance, must be suitable in its natural state for the proposed use with minimal alteration. Suitability analysis by the local unit of government shall consider susceptibility to flooding, existence of wetlands, soil and rock formations with severe limitations for development, severe erosion potential, steep topography, inadequate water supply or sewage treatment capabilities, near-shore aquatic conditions unsuitable for water-based recreation, important fish and wildlife habitat, presence of significant historic sites, or any other feature of the natural land likely to be harmful to the health, safety, or welfare of future residents of the proposed subdivision or of the community.

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- 7S7.12 Consistency with other controls. Subdivisions must conform to all official controls of this community. A subdivision will not be approved where a later variance from one or more standards in official controls would be needed to use the lots for their intended purpose. In areas not served by publicly owned sewer and water systems, a subdivision will not be approved unless domestic water supply is available and a sewage treatment system consistent with Sections 7S5.2 and 7S5.8 can be provided for every lot. Each lot shall meet the minimum lot size and dimensional requirements of Section 7S5.1, including at least a minimum contiguous lawn area, that is free of limiting factors sufficient for the construction of two standard soil treatment systems. Lots that would require use of holding tanks must not be approved.
- 7S7.13 Information requirements. Sufficient information must be submitted by the applicant for the community to make a determination of land suitability. In addition to requirements of Section 10.3 of the Development Code, an applicant proposing a subdivision of shoreland property must provide the following:
- (1) information regarding adequacy of domestic water supply; extent of anticipated vegetation and topographic alterations; near-shore aquatic conditions, including depths, types of bottom sediments, and aquatic vegetation; and proposed methods for controlling stormwater runoff and erosion, both during and after construction activities;
 - (2) location of 100-year flood plain areas and floodway districts from existing adopted maps or data; and
 - (3) a line or contour representing the ordinary high water level, the "toe" and the "top" of bluffs, and the minimum building setback distances from the top of the bluff and the lake or stream.
- 7S7.14 Dedications. When a land or easement dedication is a condition of subdivision approval, the approval must provide easements over natural drainage or ponding areas for management of stormwater and significant wetlands.
- 7S7.15 Platting. All subdivisions that create five or more lots or parcels that are 2-1/2 acres or less in size shall be processed as a plat in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 505. No permit for construction of buildings or sewage treatment systems shall be issued for lots created after these official controls were enacted unless the lot was approved as part of a formal subdivision.

7S7.16 Controlled Access or Recreational Lots. Lots intended as controlled accesses to public waters or for recreational use areas for use by nonriparian lots within a subdivision must meet or exceed the sizing criteria in Section 7S5.14 of this ordinance.

SECTION 7S8.0 - MULTIPLE UNIT DEVELOPMENTS (MUD'S) IN SHORELAND DISTRICTS

7S8.1 Types of MUD's Permissible

Multiple unit developments are allowed for new projects on undeveloped land, redevelopment of previously built sites, or conversions of existing buildings and land. The land use districts in which they are an allowable use are identified in Section 9.5 of the Development Code. All developments in Shoreland areas that meet the definition of MUD must be processed pursuant to this section.

7S8.2 Processing of MUD's

Multiple unit developments must be processed as a conditional use, except that an expansion to an existing commercial MUD involving six or less new dwelling units or sites since the date this ordinance was adopted is permissible as a permitted use provided the total project density does not exceed the allowable densities calculated in the project density evaluation procedures in Section 7S8.5. Approval cannot occur until the environmental review process (EAW/EIS) is complete.

7S8.3 Application for a MUD

The applicant for a MUD must submit the following documents prior to final action being taken on the application request:

7S8.31 A site plan and/or plat for the project showing locations of property boundaries, surface water features, existing and proposed structures and other facilities, land alterations, sewage treatment and water supply systems (where public systems will not be provided), and topographic contours at ten-foot intervals or less. When a MUD is a combined commercial and residential development, the site plan and/or plat must indicate and distinguish which buildings and portions of the project are residential, commercial, or a combination of the two.

