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**1-101 Title:** These regulations, including the Zoning District maps and overlays made a part thereof, shall be known and may be cited as the "Zoning Regulations of Crawford County, Kansas", and shall hereinafter be referred to as "these Regulations."

**1-102 Purpose:** These Regulations are intended to serve the following purposes:

1. To promote the health, safety, comfort and general welfare of the citizens of Crawford County, Kansas.
2. To create a variety of zoning districts sensitive to the peculiarities of the various permitted uses and designed to protect and enhance the values inherent in each zone; while encouraging the redevelopment and revitalization of the cities within the County.
3. To conserve good agricultural land and protect it from the intrusion of incompatible uses, but not to regulate or restrict the primary use of land for agricultural uses.
4. To regulate and restrict the height, number of stories, and size of buildings; the percentage of lots that may be occupied by buildings and other structures; size of yards, courts, and other open spaces.
5. To provide for adequate light and air, and acceptable noise levels.
6. To avoid the undue concentration of populations and to prevent overcrowding in the use of land and community facilities.
7. To provide adequate notice on subsequent changes to these regulations and an opportunity for interested parties to be heard.
8. To provide information regarding possible flood hazards.
9. To facilitate the adequate provisions of transportation, water, sewage, schools, parks, and other public improvements and services, and to carry out the goals and objectives as set forth in applicable laws of the State of Kansas and the Comprehensive Plan for Crawford County, Kansas.
10. To promote the achievement of the Future Land Use Plan for Crawford County, Kansas.
11. To inform the public regarding future development in Crawford County, Kansas, thereby providing a basis for wise decisions with respect to such development.

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**1-103 Jurisdiction:** These Regulations shall apply to all of the following described lands in Crawford County, Kansas, to wit:

In Township 29 South, Range 23 East, all of sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Girard, Kansas.

In Township 29 South, Range 24 East, all of sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Girard, Kansas.

In Township 29 South, Range 25 East, the South 1/2 of sections 9, 10, 11 and 12; all of section 8 except the NE 1/4; and all of sections 7, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Arma, Kansas, or the City of Frontenac, Kansas.

In Township 30 South, Range 23 East, all of sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36.

All of Township 30 South, Range 24 East; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Pittsburg, Kansas.

All of Township 30 South, Range 25 East; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Frontenac, Kansas, or the City of Pittsburg, Kansas.

In Township 31 South, Range 23 East, all of sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13 and 14; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Cherokee, Kansas.

In Township 31 South, Range 24 East, all of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, and;

In Township 31 South, Range 25 East, all of sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18; except that land inside the corporate limits of the City of Pittsburg, Kansas.

**1-104 Definitions:** For the purpose of these Regulations, certain terms and words are hereby defined. Words used in the present tense shall include both the past and the future, and words used in the future tense shall include the present; words in the singular number shall include the plural and words in the plural number shall include the singular; the word "building" shall include the word "structure"; the word "dwelling" shall include the word "residence"; the word "lot" shall include the word "plot"; the word "person" shall include individuals, firms, corporations, associations, governmental bodies and agencies, and all other legal entities; the word "shall" is mandatory and not directory while the word "may" is permissive; and the phrase "used for" shall include the phrases "arranged for", "designed for", "intended for", "maintained for", and "occupied for". Words or terms not herein defined shall have their ordinary and customary meaning in relation to the context.

**1. ABANDONED VEHICLE:** Any inoperable motor vehicle to which the last registered owner of record thereof has relinquished all further dominion and control.

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2. **ABUTTING:** Adjoining or bordering.
3. **ACCESS:** The right to cross between public and private property allowing pedestrians and vehicles to enter and leave property.
4. **ACCESSORY BUILDING:** A subordinate building or portion of the main building, located on the same lot, the use of which is clearly incidental to that of the main building or to the use of the land on which it is located. Customary accessory buildings include, but are not limited to, garages, carports, garden houses, small storage sheds and children's playhouses. On properties zoned other than Agricultural, and especially on properties zoned Agricultural Residential, Rural Residential and Suburban Residential, agricultural buildings shall be considered an accessory building.
5. **ACCESSORY USE:** A subordinate use which serves an incidental function to that of the principal use of the premises. Customary accessory uses include, but are not limited to, tennis courts, swimming pools, air conditioners, barbecue grills, fireplaces, and satellite dish antennas. On properties zoned other than Agricultural, and especially on properties zoned Agricultural Residential, Rural Residential and Suburban Residential, agricultural uses shall be considered an accessory use.
6. **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:** See Zoning Administrator.
7. **AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES, LAND USED FOR:** The use of a tract of land for the production of plants, animals or horticultural products, including but not limited to: Forages; grains and feed crops; dairy animals and dairy products; beef cattle, sheep, swine and horses; bees and apiary products; trees and forest products; fruits, nuts and berries; vegetables; or nursery, floral, ornamental or greenhouse products. Open hunting on agricultural lands and hunting reserves shall be considered as land used for agricultural purposes. For purposes of these Regulations; land used for agricultural purposes shall require a minimum of 40 contiguous acres unless otherwise determined by the Zoning Administrator as being so designated as provided by these Regulations.

Land used for agricultural purposes shall not include the following:

- A. Lands which are used for recreational purposes, even though such properties may produce or maintain some of the plants or animals listed herein.
- B. Lands which are used for suburban residential home sites and yard plots, whose primary function is for residential purposes even though such properties may produce or maintain some of the plants or animals listed herein.
- C. The operation or maintenance of greenhouses, nurseries or hydroponic farms operated at retail.
- D. The operation of an auction sales yard.
- E. The operation of a junk yard.

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- F. The operation or maintenance of a commercial stockyard, feedlot or other confined animal feeding operation.
  - G. The operation of a boarding or breeder kennel.
  - H. The keeping of exotic birds and/or animals.
  - I. The operation of an airport or landing strip.
  - J. Quarrying or mining activities, even though the reclamation of same may be for water impoundments that support agricultural activities.
  - K. Wholesale or retail sales as an accessory use unless the same are permitted by these Regulations.
  - L. Any use which requires a Conditional Use Permit under the terms of these Regulations or which is identified as a prohibited use by these Regulations.
  - M. Hunting lodge and similar lodging facilities shall not be considered as lands used for agricultural purposes even though they may be located on agricultural lands and associated with established hunting preserves.
- 8. AGRITOURISM:** An enterprise located at a working farm, ranch, or other agricultural operation conducted for the enjoyment and education of visitors, guests or clients. Agritourism refers to the act of visiting a working farm/ ranch or to any agricultural, horticultural or agricultural operation for the purpose of enjoyment, education or active involvement in the activities of the farm/ranch or agricultural operation. As established in this region, “agritourism” has included operations that feature trail rides, wagon rides, participation in farm operations such as prairie burns, and similar experiences intended to provide participants with “farming experiences.” In addition, wine making operations shall be allowed as recognized under Kansas statutes. Operations of “corn mazes” and “haunted houses” that are seasonal shall not be considered as “agritourism”, but may be authorized as either a Special Event or through the approval of a Conditional Use Permit.
- Agritourism shall not include the following:
- A. Bed and Breakfast operations.
  - B. Processing of farm products beyond the wholesale level, unless otherwise allowed by Kansas statute.
  - C. Facilities for group meetings and/or retreat operations, including serving of food.
  - D. Entertainment venues, including seasonal operations such as discussed above.
  - E. Leasing of open fields for events not associated with agricultural activities, such as
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weddings, musical events, and the like.

9. **AIRCRAFT:** A weight-carrying structure for navigation of the air that is supported either by its own buoyancy or by the dynamic action of the air against its surfaces. Aircraft includes, but is not limited to, airplanes, helicopters, gliders, ultra-light airplanes, hot-air balloons, and the like.
10. **AIRPORT OR AIRCRAFT LANDING FIELD:** Any landing area, runway or other facility designed, used, or intended to be used either publicly or by any person or persons for the landing and taking off of aircraft, including all necessary taxiways, aircraft storage, and tiedown areas, hangars, and other necessary buildings and open spaces.
11. **ALLEY:** A public or private thoroughfare which provides only a secondary means of access to abutting property.
12. **ALTERATION:** A change or rearrangement in the structural parts of an existing building or structure. Enlargement, whether by extending a side, increasing the height, or the moving from one location or position to another, shall be considered as an alteration.
13. **AMENDMENT:** The process of change or alteration to the Zoning Regulations in one of the following forms:
  - A. A comprehensive revision or modification of the zoning text and/or maps.
  - B. A text change in the zone requirements.
  - C. The approval of a Conditional Use Permit as provided within these Regulations.
  - D. A change in the maps, i.e., the zoning designation of a particular parcel or parcels. This form is also known as "rezoning."
14. **ANIMAL HOSPITAL OR CLINIC:** An establishment where animals are admitted principally for examination, treatment, board or care by a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. This does not include open kennels or runs.
15. **APARTMENT:** A room or a suite of rooms within an apartment house or complex arranged, intended or designed for a place of residence of a family.
16. **APPLICANT:** The owner of a tract of land, or his duly designated representative, for which an amendment has been requested. Consent shall be required from the record owner of the premises if the applicant is other than the owner.
17. **AUCTION SALES YARD:** A tract of land and accompanying buildings and/or other structures, if any, arranged or designed to be used for the sale by auction of merchandise offered on consignment.
18. **AUTOMOTIVE AND MACHINERY REPAIR SHOPS:** A building used for the repair of motor vehicles or machinery. This shall include, but not be limited to, body and paint shops, glass service

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shops and auto service centers.

19. **AUTOMOTIVE SALES AREA:** An open area, other than a street, used for display or sale of new or used motor vehicles, and where no repair work is done except minor incidental repair of motor vehicles to be displayed and sold on the premises.
20. **AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE STATION:** Any building, structure or land used for the dispensing, sale or offering for sale at retail any motor vehicle fuels, oils, or accessories, including lubrication of motor vehicles and replacement or installation of minor parts and accessories, but not including tire recapping, major repair work such as motor replacement, body and fender repair or spray painting, provision of rental equipment, or open motor vehicle sales lots.
21. **BASEMENT:** A space wholly or partly underground and having more than one-half of its total usable space below building grade.
22. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** That board created herein which has the statutory authority to hear and determine appeals, exceptions and variances to these Regulations.
23. **BOARDING OR ROOMING HOUSE:** A dwelling in which roomers, lodgers and/or boarders are housed but individual cooking facilities are not provided.
24. **BUFFER AREA:** Open and unobstructed ground area of a plot in addition to any required yards or road widenings around the perimeter of any plot.
25. **BUILDABLE WIDTH:** The width of that part of a lot not included within any required open space.
26. **BUILDING:** Any site-built structure built for the support, shelter, or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or movable property of any kind, and which is permanently affixed to the land, exclusive of fences.
27. **BUILDING, COMMUNITY:** A building used for noncommercial social, educational, or recreational activities of a neighborhood or community.
28. **BUILDING, COMPLETELY ENCLOSED:** Any building having no outside openings other than ordinary doors, windows and ventilators.
29. **BUILDING HEIGHT:** The vertical distance from the established grade to the highest point on the roof or parapet wall.
30. **BUILDING LINE:** A line, usually fixed parallel to the lot line, beyond which a building cannot extend under the terms of these Regulations. The building line is equivalent to the setback or yard line.
31. **BUILDING, PRINCIPAL:** A building in which is conducted the main or principal use of the plot on which said building is situated. In any residential district, any dwelling shall be deemed to be a

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principal building on the plot on which it is located.