7S8.32 A property owners association agreement (for residential MUD's) with mandatory membership, and all in accordance with the requirements of Section 7S8.6 of this ordinance.

7S8.33 Deed restrictions, covenants, permanent easements or other instruments that: 1) properly address future vegetative and topographic alterations, construction of

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additional buildings, beaching of watercraft, and construction of commercial buildings in residential MUD's; and 2) ensure the long-term preservation and maintenance of open space in accordance with the criteria and analysis specified in Section 7S8.6 of this ordinance.

7S8.34 When necessary, a master plan/drawing describing the project and the floor plan for all commercial structures to be occupied.

7S8.35 Those additional documents as requested by the Planning & Zoning Administrator that are necessary to explain how the MUD will be designed and will function.

7S8.4 Site "Suitable Area" Evaluation

Proposed new or expansions to existing planned unit developments must be evaluated using the following procedures and standards to determine the suitable area for the dwelling unit/dwelling site density evaluation in Section 7S8.5.

7S8.41 The project parcel must be divided into tiers by locating one or more lines approximately parallel to a line that identifies the ordinary high water level at the following intervals, proceeding landward:

Shoreland Tier Dimensions

	Unsewered (feet)	Sewered (feet)
General development lakes- first tier	200	200
General development lakes- second and additional tiers	267	200
Recreational development lakes	267	267
Natural environment lakes	400	320
All river classes	300	300

7S8.42 The suitable area within each tier is next calculated by excluding from the tier area all wetlands, bluffs, or land below the ordinary high water level of public waters. This suitable area and the proposed project are then subjected to either the residential or commercial planned unit development density evaluation steps to arrive at an allowable number of dwelling units or sites.

7S8.5 Residential and Commercial MUD Density Evaluation

The procedures for determining the "base" density of a MUD and density increase multipliers are as follows. Allowable densities may be transferred from any tier to any other tier further from the waterbody, but must not be transferred to any other tier closer.

7S8.51 Residential MUD "Base" Density Evaluation:

- A. The suitable area within each tier is divided by the single residential lot size standard for lakes or, for rivers, the single residential lot width standard times the tier depth, unless the local unit of government has specified an alternative minimum lot size for rivers which shall then be used to yield a base density of dwelling units or sites for each tier. Proposed locations and number of dwelling units or sites for the residential multiple unit developments are then compared with the tier, density, and suitability analyses herein and the design criteria in Section 7S8.6.

7S8.52 Commercial MUD "Base" Density Evaluation:

- A. Determine the average inside living area size of dwelling units or sites within each tier, including both existing and proposed units and sites. Computation of inside living area sizes need not include decks, patios, stoops, steps, garages, or porches and basements, unless they are habitable space.
- B. Select the appropriate floor area ratio from the following table:

Commercial Multiple Unit Development
Floor Area Ratios*
Public waters classes

*Average unit floor area (sq. ft.)	Sewered general development lakes; first tier on unsewered general development lakes; urban, agricultural, tributary river segments	Second and additional tiers on unsewered general development lakes; recreational development lakes; transition and forested river segments	Natural environment lakes and remote river segments
200	.040	.020	.010
300	.048	.024	.012
400	.056	.028	.014
500	.065	.032	.016
600	.072	.038	.019
700	.082	.042	.021
800	.091	.046	.023
900	.099	.050	.025
1,000	.108	.054	.027
1,100	.116	.058	.029
1,200	.125	.064	.032
1,300	.133	.068	.034
1,400	.142	.072	.036
1,500	.150	.075	.038

*For average unit floor areas less than shown, use the floor area ratios listed for 200 square feet. For areas greater than shown, use the ratios listed for 1,500 square feet. For recreational camping areas, use the ratios listed at 400 square feet. Manufactured home sites in recreational camping areas shall use a ratio equal to the size of the manufactured home, or if unknown, the ratio listed for 1,000 square feet.

- C. Multiply the suitable area within each tier by the floor area ratio to yield total floor area for each tier allowed to be used for dwelling units or sites.
- D. Divide the total floor area by tier computed in Item C. above by the average inside living area size determined in Item A. above. This yields a base number of dwelling units and sites for each tier.
- E. Proposed locations and numbers of dwelling units or sites for the commercial planned unit development are then compared with the tier, density and suitability analyses herein and the design criteria in Section 7S8.6.

7S8.53 Density Increase Multipliers:

- A. Increases to the dwelling unit or dwelling site base densities previously determined are allowable if the dimensional standards in Section 7S5.0 are met or exceeded and the design criteria in Section 7S8.6 are satisfied. The allowable density increases in Item B. below will only be allowed if structure setbacks from the ordinary high water level are increased to at least 50 percent greater than the minimum setback, or the impact on the waterbody is reduced an equivalent amount through vegetative management, topography, or additional means acceptable to the local unit of government and the setback is at least 25 percent greater than the minimum setback.
- B. Allowable Dwelling Unit or Dwelling Site Density Increases for Residential or Commercial Planned Unit Developments:

Density evaluation tiers	Maximum density increase within each tier (percent)
First	50
Second	100
Third	200
Fourth	200
Fifth	200

7S8.6 Maintenance and Design Criteria

7S8.61 Maintenance and Administration Requirements

- A. Before final approval of a multiple unit development, adequate

provisions must be developed for preservation and maintenance in perpetuity of open spaces and for the continued existence and functioning of the development.

B. Open space preservation. Deed restrictions, covenants, permanent easements, public dedication and acceptance, or other equally effective and permanent means must be provided to ensure long-term preservation and maintenance of open space. The instruments must include all of the following protections:

- (1) commercial uses prohibited (for residential MUD's);
- (2) vegetation and topographic alterations other than routine maintenance prohibited;
- (3) construction of additional buildings or storage of vehicles and other materials prohibited; and
- (4) uncontrolled beaching of watercraft prohibited.

C. Development organization and functioning. Unless an equally effective alternative community framework is established, when applicable, all residential multiple unit developments must use an owners association with the following features:

- (1) membership must be mandatory for each dwelling unit or site purchaser and any successive purchasers;
- (2) each member must pay a pro rata share of the association's expenses, and unpaid assessments can become liens on units or sites;
- (3) assessments must be adjustable to accommodate changing conditions; and
- (4) the association must be responsible for insurance, taxes, and maintenance of all commonly owned property and facilities.

7S8.62 Open Space Requirements. Multiple unit developments must contain open space meeting all of the following criteria:

- (1) at least 50 percent of the total project area must be preserved as open space;
- (2) dwelling units or sites, road rights-of-way, or land covered by road surfaces, parking areas, or structures, except water-oriented accessory structures or facilities, are developed areas and shall not be included in the computation of minimum open space;
- (3) open space must include areas with physical characteristics unsuitable for development in their

natural state, and areas containing significant historic sites or unplatted cemeteries;

- (4) open space may include outdoor recreational facilities for use by owners of dwelling units or sites, by guests staying in commercial dwelling units or sites, and by the general public;
- (5) open space may include subsurface sewage treatment systems if the use of the space is restricted to avoid adverse impacts on the systems;
- (6) open space must not include commercial facilities or uses, but may contain water-oriented accessory structures or facilities;
- (7) the appearance of open space areas, including topography, vegetation, and allowable uses, must be preserved by use of restrictive deed covenants, permanent easements, public dedication and acceptance, or other equally effective and permanent means; and
- (8) the shore impact zone, based on normal structure setbacks, must be included as open space. For residential MUD's, at least 50 percent of the shore impact zone area of existing developments or at least 70 percent of the shore impact zone area of new developments must be preserved in its natural or existing state. For commercial PUD's, at least 50 percent of the shore impact zone must be preserved in its natural state.