32. **BUILDING, PUBLIC:** A publicly-owned building used or occupied for a public purpose. Public buildings include, but are not limited to: fire stations, police stations, auditoriums, gymnasiums, natatoriums, community halls, maintenance buildings, park shelters, jails or penal institutions, and schools. This shall include privately owned buildings used for the same public-type purposes.
33. **BULKY WASTE:** Discarded or stored inoperative household appliances, disused furniture, disused equipment, junk lumber and other building debris, parts of machinery and equipment, and similar waste not ordinarily collected with compactor equipment; provided that bulky waste shall not mean abandoned or inoperable vehicles in whole or in part.
34. **CAMP:** Any plot, including its area of land and/or water, on which are located cabins, shelters, houseboats or other accommodations of the design or character suitable for seasonal or other more or less temporary living purposes; but not including a day camp, trailer camp, rooming house, tourist home, hotel, summer colony, hospital, place of detention, school of general instruction, or nursery school.
35. **CANOPY:** Any structure, movable or stationary, attached to and deriving its support from framework, posts or other means independent of a connected structure for the purpose of shielding a platform, stoop or sidewalk from the elements; or a roof-like structure of a permanent nature which projects from the wall of a structure and overhangs the public way.
36. **CAR WASH:** An establishment having facilities designed or used exclusively for washing or cleaning motor vehicles.
37. **CEMETERY:** Land used for burial and dedicated for cemetery purposes, including columbariums, crematories, mausoleums, and mortuaries when operated in conjunction with and within the boundaries of such cemetery.
38. **CHILD CARE CENTER:** A facility which:
  - A. provides care and educational activities for 13 or more children two weeks to 16 years of age for more than three hours and less than 24 hours per day including day time, evening, and nighttime care; or,
  - B. provides before and after school care for school-age children.

A facility may have fewer than 13 children and be licensed as a center if the program and building meet child care center regulations.
39. **CHURCH:** A location, whether in a building or not, used for religious worship. If in a building, a church may include such accessory uses in the main structure or in separate buildings, as Sunday School rooms, assembly rooms, kitchen, recreational facilities and/or library.
40. **CIRCUS AND/OR CARNIVAL:** A temporary outdoor amusement center, bazaar or fair, either involving use of special purpose equipment or conducted by professional operators, or both, and

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where activities include such things as rides, exhibitions, food services, sales, or small scale games.

41. **CLINIC:** A building designed and used for the medical, dental or surgical diagnosis or treatment of patients under the care of doctors and/or nurses, with no overnight boarding.
42. **CLUB:** Buildings and facilities owned or operated by a corporation, association, person or persons for social, educational, or recreational purposes, but not primarily for profit which inures to any individual and not primarily to render a service which is customarily carried on as a business.
43. **CLUB, MEMBERSHIP:** Membership clubs, including private clubs, as defined by K.S.A. 41-2601 et seq and succeeding amendments, including but not limited to such clubs as the American Legion, VFW, and the Elks.
44. **CLUSTER HOUSING:** The site planning technique of grouping dwelling units around courts, parking areas, common open spaces and private drives as opposed to fronting all on a public street.
45. **COMMON OPEN SPACE:** An area of land, water or combination thereof, planned for active or passive recreation, but not including areas utilized for streets, alleys, driveways or private roads, off-street parking or loading areas, or required yards. The area of recreational activities such as swimming pools, tennis courts, shuffleboard courts, etc., may be included as common open space.
46. **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** The currently adopted Comprehensive Plan for the unincorporated portion of Crawford County, Kansas, and amendments thereto.
47. **CONDITIONAL USE:** A use of any building, structure or parcel of land that, by its nature, is perceived to require special care and attention in siting so as to assure compatibility with surrounding properties and uses. Conditional uses are allowed only after public notice, hearing, and approval as prescribed in these Regulations and may have special conditions and safeguards attached to assure that the public interest is served.
48. **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT:** A written document of certification issued by the Zoning Administrator permitting the construction, alteration or establishment of a Conditional Use.
49. **CONDOMINIUM:** A building containing two (2) or more dwelling units which are designed and intended to be separately owned in fee under the Townhouse Ownership Act (K.S.A. 58-3710 et seq) of the State of Kansas.
50. **CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION:** Any lot, pen, pool and/or pond which is used for the confined feeding of animals or fowl for food, fur or pleasure which is not normally used for raising crops and in which no vegetation intended for animal food is growing. For purposes of these Regulations, a Confined Animal Feeding Operation shall be any operation defined herein that has the capacity of 1,000 animal units or more, with an animal unit being as defined by the State of Kansas at K.S.A. 65-171d, and amendments thereto.
51. **CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION LANDFILL:** A permitted solid waste disposal area used exclusively for the disposal on land of construction and/or demolition waste.

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52. **CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION WASTE:** Waste building materials and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition operations on houses, commercial buildings, other structures, pavements, curbing, bridges, and trees and brush; but not asbestos.
53. **COUNTY:** The Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas, or its delegated staff, boards or agencies.
54. **COUNTY ATTORNEY:** The County Attorney, or such licensed attorney designated by the County Attorney, responsible for the prosecution of all violations of these Regulations in accordance with the provisions contained herein, and as established by law.
55. **COUNTY ENGINEER:** The County Engineer, or such licensed engineer designated by the County Engineer or Governing Body, to provide engineering assistance in administering these and other Regulations governing areas of normal responsibilities assigned to the County Engineer.
56. **COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER:** The Director of the County Health Department, or such person designated to administer the Health Regulations of the County.
57. **COURT:** An unobstructed open area bounded on three or more sides by the walls of a building or buildings; an **OUTER COURT** extends to a street or yard, and an **INNER COURT** does not.
58. **DAY CARE HOME:** The premises in which care is provided for a maximum of 10 children under 16 years of age, with a limited number of children under kindergarten age in accordance with K.A.R. 28-4-114(e)(1) and amendments thereto. A Day Care Home shall be a Licensed Day Care Home as defined in K.A.R. 28-4-113, and amendments thereto.
59. **DENSITY:** The average number of dwelling units per acre of land, expressed in terms of "per acre." (Example: 300 dwelling units occupying 40 acres of land is 7.5 units per acre.)
60. **DETENTION CENTER:** A secure residential facility licensed by the State of Kansas, designed specifically for children who require secure custody and which provides temporary living accommodations for alleged delinquent, miscreant, wayward, truant or deprived children pending court disposition or placement in an appropriate program.
61. **DISTANCE:** Horizontal distances unless otherwise designated.
62. **DISTRICT:** A section or sections of the zoning jurisdiction for which the regulations governing permitted use of buildings and land, the height of buildings, the size of yards, and the intensity of use are uniform.
63. **DOG:** Any canine specie over one (1) year of age.
64. **DRINKING ESTABLISHMENT:** A premises, which may be open to the general public, where alcoholic liquor by the individual drink is served.
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65. **DRIVE-IN ESTABLISHMENT:** An enterprise which accommodates the patrons automobile and from which occupants of the automobile may make purchases, transact business or view motion pictures or other entertainment.
66. **DRIVE-THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT:** Any restaurant, financial institution, or product vending enterprise where the patron does not necessarily enter and remain within a building during the transaction of his business. Food vending establishments where the food is not normally consumed within a building or where facilities are provided for eating outside a building are included in this definition.
67. **DWELLING:** Any building, or portion thereof, designed or used primarily for residential purposes, including residential-design manufactured homes and modular homes.
68. **DWELLING, MULTI-FAMILY:** A building, or portion thereof, arranged, intended or designed for occupancy by two (2), three (3) or four (4) families. As used herein, this may also be referred to as a duplex, triplex or quadplex.
69. **DWELLING, SEASONAL:** A residence intended for occasional, but not permanent, occupancy.
70. **DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY:** A building having accommodations for and occupied exclusively by one (1) family. A residential-design manufactured home shall be considered a single-family dwelling.
71. **DWELLING UNIT:** A building, or part thereof, containing complete housekeeping facilities for one family.
72. **EASEMENT:** A grant by a property owner to specific persons or to the public to use land for a specific purpose or purposes. Also, a right acquired by prescription.
73. **EFFICIENCY UNIT:** A dwelling unit, constructed as a part of a residential complex, having a living room of at least 220 square feet; an additional 100 square feet of living area for each occupant of such unit in excess of two (2); a separate closet; a separate bathroom containing a water closet, lavatory and bathtub or shower; and, a kitchen sink, cooking appliance and refrigeration facilities, each having a clear working space of not less than 30 inches in front.
74. **ESTABLISHED SETBACK:** The average setback on each street on which a lot fronts established by three (3) or more buildings; provided, only those properties that are within the same district and within 300 feet on each side of said lot along the same side of the street, but not beyond any intersecting street, are used in determining the established setback.
75. **EXOTIC BIRDS OR ANIMALS:** Birds or animals not commonly kept domestically or that are not native to Crawford County and/or the United States. Exotic birds or animals includes, but are not limited to, bears, lions, tigers, cougars, wolves, half-breed wolves, and snakes. Birds in the ratite family, llamas and buffalo or bison shall not be considered as exotic birds or animals.
76. **FAMILY:** One (1) or more persons related by blood or marriage or adoption, living together as a
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single housekeeping unit plus usual domestic servants; or a group of not more than four (4) unrelated persons living together as a single housekeeping unit.

**77. FAMILY DAY CARE HOME:** A Licensed Day Care Home, as defined in K.A.R. 28-4-113, and amendments thereto, maintained for the purpose of providing children with food or lodging, or both, away from such children's home or homes, for less than 24 hours a day, but which shall comply with the following:

A. Not more than six of the children cared for at such place are less than 16 years of age; and

B. Not more than three of the children cared for at such place are less than 18 months of age.

Any child of a person maintaining a Family Day Care Home shall count toward the limitations of the number of children permitted if such child is less than 12 years of age and is cared for at such place. A person shall not be considered to be maintaining a family day care home if only children who are related by blood, marriage or legal adoption to such person are cared for.

**78. FARMERS MARKET:** The seasonal selling or offering for sale at retail of home-grown vegetables or produce, occurring in a pre-designated area, where the vendors are generally individuals who have raised the vegetables or produce, or have taken the same on consignment for retail sale.

**79. FEED LOT, COMMERCIAL:** A livestock feedlot or feedyard as defined by K.S.A. 47-1501 et seq, licensed by and operated under standards set forth by the Kansas Livestock Commission.

**80. FENCE:** An unroofed barrier or unroofed enclosing structure, including retaining walls.

**81. FLOOR AREA:** The square foot area of all space within the outside line of a wall, including the total area of all floor levels, but excluding porches, garages, or unfinished space in a basement or cellar.

**82. FOSTER HOME:** A facility licensed by the State of Kansas for the twenty-four (24) hour care of four (4) or less children who are less than eighteen (18) years of age and unrelated to the operator(s). Children in foster care have been found by the Court to be in need of care.

**83. FRONT:** The part or side of any building or structure facing the street or frontage road which is used as the basis for establishing the permanent address for the building or structure.

**84. FRONTAGE:**

A. **Street Frontage:** All of the property on one side of a street between two intersecting streets (crossing or terminating), measured along the line of the street; or if the street is dead-ended, then all of the property abutting on one side between an intersecting street and the dead-end of the street.

B. **Lot Frontage:** The distance for which the front boundary line of the lot and the

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right-of-way are coincident.

85. **GARAGE, PRIVATE:** An accessory building designed or used for the storage of motor vehicles owned and used by the occupants of the building to which it is accessory.
86. **GARAGE, PUBLIC:** A building, or portion thereof, other than a private garage, designed or used for equipping, repairing, hiring, servicing, selling or storing motor vehicles.
87. **GARAGE, STORAGE:** A building, or portion thereof, designed or used exclusively for housing motor vehicles, other than trucks and commercial vehicles, pursuant to previous contract or arrangement.
88. **GARDEN APARTMENT BUILDING:** An apartment building located on a lot either singly or together with other similar apartment buildings, such buildings generally being one or two stories in height and having grounds completely landscaped.
89. **GOVERNING BODY:** The Board of County Commissioners of Crawford County, Kansas.
90. **GREENHOUSE:** A translucent enclosure used for the cultivation or protection of tender plants.
91. **GROUP BOARDING HOME:** A non-secure facility providing residential care for not less than five nor more than ten persons unrelated to the caregivers, and includes emergency shelters and maternity homes. For purposes of this definition, the term “non-secure facility” means a facility which provides the resident access to the surrounding community.
92. **GROUP DAY CARE HOME:** The premises in which care is provided for a maximum of 12 children under 16 years of age, with a limited number of children under kindergarten age in accordance with K.A.R. 28-4-114(f)(1) and amendments thereto. A Group Day Care Home shall be a Licensed Group Day Care Home (GDCH) as defined in K.A.R. 28-4-113, and amendments thereto.
93. **GROUP HOME:** Any dwelling occupied by not more than ten (10) persons, including eight (8) or fewer persons with a disability, who need not be related by blood or marriage, and not to exceed two (2) staff residents who need not be related by blood or marriage to each other or to the residents of the home; which dwelling is licensed by a regulatory agency of the State of Kansas. For purposes of this definition, disability shall mean:
- A. **Disability:** A condition, with respect to a person, which means:
- (1) A physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person’s major life activities;
  - (2) A record of having such an impairment; or,
  - (3) Being regard as having such an impairment

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Such terms do not include current, illegal use or addiction to a controlled substance, as defined in Section 102 of the Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. 802.)

94. **GUEST HOUSE:** Living quarters within a detached accessory building located on the same premises with the main building for use by temporary guests of the occupants of the premises, such quarters having no kitchen facilities or separate utilities and not rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling.
95. **HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Any waste meeting the definition of K.S.A. 65-3430 and amendments thereto.
96. **HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY:** Any facility which meets the requirements as defined in K.S.A. 65-3430, as amended.
97. **HIGHWAY:** A street designated as a highway by an appropriate local, state or federal agency.
98. **HIGHWAY, LIMITED ACCESS:** A freeway or expressway providing for through traffic in respect to which owners or occupants of abutting property or lands and other persons have no legal right of access to or from the same, except at such points and in such manner as may be determined by the public authority having jurisdiction over such trafficway.
99. **HOME OCCUPATION:** Any occupation or activity which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the premises for dwelling.
100. **HOSPITAL:** A building or group of buildings having room facilities for one or more abiding patients, used for providing services for the in-patient medical and surgical care of sick or injured humans, and which may include related facilities such as laboratories, out-patient department, training facilities, central service facilities, and staff offices; provided, however, that such related facilities must be incidental and subordinate to the main use and must be an integral part of the hospital operation.
101. **HOTEL:** A building, or portion thereof, or a group of buildings, which provides sleeping accommodations for transients with or without meals, whether such establishments are designated as a hotel, inn, automobile court, motel, motor inn, motor lodge, tourist cabin, tourist court, or otherwise.
102. **INDUSTRIAL LANDFILL:** A permitted solid waste disposal area used exclusively for the disposal on land of industrial solid waste.
103. **INDUSTRIAL PARK:** A special or exclusive type of planned industrial area designated and equipped to accommodate a community of industries, providing them with all necessary facilities and services in attractive surroundings among compatible neighbors. Industrial parks may be promoted or sponsored by private developers, community organizations, or governmental organizations.
104. **INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE:** Non-toxic, non-hazardous solid waste generated from industrial

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processing and acceptable as material for disposal in an industrial landfill as determined by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

- 105. **INTENSITY:** The degree or level of concentration to which land is used for commercial, industrial or any other nonresidential purpose.
- 106. **JUNK:** Old or scrap copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled, or wrecked motor vehicles, or parts thereof, iron, steel and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.
- 107. **JUNKYARD:** An establishment which is maintained, operated, or used for storing, keeping, buying, or selling junk, or for the maintenance or operation of a motor vehicle graveyard. This term shall include salvage yards.
- 108. **KENNEL:** Any place, area, lot, building or structure where more than six (6) dogs are kept for any purposes.
- 110. **KINDERGARTEN:** A facility licensed by the State of Kansas to provide educational programs for children during the school year immediately preceding their entrance into First Grade, and connected with a public, private or parochial elementary school system.
- 111. **LABORATORY, MEDICAL:** An establishment which provides bacteriological, biological, medical, x-ray, pathological and other similar analytical or diagnostic services.
- 112. **LANDSCAPING:** The improvement of a lot, parcel or tract of land with grass, shrubs and/or trees. Landscaping may include pedestrian walks, flowerbeds, ornamental features such as fountains, statuary, and other similar natural and artificial objects designed and arranged to produce an aesthetically pleasing effect.
- 113. **LAUNDRY:** An establishment where commercial laundry and dry cleaning work is undertaken.
- 114. **LAUNDRY, SELF-SERVICE:** An establishment equipped with individual coin-operated washing, drying and/or dry cleaning machines.
- 115. **LIVESTOCK SALES YARD:** An enclosure or structure designed or used for holding livestock for purpose of sale or transfer by auction, consignment, or other means.
- 116. **LOADING SPACE OR LOADING BERTH:** A space within the main building or on the same lot as the main building providing for the standing, loading, or unloading of motor vehicles.
- 117. **LOT:** A parcel of land occupied or intended for occupancy by a use permitted in these regulations, including one (1) main building or unit group of buildings together with permitted accessory buildings and required yard areas and parking spaces, having its principal frontage upon a public street. A lot may include one (1) or more platted lots or metes and bounds described tracts, but must be under single ownership and, when more than one (1) parcel, be contiguous.
- 118. **LOT AREA:** The area of a horizontal plane bounded by the front, side and rear lot lines, excluding

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any road right-of-way or road easements.