7S8.63 Erosion Control and Stormwater Management. Erosion control and stormwater management plans must be developed and the MUD must:

- (1) be designed, and the construction managed, to minimize the likelihood of serious erosion occurring either during or after construction. This must be accomplished by limiting the amount and length of time of bare ground exposure. Temporary ground covers, sediment entrapment facilities, vegetated buffer strips, or other appropriate techniques must be used to minimize erosion impacts on surface water features. Erosion control plans approved by a soil and water conservation district may be required if project size and site physical characteristics warrant; and
- (2) be designed and constructed to effectively manage reasonably expected quantities and qualities of stormwater runoff. Impervious surface coverage within any tier must not exceed 25 percent of the tier area, except that for commercial PUD's 35 percent impervious surface coverage may be allowed in the first tier of general development lakes with an approved stormwater

management plan and consistency with Section 7S5.3.

7S8.64 Centralized and Design of Facilities. Centralization design of facilities and structures must be done according to the following standards:

- (1) planned unit developments must be connected to publicly owned water supply and sewer systems, if available. On-site water supply and sewage treatment systems must be centralized and designed and installed to meet or exceed applicable standards or rules of the Minnesota Department of Health and Sections 7S5.2 and 7S5.8 of this ordinance. On-site sewage treatment systems must be located on the most suitable areas of the development, and sufficient lawn area free of limiting factors must be provided for a replacement soil treatment system for each sewage system;
- (2) dwelling units or sites must be clustered into one or more groups and located on suitable areas of the development. They must be designed and located to meet or exceed the following dimensional standards for the relevant shoreland classification: setback from the ordinary high water level, elevation above the surface water features, and maximum height. Setbacks from the ordinary high water level must be increased in accordance with Section 7S8.53 of this ordinance for developments with density increases;
- (3) shore recreation facilities, including but not limited to swimming areas, docks, and watercraft mooring areas and launching ramps, must be centralized and located in areas suitable for them. Evaluation of suitability must include consideration of land slope, water depth, vegetation, soils, depth to groundwater and bedrock, or other relevant factors. The number of spaces provided for continuous beaching, mooring, or docking of watercraft must not exceed one for each allowable dwelling unit or site in the first tier (notwithstanding existing mooring sites in an existing commercially used harbor). Launching ramp facilities, including a small dock for loading and unloading equipment, may be provided for use by occupants of dwelling units or sites located in other tiers;
- (4) structures, parking areas, and other facilities must be treated to reduce visibility as viewed from public waters and adjacent shorelands by vegetation, topography, increased setbacks, color, or other means acceptable to the local unit of government, assuming summer, leaf-on conditions. Vegetative and topographic screening must be preserved, if existing, or may be required to be provided;

- (5) accessory structures and facilities, except water oriented accessory structures, must meet the required principal structure setback and must be centralized; and
- (6) water-oriented accessory structures and facilities may be allowed if they meet or exceed design standards contained in Section 7S5.2 of this ordinance and are centralized.

7S8.7 Conversions

Local governments may allow existing resorts or other land uses and facilities to be converted to residential planned unit developments if all the following standards are met:

- 7S8.71 Proposed conversions must be initially evaluated using the same procedures for residential planned unit developments involving all new construction. Inconsistencies between existing features of the development and these standards must be identified.
- 7S8.72 Deficiencies involving water supply and sewage treatment, structure color, impervious coverage, open space, and shore recreation facilities must be corrected as part of the conversion or as specified in the conditional use permit.
- 7S8.73 Shore and bluff impact zone deficiencies must be evaluated and reasonable improvements made as part of the conversion. These improvements must include, where applicable, the following:
- (1) removal of extraneous buildings, docks, or other facilities that no longer need to be located in shore or bluff impact zones;
 - (2) remedial measures to correct erosion sites and improve vegetative cover and screening of buildings and other facilities as viewed from the water; and
 - (3) if existing dwelling units are located in shore or bluff impact zones, conditions are attached to approvals of conversions that preclude exterior expansions in any dimension or substantial alterations. The conditions must also provide for future relocation of dwelling units, where feasible, to other locations, meeting all setback and elevation requirements when they are rebuilt or replaced.