- 119. LOT, CORNER:** A lot abutting upon two or more streets at their intersection.
- 120. LOT COVERAGE:** The percentage of a lot which, when viewed directly from above, would be covered by a structure or structures or any part thereof, excluding projecting roof eaves.
- 121. LOT, DEPTH OF:** The horizontal distance between the front and rear lot lines measured in the mean direction of the side lot lines.
- 122. LOT, DOUBLE FRONTAGE:** A lot having a frontage on two non-intersecting streets, as distinguished from a corner lot.
- 123. LOT INTERIOR:** A lot whose side line or lines do not abut upon any street.
- 124. LOT LINES:** The lines bounding a lot as defined herein.
- 125. LOT OF RECORD:** A lot which is part of a subdivision, the plat of which has been recorded in the office of the County Register of Deeds, or a parcel of land, the deed of which was recorded prior to the adoption of these Regulations.
- 126. LOT, WIDTH OF:** The distance, measured on a horizontal plane, between the side lot lines, measured at right angles to the lot depth at the established front building line.
- 127. LOT, ZONING:** A parcel or tract of land used, developed, or built as a unit under single ownership or control. Said zoning lot may consist of one or more lots of record, one or more portions of a lot or lots of record, or any combination thereof.
- 128. MANUFACTURE:** Any method of processing, developing, fabricating or assembling either raw material, semi-finished materials or parts into semi-finished or finished products.
- 129. MANUFACTURED HOME:** A dwelling unit substantially assembled in an off-site manufacturing facility for installation or assembly at the dwelling site, bearing a label certifying that it was built in compliance with the current version of the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (24 CFR 3280 et seq) promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For purposes of these Regulations, a manufactured home must have been constructed after July 13, 1994, in conformance with the version of the HUD Code then in effect.
- 130. MANUFACTURED HOME PARK:** An area, parcel, tract, or plot of ground equipped as required for support of manufactured homes and used or intended to be used by two or more occupied manufactured homes, provided the manufactured home spaces shall not be sold or offered for sale individually. The term "manufactured home park" does not include sale lots on which unoccupied manufactured homes, whether new or used, are parked for the purpose of storage, inspection or sale.
- 131. MANUFACTURED HOME SALES AREA:** An open space, other than a street, used for display or sale of new or used manufactured homes and where no repair work is done except minor incidental repair of manufactured homes to be displayed and sold on the premises.
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- 132. MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION:** Any area, piece, parcel, tract or plot of ground used or intended to be used for the purpose of selling lots for occupancy by manufactured homes.
- 133. MANUFACTURED HOME, RESIDENTIAL-DESIGN:** A manufactured home on a permanent foundation which has (A) minimum dimensions of 22 body feet in width, (B) a pitched roof, and (C) siding and roofing materials which are customarily used on site-built homes.
- 134. MOBILE HOME:** A transportable, factory-built structure designed to be used as a year-round residential dwelling, built prior to enactment of the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act, which was amended and effective July 13, 1994.
- 135. MODULAR HOME:** A dwelling structure located on a permanent foundation and connected to public utilities consisting of preselected, prefabricated units or modules, and transported to and/or assembled on the site of its foundation; in contradistinction to a dwelling structure which is custom-built on the site of its permanent location, and also in contradistinction to a manufactured home or a residential-design manufactured home.
- 136. MOTOR HOME:** A portable dwelling designed and constructed as an integral part of a self-propelled vehicle used for recreation.
- 137. MOTOR VEHICLE:** A motorized vehicle with rubber tires for use on highways, including passenger cars, pick-ups and trucks.
- 138. MOTOR VEHICLE GRAVEYARD:** Any establishment which is maintained, used, or operated for storing, keeping, buying, or selling three (3) or more wrecked, scrapped, ruined, dismantled or inoperative motor vehicles; provided, however, such term shall not include any location where motor vehicle bodies are placed along stream banks for purposes of bank stabilization and soil erosion control, if such placement conforms with guidelines established by the Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources of the State Board of Agriculture and has been permitted accordingly.
- 139. MOTOR VEHICLE, INOPERABLE:** Any vehicle that is unable to operate or move under its own power. It shall also mean any vehicle that is in an abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, scrapped, junked or partially dismantled condition which includes having uninflated tires, no wheels, or lacking other parts necessary for the normal operation of the vehicle. It shall also mean any vehicle that because of mechanical defects, a wrecked or partially wrecked frame or body or dismantled parts, cannot be operated in a normal, and safe manner. An inoperable vehicle shall not include vehicles needing only the installation of a battery or the addition of fuel in order to operate.
- 140. NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS, LAND AND/OR USE:** The use of a building or land which was lawful at the time these Regulations became effective but which, because of the passage of these Regulations, does not conform to the regulations of the district in which it exists.
- 141. NONCONFORMING LOT:** An unimproved lot which does not comply with the lot size requirements for any permitted use in the district in which it is located.
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142. **NOXIOUS MATTER:** Material which is capable of causing injury to living organisms by chemical reaction or is capable of causing detrimental effects upon the physical or economic well-being of individuals.
143. **NURSERY:** Any land used to raise trees, shrubs, flowers and other plants for sale or for transporting.
144. **NURSING OR CONVALESCENT HOME:** An institution or agency licensed by the State for the reception, board, care or treatment of five (5) or more unrelated individuals, but not including group boarding homes for minors or group homes for adults.
145. **OPEN SPACE:** Useable open space designed and intended for use by all residents of a residential area, including publicly dedicated space.
146. **OUTDOOR STORAGE:** The storage of goods and materials outside of any building or structure, but not including storage of a temporary or emergency nature.
147. **OVERLAY DISTRICT:** A district which acts in conjunction with the underlying zoning district or districts.
148. **OWNER:** Any person, group of persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations, or any other legal entity having legal title to or sufficient proprietary interest in a tract of land.
149. **PACKAGE LIQUOR STORE:** An establishment in which alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption off the premises.
150. **PARKING LOT:** An area, other than a private parking area, street or alley, used for parking of motor vehicles and available for public or semi-public use.
151. **PARKING SPACE:** Any area surfaced for all-weather use, including gravel, sand, or comparable materials, used for the purpose of storing one parked motor vehicle.
152. **PERSON:** Any individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business or legal entity.
153. **PLANNING COMMISSION:** The Planning Commission of Crawford County, Kansas.
154. **PRESCHOOL:** A facility which:
- A. provides learning experiences for children who have not attained the age of eligibility to enter kindergarten as prescribed in K.S.A. 72-1107(c) and any amendments thereto, and who are 30 months of age or older;
  - B. conducts sessions not exceeding three hours per session;
  - C. does not enroll any child more than one session per day; and

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D. does not serve a meal.

The term “preschool” shall include educational preschools, Montessori schools, nursery schools, church sponsored preschools, and cooperatives. A facility may have fewer than 13 children and be licensed as a preschool if the program and facility meets preschool regulations.

- 155. RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT:** That which an occupant or owner may desire for convenience to store on his lot, but which item is normally and principally transported for use off the lot on a trailer or other vehicle and which is not used by the very nature and utility of the item in connection with customary accessory residential uses on the lot. Included in the meaning of recreational equipment are such large items as slide-in campers, boat trailers, hang gliders, ski jets, houseboats, pontoons, and boats over fourteen (14) feet in length which require a trailer for transportation.
- 156. RECREATIONAL OR SPORTS-RELATED ACTIVITIES OR FACILITIES:** Any lot, plot, parcel or tract of land and/or water; and/or any building or structure, or combination thereof; planned, intended or designed for recreational use. Said activities and/or facilities shall include, but not be limited to, such things as: athletic fields, ball diamonds, golf courses, golf driving ranges, miniature golf courses, swimming pools, natatoriums, tennis courts, racquetball courts, recreational lakes, marinas, racetracks, drag strips, gun clubs, hunting reserves, sporting clay ranges, private shooting ranges, and all common appurtenant accessory activities and facilities such as lighting, bleachers, and concession stands, etc.
- 157. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:** A vehicular-type unit built on or for use on a chassis and designed as living quarters, both permanent and temporary, for recreational, camping or travel use, and which has its own motive power, or is mounted on, or which can be drawn by another vehicle. The term recreational vehicle shall include, but not be limited to, motor homes, travel trailers, camper trailers, pickup truck campers, hauling trailers, and camper buses.
- 158. RECREATIONAL VEHICLE CAMPGROUND:** A lot, tract or parcel of land designed for occupancy by recreational vehicles for temporary or transient living purposes, including the use of camping spaces for tents.
- 159. RESIDENTIAL CENTER:** A non-secure facility which provides residential care for more than 10 residents unrelated to the caregivers, and includes emergency shelters and maternity homes. For purposes of this definition, the term “non-secure facility” means a facility which provides the resident access to the surrounding community.
- 160. RESTAURANT:** A building wherein food is prepared and sold to the public for human consumption. Restaurant includes, but is not limited to, cafe, cafeteria, grill, pizza parlor, diner, snack shop, hamburger shop and steak house.
- 161. RIDING STABLES:** A structure in which saddle horses are kept and/or maintained as a commercial operation, and in connection with which saddle horses may be rented to the general public or made available to members of a private club. Exercise rings and show rings shall be considered uses accessory to the use of the premises for a riding stable.
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162. **RIGHT-OF-WAY:** A strip of land dedicated or reserved for use as a public way which normally includes streets, sidewalks, or other public utility or service area.
163. **RURAL RESIDENTIAL:** A lot of at least ten (10) acres but less than forty (40) acres in size created for the purpose of providing a residential building site, notwithstanding the accessory agricultural use of some or all of said lot either prior to or after the construction of the residential dwelling.
164. **SALE, RETAIL:** The sale of goods, merchandise and/or commodities to the ultimate consumer.
165. **SALE, WHOLESALE:** The sale of goods for resale, or the sale of goods produced or processed from raw materials which require bulk delivery of the product.
166. **SANITARY LANDFILL:** A disposal site in which the method of disposing of solid waste and/or industrial solid waste is by landfill, dump or pit and which has a solid waste disposal permit issued under K.S.A. 65-3401 et seq., and amendments thereto.
167. **SCHOOL:** Any public or private elementary, junior high, high school, college, university, post-graduate, technical or vocational school, offering courses in general instruction at least five days per week and seven months per year.
168. **SCREENING:** Fencing or vegetation maintained for the purpose of concealing from view.
169. **SETBACK:** The distance between a building and the lot line, or road easement line, whichever provides the desired minimum distance.
170. **SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS:** Any business, structure or location which engages in any of the businesses as defined in K.S.A. 12-770, and amendments thereto, whether said sexually oriented business activity is the sole use or is in addition to other uses conducted by said business.
171. **SIGN:** See Article 13.
172. **SLIDE-IN CAMPER:** A structure designed to be mounted temporarily or permanently in the bed of a pickup or light truck to provide enclosed storage space for transportation of property or quarters for recreational camping, including shells and truck cabs.
173. **SOLID WASTE:** Garbage, refuse and other discarded materials including, but not limited to solid, semisolid, sludge, liquid and contained gaseous waste materials resulting from commercial, agricultural and domestic activities. Such term shall not include hazardous wastes.
174. **STOCKYARD, COMMERCIAL:** A penned enclosure, or structure, where livestock are maintained temporarily for the purpose of slaughtering, marketing or shipping.
175. **STORE OR STORAGE:** As related to waste tires, means the placing of waste tires in a manner that does not constitute disposal of the waste tires. Storage includes the beneficial use of waste tires as fences, silo covers and erosion control, and such other beneficial uses determined not to create
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health or environmental risks by the Secretary of Health and Environment of the State of Kansas.

- 176. STORY:** That portion of a building, other than a basement, included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above it, or if there is no floor above it, then the space between the floor and the ceiling next above it.
- 177. STORY, HALF:** A story under a gable, hip or gambrel roof of which the wall plates on at least two opposite exterior walls are not more than 2 feet above the floor of such story.
- 178. STREET:** An easement or right-of-way, other than an alley, which provides principal access to adjacent properties.
- 179. STRUCTURE:** Anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground, or attached to something having a location on the ground.
- 180. SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL:** A lot of at least three (3) acres but less than ten (10) acres in size created for the purpose of providing a residential building site, notwithstanding the accessory agricultural use of some or all of said lot either prior to or after the construction of the residential dwelling.
- 181. SWIMMING CLUB:** A pool and accessory building operated for members and their guests, whether or not operated for gain.
- 182. SWIMMING POOL, PRIVATE:** A pool which is an accessory use to a residence and for the exclusive use of the occupants of the residential building and their guests.
- 183. SWIMMING POOL, PUBLIC:** A pool and accessory buildings, generally owned and operated by a governmental entity, whether open or enclosed, and for use by the general public.
- 184. TAVERN:** An establishment in which cereal malt beverages are sold or served to customers.
- 185. TOWER, COMMUNICATION:** A radio or television broadcasting tower, microwave transmitting and/or receiving tower, commercial telecommunication tower, or any tower or other similar structure 50 feet or more in height; whether publicly or privately owned.
- 186. TOWNHOUSE:** A single-family dwelling constructed as part of a series of dwellings, all of which are either attached to the adjacent dwelling or dwellings by party walls or are located immediately adjacent thereto with no visible separation between walls or roofs.
- 187. TRAVEL TRAILER:** A structure, not to exceed nine feet in width, designed to provide temporary living quarters for recreational, camping or travel use, constructed with integral wheels to make it mobile and/or towable by a motor vehicle.
- 188. TRAILER PARK:** A tract, lot, or parcel of land upon which temporary accommodations are provided for two or more trailers; such park being open to the public either free or for a fee.

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- 189. TRANSFER STATION:** A facility, including land and buildings, used for the handling and/or processing of solid waste to be bundled, bailed or otherwise packaged for transport to another site for disposal in a solid waste landfill. Transfer stations can include material recovery operations, recycling facilities and any other ancillary and/or accessory operation associated with the management of solid waste.
- 190. USE:** The specific purpose for which land or a building is used.
- 191. USEABLE OPEN SPACE:** Land or water which is free of buildings, structures and/or other substantial improvements and which is readily accessible by the public or residents of a residential development. Useable open space does not include streets, alleys, off-street parking or loading areas, roofs, or slopes in excess of 50 percent.
- 192. VISION TRIANGLE:** A horizontal triangular area at the intersection of streets maintained to provide an open line of vision for operators of vehicles approaching the intersection. Within the vision triangle, no one shall install, set out or maintain any sign, fence, hedge, shrubbery, natural growth or other obstruction to view. This restriction shall not apply to:
- A. public utility poles;
  - B. hedges trimmed to a height of less than thirty-three inches above the midpoint of the adjacent travel lane for rural roadways;
  - C. any plant species trimmed so as to leave at all times a clear and unobstructed cross view;
  - D. ornamental fences not exceeding four feet in height, provided the ratio of the solid portion of the fence to the open shall not exceed one to four;
  - E. official warning signs or signals;
  - F. locations where the contour of the ground is such that there can be no cross visibility at the intersection;
  - G. signs mounted ten feet or more above the ground whose supports do not constitute an obstruction.
- 193. WASTE TIRE:** A whole tire that is no longer suitable for its original intended purpose because of wear, damage or defect, as defined in K.S.A. 65-3424, et seq, and amendments thereto.
- 194. WASTE TIRE ABATEMENT:** The processing or removing to an approved storage site of waste tires which are creating a danger or nuisance.
- 195. WASTE TIRE BENEFICIAL USE:** The use or storage of waste tires in a way that creates an on-site economic benefit, other than from processing or recycling, to the owner of the tires. This shall not include the disposal of waste tires on the owners land simply to avoid proper disposal as prescribed by these Regulations and/or state law.
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- 196. **WASTE TIRE COLLECTION CENTER:** A site where used or waste tires are collected from the public prior to being offered for recycling or disposal.
- 197. **WASTE TIRE PROCESSING FACILITY:** A site where equipment is used to cut, burn or otherwise alter whole waste tires so that they are no longer whole.
- 198. **WASTE TIRE SITE:** A site at which 500 or more whole tires are accumulated.
- 199. **YARD:** A required open space, other than a court, unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure from the general ground level of the graded lot upward; provided, however, that fences, walls, poles, posts and other customary yard accessories, ornaments and furniture may be permitted in any yard, subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility.
- 200. **YARD, FRONT:** A yard extending across the full width of the lot, the depth of which is the least distance between the lot line or road easement or right-of-way line and the front building line.
- 201. **YARD, REAR:** A yard extending across the full width of the lot between the rear building line and the rear lot line, the depth of which is the least distance between the rear lot line and the rear building line.
- 202. **YARD, SIDE:** A yard between the side building line and the side line of the lot and extending from the front yard to the rear yard and being the least distance between the side lot line and the side building line.
- 203. **ZONE OR DISTRICT:** A section of the zoning area for which uniform regulations governing the use, height, area, size and intensity of use of buildings, land and open space about buildings are herein established.
- 204. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** The person or persons authorized and empowered by the Governing Body to administer the requirements of these Regulations.

**1-105 Districts:** In order to regulate and restrict the use of land and the location of buildings erected or altered for specific uses, to regulate and limit the height and bulk of buildings hereafter erected or structurally altered, to regulate and limit population density and the intensity of the use of lot areas, and to regulate and determine the areas of yards, courts, and other open spaces surrounding such buildings, the unincorporated portion of Crawford County, is hereby divided into districts of which they shall be in number, known as:

"AG"	Agricultural District
"RR"	Rural Residential District
"SR"	Suburban Residential District
"R-1"	Single-Family Residential District
"AO"	Airport Overlay District
"FP"	Floodplain Overlay District

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“FRD”

Floodwater Retarding Dam Breach Impact Overlay District

At the time of initial adoption, all lands within the unincorporated portion of Crawford County, Kansas, shall be granted zoning consistent with the size of the property as specified within the zoned districts established herein. (i.e. All properties over 10 acres shall be zoned “AG” Agricultural; properties between 1 acre and 9.99 acres shall be zoned “SR” Suburban Residential, etc.) However, certain properties are hereby granted a "Conditional Use" without the benefit of an approved development plan as specified within these Regulations. Those properties granted Conditional Uses shall be those properties which have a legally established land use activity at the time of the adoption of these Regulations and which would require a Conditional Use in order to be established new under the terms of these Regulations. Further, said uses granted a Conditional Use upon the adoption of these Regulations shall be permitted to expand, enlarge or otherwise enhance said use on that land contiguous to and under single ownership at the time of the establishment of this rule; provided a Development Plan is placed on file as required by these Regulations. (Example: A landowner who is operating a commercial business that would require a Conditional Use under these Regulations if it were proposed new shall be granted a Conditional Use at the time of the adoption of these Regulations and may expand that operation on any portion of the contiguous land owned at the time the Regulations were first adopted.)

1. Such land, and the district classification thereof, shall be shown on maps, aerial photos, computer records or other documents deemed appropriate by Crawford County, Kansas, and such maps, aerial photos, computer records or other documents shall be designated as the “Official Zoning Maps.” Said Zoning Maps, and all symbols, notations, dimensions, and references shown thereon or contained therein pertaining to the established zoning districts shall be as much a part of these Regulations as if they were fully described herein, and shall be filed as part of these Regulations with the Zoning Administrator. Said maps or other documents shall be available for inspection in the office of the Zoning Administrator, and any later alterations of these maps or other documents, adopted by amendment, shall be filed and made available for public reference. The above stated maps or other documents shall hereinafter be referred to as the "maps" in this document.
2. When uncertainty exists with respect to the boundaries of the various districts as shown on the maps accompanying and made a part of these Regulations, the following rules shall apply:
  - A. In cases where a boundary line is given a position within a street or alley, or navigable or non-navigable stream, it shall be deemed to be in the center of the street, alley, or stream; and if the actual location of such street, alley, or stream varies slightly from the location as shown on the maps, then the actual location shall control.
  - B. In cases where a boundary line is shown as being located a specific distance from a street line or other physical feature, this distance shall control.
  - C. In cases where a boundary line is shown adjoining or coincident with a railroad, it shall be deemed to be in the center of the railroad right-of-way and distances measured from a railroad shall be measured from the center of such right-of-way.
  - D. Where the district boundaries are not otherwise indicated and where the property has been, or may hereafter be, divided into blocks and lots, the district boundaries shall be construed

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to be the lot lines, and where the districts designated on the maps accompanying and made a part of these Regulations are bounded approximately by lot lines, said lot lines shall be construed to be the boundary of such districts unless said boundaries are otherwise indicated on the maps or by Resolution of the Governing Body.

- E. In unsubdivided property, unless otherwise indicated, the district boundary line on the maps accompanying and made a part of these Regulations shall be determined by the use of the scale contained on such maps.
  - F. When a lot held in one ownership on the effective date of these Regulations is divided by a district boundary line, the entire lot shall be construed to be within the less restrictive district; unless otherwise indicated on the maps or by Resolution of the Governing Body.
3. Where a district boundary follows a street, alley, watercourse or other right-of-way, in case of the vacation of said street, alley, watercourse or other right-of-way, the abutting zoning classification of each side thereof shall automatically be extended to the center line of said vacated street, alley, watercourse or right-of-way. Two districts shall be deemed to adjoin even though separated by a public way or portion thereof.

## **1-106 General Regulations Governing All Zoning Districts:**

- 1. Except as hereinafter provided:
  - A. No land may be used except for a purpose permitted in the district in which it is located.
  - B. No building shall be erected, converted, enlarged, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered, nor shall any building or part thereof be used, except for a use permitted in the district in which the building is located.
  - C. No building shall be erected, converted, enlarged, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered to exceed the height, area and bulk regulations, the parking regulations, or the off-street loading regulations herein established for the district in which the building is located.
  - D. If a use in any structure is hereafter changed to another, then the new use must comply with the use regulations of these Regulations.
  - E. The minimum yards, parking spaces, open spaces, including lot area per family, required by these Regulations for each and every building existing at the time of the passage of these Regulations, or of any building hereafter erected, shall not be encroached upon or considered as required yard or open space for any other building, nor shall any lot area be reduced below the requirements of these Regulations.
  - F. Every building hereafter erected or structurally altered shall be located on a lot as herein defined and, except as hereinafter provided, in no case shall there be more than one main building on one lot.
  - G. No structure shall hereafter be built or moved, and no structure or land shall hereafter be

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used, occupied or designed for use or occupancy unless the minimum off-street parking and loading spaces required by Articles 11 and 12 are provided. No structure or use already established on the effective date of these Regulations shall be enlarged unless the minimum off-street parking and loading spaces which would be required by Articles 11 and 12 are provided for the whole structure or use as enlarged.

2. Nothing contained in these Regulations shall be deemed to be consent, license or permit to use any property; to locate, construct or maintain any structure or facility; or to carry on any trade, industry, occupation or activity.
3. All lands used for agricultural purposes as defined within these Regulations, including those agricultural activities that are designated as accessory uses to rural residential and suburban residential uses, are located within an area where land is used for commercial agricultural production. Owners, residents, and other users of this property or neighboring properties may be subjected to inconvenience, discomfort, and the possibility of injury to property and health arising from normal and accepted agricultural practices and operations, including but not limited to, noise, odors, dust, the operation of machinery of any kind, including aircraft, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, soil amendments, herbicides and pesticides. Owners, occupants, and users of this property and neighboring properties should be prepared to accept such inconveniences, discomfort, and possibility of injury from normal agricultural operations, and are hereby put on official notice that K.S.A. 2-3201 et seq, the "right-to-farm law", may bar them from obtaining a legal judgment against such normal agricultural operations.