7S8.74 Existing dwelling unit or dwelling site densities that exceed standards in Section 7S8.5 may be allowed to continue but must not be allowed to be increased, either at the time of conversion or in the future. Efforts must be made during the conversion to limit impacts of high densities by requiring seasonal use, improving vegetative screening, centralizing shore recreation facilities, installing new sewage treatment systems, or other means.

In addition, the following sections of the Benton County Development Code will be amended to bring the Code in compliance with State Shoreland Rules:

- 1) "Historic Sites and Areas" will be deleted from the list of permitted uses in Sections 7.1.10(a) and 7.2.10(a) of the Development Code and shall be made a conditional use in Agricultural districts under Sections 7.1.23 and 7.2.22.
- 2) "Parks" will be deleted from the list of permitted uses in Sections 7.3.1 and 7.5.1 of the Development Code and shall be made a conditional use in Residential districts under Sections 7.3.2, 7.4.2 and 7.5.2.

Further, the following definitions related to the Shoreland Management Provisions shall be added to the definition section of the Development Code:

- 3.15 Bluff: a topographic feature such as a hill, cliff, or embankment having the following characteristics (an area with an average slope of less than 18 percent over a distance for 50 feet or more shall not be considered part of the bluff):
- (1) Part or all of the feature is located in a shoreland area;
 - (2) The slope rises at least 25 feet above the ordinary high water level of the waterbody;
 - (3) The grade of the slope from the toe of the bluff to a point 25 feet or more above the ordinary high water level averages 30 percent or greater; and
 - (4) The slope must drain toward the waterbody.
- 3.16 Bluff Impact Zone: a bluff and land located within 20 feet from the top of a bluff.
- 3.18 Boathouse: a structure designed and used solely for the storage of boats or boating equipment.
- 3.28 Commercial Multiple Unit Developments: are typically uses that provide transient, short-term lodging spaces, rooms, or

parcels and their operations are essentially service-oriented. For example, hotel/motel accommodations, resorts, recreational vehicle and camping parks, and other primarily service-oriented activities are commercial multiple unit developments.

- 3.30 Commercial Use: the principal use of land or buildings for the sale, lease, rental, or trade of products, goods, and services.
- 3.31 Commissioner: the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.
- 3.39 Deck: a horizontal, unenclosed platform with or without attached railings, seats, trellises, or other features, attached or functionally related to a principal use or site and at any point extending more than three feet above ground.
- 3.44 Duplex, triplex, and quad: a dwelling structure on a single lot, having two, three, and four units, respectively, being attached by common walls and each unit equipped with separate sleeping, cooking, eating, living, and sanitation facilities.
- 3.50 Dwelling Site: a designated location for residential use by one or more persons using temporary or movable shelter, including camping and recreational vehicle sites.
- 3.55 Extractive Use: the use of land for surface or subsurface removal of sand, gravel, rock, industrial minerals, other nonmetallic minerals, and peat not regulated under Minnesota Statutes, sections 93.44 to 93.51.
- 3.65 Forest Land Conversion: the clear cutting of forested lands to prepare for a new land use other than reestablishment of a subsequent forest stand.
- 3.71 Hardship: the same as that term is defined in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 394 and Section 11.5.1 of the Benton County Development Code.