**1-107 Vesting of Development Rights:** In conformance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-764, and any subsequent amendments, the following shall apply:

1. The rights of landowners of properties platted or subdivided for rural residential or suburban residential development in conformance with the definition of said terms in the these Regulations shall be protected for use of said land for the intended rural residential or suburban residential purposes for a period of five (5) years from the time in which such property was first platted or subdivided, provided:
  - A. Verifiable evidence is presented showing the date in which said plat or subdivision of land was first created. Acceptable evidence shall be: signed and sealed certificates or plats of survey from a Registered Land Surveyor showing the several lots proposed to be created, either dated or dated and recorded with the Register of Deeds; recorded Restrictive or Protective Covenants for the development; recorded deeds conveying land; or recorded Affidavits of Equitable Interest on contracts for deed for said tracts of land.
  - B. Within said five (5) year period actual sales occur resulting in separate owners on the tracts of land.
  - C. The division of land was legally done in conformance with the then Crawford County Subdivision Regulations.
2. Except for lots in a recorded plat, any remaining contiguous tracts of land within the area divided

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under this rule held in common ownership at the conclusion of said five (5) year period shall be considered an unplatted lot, as defined in these Regulations, and subsequent divisions of said lot shall be in conformance with the Subdivision Regulations then in effect.

3. Properties divided or platted for any use other than agricultural or residential purposes shall not be permitted to develop or further develop except in conformance with these Regulations and the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations. Persons who obtain a validly issued permit under the previous Crawford County Zoning Regulations shall be permitted to develop the property so long as the permit issued under the previous Crawford County Zoning Regulations does not expire. Failure to start construction under said permit before the expiration of the permit shall not protect the owner from the provisions of these Regulations or the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations then in effect.

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- 2-107 Height, Area and Bulk Regulations
- 2-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations
- 2-109 Supplementary Use Regulations

**2-101 Application:** The regulations set forth in this Article, or set forth elsewhere in these Regulations when referred to in this Article, are the regulations in the "AG" Agricultural District. The purpose of this District is to provide for a full range of agricultural activities on land used for agricultural purposes, including processing and sale of agricultural products raised on the premises; and at the same time offer protection to land used for agricultural purposes from the depreciating effect of objectionable, hazardous, incompatible and unsightly uses. The District is also intended to protect watersheds and water supplies; to protect forest and scenic areas; to conserve fish and wildlife habitat; to promote forestry; and to prevent and/or discourage untimely scattering of suburban residential, non-residential and/or more dense urban development.

In this regard, all lands used for agricultural purposes, as defined in these regulations, are and shall be exempt from any and all restrictions or limitations. No administrative interpretation shall be made that results in any restriction or stipulation on land used for agricultural purposes as herein defined; provided, however that consistent with state law, new agricultural buildings shall be subject to floodplain regulations and to setback requirements on that part of agricultural lands fronting on designated major roads and highways. Any proposal for change of land used for agricultural purposes to nonagricultural uses shall be subject to the requirements of these Regulations.

**2-102 Use Regulations:** In District "AG", no building, structure, land or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or altered, except for one or more of the following uses:

1. Agricultural purposes.
2. Grain storage structures for the farm operator, but not a commercial grain storage facility.
3. Wellhead stations, well separators, tank batteries or other similar above ground facilities used merely for distribution, transmission or temporary storage of oil or natural gas.
4. Oil and/or gas well drilling operations, and temporary on-site storage of oil and gas field-related equipment and supplies, but not a junk yard.
5. Single-family dwellings.
6. Railroad rights-of-way, including a strip of land with tracks and auxiliary facilities for track operations, but not including passenger stations, freight terminals, switching and classification yards, repair shops, roundhouses, powerhouses, interlocking towers, and fueling, sanding and

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watering stations.

**2-103 Performance Standards:** The Performance Standards for permitted uses are contained in Article 10 of these Regulations.

**2-104 Parking Regulations:** The Parking Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 11 of these Regulations.

**2-105 Off-Street Loading Regulations:** The Off-Street Loading Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 12 of these Regulations.

**2-106 Sign Regulations:** The Sign Regulations are contained in Article 13 of these Regulations.

**2-107 Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** The height of buildings, the minimum dimensions of lots and yards, and the minimum lot area per family permitted on any lot shall be as follows minimum dimensions of yards required along designated major roads and highways in Crawford County shall be as follows:

1. **Height:** Buildings or structures shall not exceed 35 feet and/or 2 ½ stories in height.
2. **Lot Area:** Every lot shall be a minimum of 40 acres. A lot described as a quarter/quarter (i.e. 1/4 of 1/4 of a section) shall be deemed to meet the lot size requirements even though said lot may net less than a full 40 acres. The lot size shall not apply to those lots created through an approved Agricultural Lot Split in accordance with the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations as provided therein.
3. **Front Yard:** The depth of the front yard shall be 30 feet from the front property line.
4. **Side Yard:** The depth of the side yard shall be at least 30 feet.
5. **Rear Yard:** The depth of the rear yard shall be at least 30 feet.
6. **Lot Dimensions:** The minimum width of a lot shall be 330 feet. The minimum depth of a lot shall be 660 feet. There shall not be a lot depth to lot width ratio greater than 5:1 (i.e. the depth of the lot cannot be greater than 5 times the width of the lot or vice versa).

The Area and Bulk Regulations are also set forth in the chart of Article 14. Said chart, and all notations and requirements shown therein, shall have the same force and effect as if all the notations and requirements were fully set forth or described herein.

**2-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** The Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are contained in Article 15 of these Regulations.

**2-109 Supplementary Use Regulations:** The Supplementary Use Regulations, including permitted Conditional Uses and Accessory Uses, are contained in Article 16 of these Regulations.

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- 3-107 Height, Area and Bulk Regulations
- 3-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations
- 3-109 Supplementary Use Regulations

**3-101 Application:** The regulations set forth in this Article, or set forth elsewhere in these Regulations when referred to in this Article, are the regulations in the "RR" Rural Residential District. The purpose of this District is to provide for the platted development of low-density residential neighborhoods that retain the character of the basically rural area and yet allow an influx of residential development.

**3-102 Use Regulations:** In District "RR," no building, structure, land or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or altered, except for one or more of the more of the following uses:

1. Single-family dwellings.
2. Railroad rights-of-way, including a strip of land with tracks and auxiliary facilities for track operations, but not including passenger stations, freight terminals, switching and classifications yards, repair shops, roundhouses, powerhouses, interlocking towers, and fueling, sanding and watering stations.
3. Temporary buildings, the uses of which are incidental to construction operations or sale of lots during development being conducted on the same or adjoining tract or subdivision, but not for use as a residence; and which shall be removed upon completion or abandonment of such construction, or upon the expiration of a period of one year from the time of erection of such temporary buildings, whichever is sooner.

**3-103 Performance Standards:** The Performance Standards for permitted uses are contained in Article 10 of these Regulations.

**3-104 Parking Regulations:** The Parking Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 11 of these Regulations.

**3-105 Off-Street Loading Regulations:** The Off-Street Loading Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 12 of these Regulations.

**3-106 Sign Regulations:** The Sign Regulations are contained in Article 13 of these Regulations.

**3-107 Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** In the "RR" Rural Residential District, the height of buildings, the minimum dimensions of lots and yards, and the minimum lot area per family permitted on any lot shall be as follows:

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1. **Height:** Buildings or structures shall not exceed 35 feet and/or 2-1/2 stories in height.
2. **Front Yard:** The depth of the front yard shall be at least 30 feet.
3. **Side Yard:** There shall be a side yard on each side of a dwelling. The depth of the side yard shall be at least 10 feet.
4. **Rear Yard:** The depth of the rear yard shall be at least 20 feet.
5. **Minimum Lot Size and Dimensions:** Every lot hereafter created shall provide a minimum lot area of 435,600 square feet or ten (10) acres. The minimum width of a lot shall be 330 feet. The minimum depth of a lot shall be 330 feet. There shall not be a lot depth to lot width ratio greater than 4:1 (i.e. the depth of the lot cannot be greater than 4 times the width of the lot or vice versa). In the event of unusual lot configurations, the Zoning Administrator shall determine whether the lot dimensions meet the spirit and intent of this requirement.
6. **Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit:** Every dwelling hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or altered shall be on a lot with a minimum lot area of 435,600 square feet or ten (10) acres per dwelling unit, unless said lot is a lot of record and conforms to the requirements of these Regulations and the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations.

The Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are also set forth in the chart of Article 14. Said chart, and all notations and requirements shown therein, shall have the same force and effect as if all the notations and requirements were fully set forth or described herein.

**3-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** The Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are contained in Article 15 of these Regulations.

**3-109 Supplementary Use Regulations:** The Supplementary Use Regulations, including permitted Conditional Uses and Accessory Uses, are contained in Article 16 of these Regulations.

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- 4-107 Height, Area and Bulk Regulations
- 4-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations
- 4-109 Supplementary Use Regulations

**4-101 Application:** The regulations set forth in this Article, or set forth elsewhere in these Regulations when referred to in this Article, are the regulations in the "SR" Suburban Residential District. The purpose of this District is to provide for the platted development of low-density residential neighborhoods that retain the character of the basically rural area and yet allow an influx of residential development.

**4-102 Use Regulations:** In District "SR," no building, structure, land or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or altered, except for one or more of the more of the following uses:

1. Single-family dwellings.
2. Railroad rights-of-way, including a strip of land with tracks and auxiliary facilities for track operations, but not including passenger stations, freight terminals, switching and classifications yards, repair shops, roundhouses, powerhouses, interlocking towers, and fueling, sanding and watering stations.
3. Temporary buildings, the uses of which are incidental to construction operations or sale of lots during development being conducted on the same or adjoining tract or subdivision, but not for use as a residence; and which shall be removed upon completion or abandonment of such construction, or upon the expiration of a period of one year from the time of erection of such temporary buildings, whichever is sooner.

**4-103 Performance Standards:** The Performance Standards for permitted uses are contained in Article 10 of these Regulations.

**4-104 Parking Regulations:** The Parking Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 11 of these Regulations.

**4-105 Off-Street Loading Regulations:** The Off-Street Loading Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 12 of these Regulations.

**4-106 Sign Regulations:** The Sign Regulations are contained in Article 13 of these Regulations.

**4-107 Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** In the "SR" Suburban Residential District, the height of buildings, the minimum dimensions of lots and yards, and the minimum lot area per family permitted on any lot shall be as follows:

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1. **Height:** Buildings or structures shall not exceed 35 feet and/or 2-1/2 stories in height.
2. **Front Yard:** The depth of the front yard shall be at least 30 feet.
3. **Side Yard:** There shall be a side yard on each side of a dwelling. The depth of the side yard shall be at least 10 feet.
4. **Rear Yard:** The depth of the rear yard shall be at least 20 feet.
5. **Minimum Lot Size and Dimensions:** Every lot hereafter created shall provide a minimum lot area 130,380 square feet or three (3) acres. The minimum width of a lot shall be 165 feet. The minimum depth of a lot shall be 250 feet. There shall not be a lot depth to lot width ratio greater than 5:1 (i.e. the depth of the lot cannot be greater than 5 times the width of the lot or vice versa). In the event of unusual lot configurations, the Zoning Administrator shall determine whether the lot dimensions meet the spirit and intent of this requirement.
6. **Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit:** Every dwelling hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or altered shall be on a lot with a minimum lot area of 130,680 square feet or three (3) acres per dwelling unit, unless said lot is a lot of record and conforms to the requirements of these Regulations and the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations.

The Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are also set forth in the chart of Article 14. Said chart, and all notations and requirements shown therein, shall have the same force and effect as if all the notations and requirements were fully set forth or described herein.

**4-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** The Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are contained in Article 15 of these Regulations.

**4-109 Supplementary Use Regulations:** The Supplementary Use Regulations, including permitted Conditional Uses and Accessory Uses, are contained in Article 16 of these Regulations.

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- 5-105 Off-Street Loading Regulations
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- 5-107 Height, Area, and Bulk Regulations
- 5-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations
- 5-109 Supplementary Use Regulations

**5-101 Application:** The regulations set forth in this Article, or set forth elsewhere in these Regulations, when referred to in this Article are the regulations in the "R-1" Single-Family Residential District. The purpose of this District is to provide for platted single-family residential development of a more urban character where public sanitary sewers and water, and other necessary public utilities and services are present to support the development, or where such infrastructure can be included within the development of the property as provided by the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations. The District is also designed to protect and preserve existing development of a similar character, even though the public utilities may not be in place.

**5-102 Use Regulations:** In District "R-1," no building, structure, land or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or altered, except for one or more of the following uses:

1. Single-family dwellings.
2. Railroad rights-of-way, including a strip of land with tracks and auxiliary facilities for track operations, but not including passenger stations, freight terminals, switching and classifications yards, repair shops, roundhouses, powerhouses, interlocking towers, and fueling, sanding, and watering stations.
3. Temporary buildings, the uses of which are incidental to construction operations or sale of lots during development being conducted on the same or adjoining tract or subdivision, but not for use as a residence; and which shall be removed upon completion or abandonment of such construction, or upon the expiration of a period of one year from the time of erection of such temporary buildings, whichever is sooner.

**5-103 Performance Standards:** The Performance Standards for permitted uses are contained in Article 10 of these Regulations.

**5-104 Parking Regulations:** The Parking Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 11 of these Regulations.

**5-105 Off-Street Loading Regulations:** The Off-Street Loading Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 12 of these Regulations.

**5-106 Sign Regulations:** The Sign Regulations are contained in Article 13 of these Regulations.

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**5-107 Height, Area, and Bulk Regulations:** In the "R-1" Single-Family Residential District, the height of buildings, the minimum dimensions of lots and yards, and the minimum lot area per family permitted on any lot shall be as follows:

1. **Height:** Buildings or structures shall not exceed 35 feet and/or 2 ½ stories in height.
2. **Front Yard:** The depth of the front yard shall be at least 30 feet.
3. **Side Yard:** There shall be a side yard on each side of a dwelling. The depth of the side yard shall be at least 10 feet.
4. **Rear Yard:** The depth of the rear yard shall be at least 20 feet.
5. **Lot Dimensions:** No minimum lot dimensions are established, however, it is anticipated that every lot shall provide sufficient setbacks as specified herein and still provide adequate building area.
6. **Lot Area:** No minimum lot area is established, however, it is expected that sufficient area will be provided to meet the requirements established herein and provide for the proper provision for safe water and the sanitary disposal of sewage in accordance with the Crawford County Sanitation Code.

The Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are also set forth in the chart of Article 14. Said chart, and all notations and requirements shown therein, shall have the same force and effect as if all the notations and requirements were fully set forth or described herein.

**5-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are contained in Article 15 of these Regulations.

**5-109 Supplementary Use Regulations:** Supplementary Use Regulations, including permitted Conditional Uses and Accessory Uses, are contained in Article 16 of these Regulations.

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**6-101 Purpose:** The regulations set forth in this Article, or set forth elsewhere in these Regulations when referred to in this Article, are the regulations in the "AO" Airport Overlay District. The Airport Overlay District is designed to establish an airport zone surrounding Atkinson Municipal Airport in Crawford County and to protect those using the airports from hazards that might be erected or constructed on surrounding properties. To this end, the District establishes additional restrictions on uses of property that may be more strict than those of the underlying district. When this occurs, the more strict requirements apply.

**6-102 Definitions:** As used in this Article, unless the context otherwise requires, the following words or phrases shall have the meanings herein defined:

1. **AIRPORT:** Atkinson Municipal Airport.
2. **AIRPORT ELEVATION:** An elevation of 949 feet above mean sea level for Atkinson Municipal Airport.
3. **AIRPORT HAZARD:** Any structure, tree, or use of land which obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing and taking off at any airport, or is otherwise hazardous to such landing or taking off of aircraft.
4. **APPROACH SURFACE:** A surface longitudinally centered on the extended runway centerline, extending outward and upward from the end of the primary surface and at the same slope as the approach zone height limitation slope set forth in Section 6-104 hereof. The perimeter of the approach surface coincides with the perimeter of the approach zone.
5. **APPROACH, TRANSITIONAL, HORIZONTAL, AND CONICAL ZONES:** The zones established in this article.
6. **CONICAL SURFACE:** A surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the horizontal surface at a slope of 20 to 1 for a horizontal distance of 4,000 feet.
7. **HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION:** An obstruction determined to have a substantial adverse effect on the safe and efficient utilization of the navigable airspace.
8. **HEIGHT:** For the purpose of determining the height limits in all zones set forth in this Article and shown on the Airport Zoning Maps, the datum shall be mean sea level elevation unless otherwise

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specified.

9. **HORIZONTAL SURFACE:** A horizontal plane 150 feet above the established airport elevation, the perimeter of which coincides with the perimeter of the horizontal zone.
10. **LARGER THAN UTILITY RUNWAY:** A runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller-driven aircraft of greater than 12,500 pounds maximum gross weight, and jet-powered aircraft.
11. **NONCONFORMING USE:** Any pre-existing structure, object of natural growth, or use of land which is inconsistent with the provisions of this Article, or any amendment thereto.
12. **NONPRECISION INSTRUMENT RUNWAY:** A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing air navigation facilities with only horizontal guidance, or area-type navigation equipment, for which a straight-in nonprecision instrument approach procedure has been approved or planned.
13. **OBSTRUCTION:** Any structure, growth, or other object, including a mobile object, which exceeds a limiting height set forth in Section 5-104 hereof.
14. **PERSON:** Any individual, firm, copartnership, company, association, joint stock association, or government entity, and includes any trustee, receiver, assignee, or other similar representative thereof.
15. **PRECISION INSTRUMENT RUNWAY:** A runway having an existing instrument approach procedure utilizing an Instrument Landing System (ILS) or a Precision Approach Radar (PAR). It also means a runway for which a precision approach system is planned and is so indicated on an approved airport layout plan or any other planning document.
16. **PRIMARY SURFACE:** A surface longitudinally centered on a runway. When the runway has a specially prepared hard surface, the primary surface extends 200 feet beyond each end of that runway. The width of the primary surface is set forth in Section 6-103 hereof. The elevation of any point on the primary surface is the same as the elevation of the nearest point on the runway centerline.
17. **RUNWAY:** A defined area on an airport prepared for landing and taking off of aircraft along its length.
18. **STRUCTURE:** Any object, including a mobile object, constructed or installed by man, including, but without limitation, buildings, towers, tanks, cranes, smokestacks, earth formation, and overhead transmission lines.
19. **TRANSITIONAL SURFACES:** These surfaces extend outward at 90 degree angles to the runway centerline and the runway centerline extended at a slope of 7 feet horizontally for each 1 foot vertically from the sides of the primary and approach surfaces to where they intersect the horizontal and conical surfaces. Transitional surfaces for those portions of the precision approach surfaces, which project through and beyond the limits of the conical surface, extend a distance of 5,000 feet

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measured horizontally from the edge of the approach surface and at 90 degree angles to the extended runway centerline.

20. **TREE:** Any object of natural growth.
21. **UTILITY RUNWAY:** A runway that is constructed for and intended to be used by propeller-driven aircraft of 12,500 pounds maximum gross weight and less.
22. **VISUAL RUNWAY:** A runway intended solely for the operation of aircraft using visual approach procedures.

**6-103 Establishment of Airport Zones:** In order to carry out the provisions of this section, there are hereby created and established certain zones which include all of the land lying beneath the approach surfaces, transitional surfaces, horizontal surfaces, and conical surfaces as they apply to Atkinson Municipal Airport. Such zones are shown on the Crawford County Airport Zoning Maps which are hereby made a part of these Regulations. An area located in more than one of the following zones is considered to be only in the zone with the more restrictive height limitation. The various zones are hereby established and defined as follows:

1. **Utility Runway Nonprecision Instrument Approach Zone:** The inner edge of this approach zone coincides with the width of the primary surface and is 500 feet wide. The approach zone expands outward uniformly to a width of 2,000 feet at a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet from the primary surface. Its centerline is the continuation of the centerline of the runway. (This zone applies to Runway 4-22 at Atkinson Municipal Airport.)
2. **Runway Larger than Utility with a Visibility Minimum Greater than 3/4 Mile Nonprecision Instrument Approach Zone:** The inner edge of this approach zone coincides with the width of the primary surface and is 500 feet wide. The approach zone expands outward uniformly to a width of 3,500 feet at a horizontal distance of 10,000 feet from the primary surface. Its centerline is the continuation of the centerline of the runway. (This zone applies to Runway 16-34 at Atkinson Municipal Airport.)
3. **Transitional Zones:** The transitional zones are the areas beneath the transitional surfaces.
4. **Horizontal Zone:** The horizontal zone is established by swinging arcs of 10,000 feet radii for all runways measured from the center of each end of the primary surface of each runway and connecting the adjacent arcs by drawing lines tangent to those arcs. The horizontal zone does not include the approach and transitional zones.
5. **Conical Zone:** The conical zone is established as the area that commences at the periphery of the horizontal zone and extends outward there from a horizontal distance of 4,000 feet.