- 3.75 Industrial Use: the use of land or buildings for the production, manufacture, warehousing, storage, or transfer of goods, products, commodities, or other wholesale items.
- 3.76 Intensive Vegetation Clearing: the complete removal of trees or shrubs in a contiguous patch, strip, row, or block.
- 3.111 Multiple Unit Development: a type of development characterized by a unified site design for a number of dwelling units or dwelling sites on a parcel, whether for sale, rent, or lease, and also usually involving clustering of these units or sites to provide areas of common open space, density increases, and a mix of structure types and land uses. These developments may be organized and operated as condominiums, time-share condominiums, cooperatives, full fee ownership, commercial enterprises, or any combination of these, or cluster subdivisions of dwelling units, residential condominiums, townhouses, apartment buildings, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks, resorts, hotels, motels, and conversions of structures and land uses to these uses.
- 3.122 Ordinary High Water Level: the boundary of public waters and wetlands, and shall be an elevation delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape, commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial. For watercourses, the ordinary high water level is the elevation of the top of the bank of the channel. For reservoirs and flowages, the ordinary high water level is the operating elevation of the normal summer pool.
- 3.139 Public Waters: means any waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 105.37, subdivisions 14 and 15.
- 3.143 Residential Planned Unit Development: a use where the nature of residency is nontransient and the major or primary focus of the development is not service-oriented. For example, residential apartments, manufactured home parks, time-share condominiums, townhouses, cooperatives, and full fee ownership residences would be considered as residential planned unit developments. To qualify as a residential planned unit development, a development must contain at least five dwelling units or sites.
- 3.148 Sensitive Resource Management: the preservation and management of areas unsuitable for development in their natural state due to constraints such as shallow soils over groundwater or bedrock, highly erosive or expansive soils, steep slopes, susceptibility to flooding, or occurrence of flora or fauna in need of special

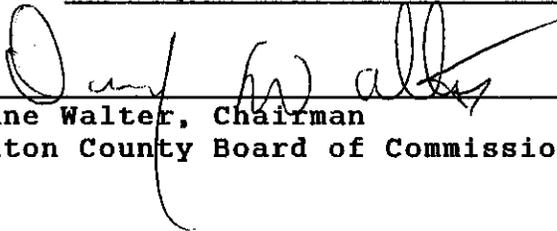
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- 3.149 Setback: the minimum horizontal distance between a structure, sewage treatment system, or other facility and an ordinary high water level, sewage treatment system, top of a bluff, road, highway, property line, or other facility.
- 3.151 Sewage Treatment System: a septic tank and soil absorption system or other individual or cluster type sewage treatment system as described and regulated in Section 5.8 of this ordinance.
- 3.152 Sewer System: pipelines or conduits, pumping stations, and force main, and all other construction, devices, appliances, or appurtenances used for conducting sewage or industrial waste or other wastes to a point of ultimate disposal.
- 3.154 Shore Impact Zone: land located between the ordinary high water level of a public water and a line parallel to it at a setback of 50 percent of the structure setback. In agricultural districts, the shore impact zone is the land located between the ordinary high water level and a line parallel to, and fifty feet away from, the ordinary high water level.
- 3.163 Significant Historic Site: any archaeological site, standing structure, or other property that meets the criteria for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places or is listed in the State Register of Historic Sites, or is determined to be an unplatted cemetery that falls under the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 307.08. A historic site meets these criteria if it is presently listed on either register or if it is determined to meet the qualifications for listing after review by the Minnesota state archaeologist or the director of the Minnesota Historical Society. All unplatted cemeteries are automatically considered to be significant historic sites.
- 3.166 Steep Slope: land where agricultural activity or development is either not recommended or described as poorly suited due to slope steepness and the site's soil characteristics, as mapped and described in available county soil surveys or other technical reports, unless appropriate design and construction techniques and farming practices are used in accordance with the provisions of this ordinance. Where specific information is not available, steep slopes are lands having average slopes over 12 percent, as measured over horizontal distances of 50 feet or more, that are not bluffs.

- 3.169 Structure: any building or appurtenance, including decks, except aerial or underground utility lines, such as sewer, electric, telephone, telegraph, gas lines, towers, poles, and other supporting facilities. "Structure" does not include accessory buildings smaller than 80 square feet, improved driveways, sidewalks, or slabs.
- 3.174 Surface Water-Oriented Commercial Use: the use of land for commercial purposes, where access to and use of a surface water feature is an integral part of the normal conductance of business. Marinas, resorts, and restaurants with transient docking facilities are examples of such use.
- 3.176 Toe of the Bluff: the lower point of a 50-foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18 percent.
- 3.177 Top of the Bluff: the higher point of a 50-foot segment with an average slope exceeding 18 percent.
- 3.189 Water-Oriented Accessory Structure or Facility: a small, above ground building or other improvement, except stairways, fences, docks, and retaining walls, which, because of the relationship of its use to a surface water feature, reasonably needs to be located closer to public waters than the normal structure setback. Examples of such structures and facilities include boathouses, gazebos, screen houses, fish houses, pump houses, and detached decks.
- 3.190 Wetland: a surface water feature classified as a wetland in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Circular No. 39 (1971 edition).

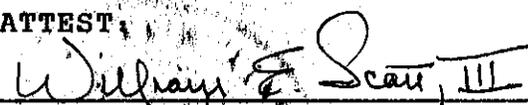
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Benton County Board of

Commissioners this 5 day of May, 1992.



 Duane Walter, Chairman
 Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



 William E. Scott, III, Clerk

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by Planning Commission on its own
to amend the Shoreland provisions of
the Code; and,

On February 19, 1992 and March 3, 1992, notices were
published in the Benton County Register
of Benton County; and,
On February 19, 1992 and March 19, 1992, the Benton
County Board of Commissioners held public hearings thereon and on
March 19, 1992, the Board of Commissioners adopted the proposed ordinance on the condition

that the County Board recommend to the Department of Natural
Resources that that section of the Mississippi River lying north of
the confluence of the Mississippi and Platte Rivers be
reclassified; and,

WHEREAS, on March 3, 1992 and April 7, 1992, the Benton County
Board of Commissioners held public hearings thereon and
subsequently voted to enact the proposed ordinance;

NOW, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES,
SECTION 394.25 AND SECTION 11.8 OF THE BENTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT
CODE, THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORDAINS:

That Sections 7.10 through 7.109 of the Benton County
Development Code has been deleted, replacing these sections with
new shoreland regulations in accordance with Chapter 6120 of the
Minnesota Rules. In addition, the definition section of the Benton
County Development Code has been expanded to accommodate the
proposed shoreland standards.

The proposed regulations would affect all land located in

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Benton County which lies within 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond or flowage or within 300 feet of a river or stream.

The adopted shoreland ordinance classifies all water bodies according to their usage. The ordinance also establishes the minimum area and width of lots located in shoreland areas, as well as setbacks for all structures placed in shoreland areas. Minimum lot sizes and structure setbacks in any given area shall be determined by the classification of the adjacent water body and the type of septage disposal employed on the property.

The adopted ordinance also regulates the placement of decks, stairways and docks in shoreland areas. In addition, the ordinance regulates most grading, filling and excavation activities in shoreland areas, as well as the alteration or removal of trees and vegetation in all shoreland areas within the county.

The above language is only a summary of the adopted ordinance. Due to its length, the entire text of the adopted ordinance cannot be printed in this publication. A full text of the adopted shoreland ordinance is available for public inspection by any person during regular office hours at the Office of the County Auditor at the Benton County Courthouse, Foley, MN.

In addition to the amendments summarized above, the following sections of the Benton County Development Code were amended to bring the Code in compliance with State Shoreland Rules:

- 1) "Historic Sites and Areas" will be deleted from the list of permitted uses in Sections 7.1.10(a) and 7.2.10(a) of

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the Development Code and shall be made a conditional use in Agricultural districts under Sections 7.1.23 and 7.2.22.

- 2) "Parks" will be deleted from the list of permitted uses in Sections 7.3.1 and 7.5.1 of the Development Code and shall be made a conditional use in Residential districts under Sections 7.3.2, 7.4.2 and 7.5.2.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Benton County Board of Commissioners this 5th day of May, 1992.

Duane Walter

Duane Walter, Chairman
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

William E. Scott, III

William E. Scott, III, Clerk