**6-104 Airport Zone Height Limitations:** Except as otherwise provided in this Article, no structure shall be erected, altered, or maintained, and no tree shall be allowed to grow in any zone created by this Article to a height in excess of the applicable height herein established for such zone. Such applicable height limitations are hereby established for each of the zones in question as follows:

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1. **Utility Runway Nonprecision Instrument Approach Zone:** Slopes 34 feet outward for each 1 foot upward beginning at the end of, and at the same elevation as, the primary surface and extending to a horizontal distance of 10,000 feet along the extended runway centerline.
2. **Transitional Zones:** Slopes 7 feet outward for each 1 foot upward beginning at the sides of, and at the same elevation as, the primary surface and the approach surface, and extending to a height of 150 feet above the airport elevation. In addition to the foregoing, there are established height limits sloping 7 feet outward for each 1 foot upward beginning at the sides of, and the same elevation as, the approach surface and extending to where they intersect the conical surface or horizontal surface.
3. **Horizontal Zone:** Established at 150 feet above the airport elevation.
4. **Conical Zone:** Slopes 20 feet outward for each 1 foot upward beginning at the periphery of the horizontal zone and at 150 feet above the airport elevation, and extending to a height of 350 feet above the airport elevation.
5. **Excepted Height Limitations:** Except in the Approach Zones, nothing in this Article shall be construed as prohibiting the construction or maintenance of any structure, or growth of any tree, to a height up to 50 feet above the surface of the land.

**6-105 Use Restrictions:** Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article, no use may be made of land or water within any zone established by this Article in such a manner as to create electrical interference with navigational signals or radio communication between the airport and aircraft, make it difficult for pilots to distinguish between airport lights and others, result in glare in the eyes of pilots using the airport, impair visibility in the vicinity of the airport, create bird strike hazards, or otherwise in any way endanger or interfere with the landing, takeoff or maneuvering of aircraft intending to use the airport. No sanitary landfill may be established, operated, or maintained within 2 miles of any airport boundary.

**6-106 Plan Approval Guidelines:** The Plan Approval Guidelines, including site plan submission and content requirements, are contained in Article 9 of these Regulations.

**6-107 Nonconforming Uses:**

1. **Regulations Not Retroactive:** The regulations prescribed in this Article shall not be construed to require the removal, lowering, or other change or alteration of any structure or tree not conforming to the regulations at the effective date of these Regulations, or otherwise interfere with the continuation of a nonconforming use. Nothing contained herein shall require any change in the construction, alteration, or intended use of any structure, the construction or alteration of which was begun prior to the effective date of these Regulations and is diligently pursued.
2. **Marking and Lighting:** Notwithstanding the preceding provision of this Article, the owner of any existing nonconforming structure or tree is hereby required to permit the installation, operation, and maintenance thereon of such markers and lights as shall be deemed necessary by the Zoning Administrator to indicate the presence of such airport obstruction. Such markers and lights shall be installed, operated, and maintained at the expense of the airport owner.

**6-108 Permits:**

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1. **Future Uses:** Except as specifically provided in (A.), (B.), and (C.) hereunder, no material change shall be made in the use of land, no structure shall be erected or otherwise established, and no tree shall be planted in any zone herein created unless a permit therefore shall have been applied for and granted. Each application for a permit shall indicate the purpose for which the permit is desired, with sufficient particularity to permit it to be determined whether the resulting use, structure, or tree would conform to the regulations herein prescribed. If such determination is in the affirmative, the permit shall be granted. No permit for a use inconsistent with the provisions of this Article shall be granted unless a variance has been approved in accordance with Section 6-108 (4.) hereof.

Nothing contained in any of the foregoing exceptions shall be construed as permitting or intending to permit any construction, or alteration of any structure, or growth of any tree in excess of any of the height limits established by this Article, except as set forth in Section 6-104 (5.).

- A. In the area lying within the limits of the horizontal zone and the conical zone, no permit shall be required for any tree or structure less than 75 feet of vertical height above the ground; except when, because of terrain, land contour, or topographical features, such tree or structure would extend above the height limits prescribed for such zones.
  - B. In areas lying within the limits of the approach zones but a horizontal distance of not less than 4,200 feet from each end of the runway, no permit shall be required for any tree or structure less than 75 feet height above the ground; except when such tree or structure would extend above the height limit prescribed for such approach zone.
  - C. In the areas lying within the limits of the transition zones beyond the perimeter of the horizontal zone, no permit shall be required for any tree or structure less than 75 feet of vertical height above the ground; except when such tree or structure, because of terrain, land contour, or topographic features, would extend above the height limit prescribed for such transition zones.
2. **Existing Uses:** No permit shall be granted that would allow the establishment or creation of an obstruction or permit a nonconforming use, structure, or tree to become a greater hazard to air navigation than it was on the effective date of these Regulations or any amendments thereto, or than it is when the application for a permit is made. Except as indicated, all applications for such a permit shall be granted.
  3. **Nonconforming Uses Abandoned or Destroyed:** Whenever the Zoning Administrator determines that a nonconforming tree or structure has been abandoned or more than 50 percent torn down, physically deteriorated, or decayed, no permit shall be granted that would allow such structure or tree to exceed the applicable height limit or otherwise deviate from the Zoning Regulations.
  4. **Variances:** Any person desiring to erect or increase the height of any structure, or permit the growth of any tree, or use property not in accordance with the regulations prescribed in the Article, may apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance from such regulations. Each application for variance shall be accompanied by a determination from the Federal Aviation Administration as to the effect of the proposal on the operation of air navigation facilities and the safe, efficient use of navigable airspace. Such variances shall be allowed where it is duly found that a literal application

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or enforcement of the regulations will result in unnecessary hardship, and relief granted will not be contrary to the public interest, will not create a hazard to air navigation, will do substantial justice, and will be in accordance with the spirit of this Article. Additionally, no application for variance to the requirements of this Article may be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals unless a copy of the application has been furnished to the airport owner for advice as to the aeronautical effects of the variance. If the airport owner does not respond to the application within 30 days after receipt, the Board of Zoning Appeals may act on its own to grant or deny said application.

- 5. **Obstruction Marking and Lighting:** Any permit or variance granted may, if such action is deemed advisable to effectuate the purpose of this Article and be reasonable in circumstances, be so conditioned as to require the owner of the structure or tree in question to install, operate, and maintain, at the owner's expense, such markings and lights as may be necessary. If deemed proper by the Board of Zoning Appeals and approved by the Governing Body, this condition may be modified to require the owner to permit the Airport owner, at its own expense, to install, operate, and maintain the necessary markings and lights.

**6-109 Enforcement:** It shall be the duty of the Zoning Administrator to administer and enforce the regulations prescribed in this Article. Applications for permits and variances shall be made to the Zoning Administrator upon a form published for that purpose. Applications required by this Article to be submitted to the Zoning Administrator shall be promptly considered and granted or denied. Application for action by the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be forthwith transmitted by the Zoning Administrator.

**6-110 Conflicting Regulations:** Where there exists a conflict between any of the regulations or limitations prescribed in this Article and any other regulations applicable to the same area, whether the conflict be with respect to the height of structures or trees, the use of land, or any other matter, the more stringent limitation or requirement shall govern and prevail.

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## **FLOODPLAIN DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

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See Crawford County Resolution No. 2009-104, passed and approved on January 16, 2009, and published on January 23, 2009.

# ARTICLE 8 "FRD" FLOODWATER RETARDING DAM BREACH IMPACT DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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## Sections:

### 8-101 Purpose

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### 8-105 Permitted Uses

### 8-106 Permit Required

**8-101 Purpose:** Certain areas of Crawford County below Floodwater Retarding Dams (hereinafter referred to as FRD) would be subject to substantial flooding should a FRD breach occur. This could result in significant losses due to:

1. the cumulative effect of obstructions in the FRD breach impact area district causing increases in flood heights and velocities; and,
2. the occupancy of FRD breach impact area district by uses vulnerable to floods or hazardous to others which are inadequately elevated or otherwise protected from flood damage.

The FRD breach impact area district is designed to permit the gainful use of certain lands which are considered to be in the path of potential flood waters and from which structures and other valuable property use that is subject to damage by flood water should be regulated. This would permit surface runoff through such areas in the event of a FRD breach with a minimum risk of structural damage or property loss, and a minimum of obligation upon governmental authorities for flood or disaster assistance.

As such, this Article is intended to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize these losses by applying the provisions of this Article to the designated areas within Crawford County. And by taking action to:

3. Restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety, or property in the FRD breach impact area, or which might cause undue increase in flood heights; and,
4. Protect individuals from buying lands for the purpose of building in the FRD breach impact area which is unsuited for intended purposes because of flood hazard.

### 8-102 Findings of Fact:

1. The FRD breach impact area district of Crawford County, Kansas, are subject to inundation which, in the event of a FRD breach, could result in potential loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood relief, and impairment of the tax base; all of which adversely affect the public health, safety and general welfare.
2. Such flood losses are caused by:
  - A. The cumulative effect of obstructions in FRD breach impact areas causing increases in flood heights and velocities.

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- B. The occupancy of FRD breach impact areas by uses vulnerable to floods or hazardous to others, and which are inadequately elevated or otherwise protected from flood damages.
- 3. This Article uses a reasonable method of analyzing FRD breach impact flood hazards which consists of a series of interrelated steps, as follows:
  - A. The use of engineering calculations and breach impact studies which indicate the area and potential depth of inundation for each FRD.
  - B. Computation of floodway required to convey the breach flood waters without increasing flood heights more than one (1) foot at any point.
  - C. Delineation of breach impact area encroachment lines within which no obstruction is permitted which would cause any increase in flood height.

## **8-103 General Provisions:**

1. **Land to which Regulations Apply:** This Article shall apply to all lands within the unincorporated portion of Crawford County, Kansas, identified on the Floodwater Retarding Dam Maps as elaborated by the official Professional Engineering Breach Impact Studies. No development shall be permitted in any defined FRD breach impact area except as authorized herein.
2. **The Enforcement Officer:** The Zoning Administrator of Crawford County, Kansas, is designated as the enforcement officer.
3. **Rules for Interpretation of District Boundaries:** The boundaries of the FRD breach impact area district shall be determined by scaling distances on the engineering Breach Impact Studies. The Enforcement Officer shall make all interpretations as to the exact location of said boundaries. In such cases where the interpretation is contested, the Board of Zoning Appeals will resolve the dispute.
4. **Existing Development:** No development or structures presently located within a known FRD breach impact area shall be relocated, extended, converted or structurally altered.
5. **Abrogation and Greater Restrictions:** It is not intended by this Article to repeal, abrogate or impair any existing easements, covenants or deed restrictions. However, where this Article imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Article shall prevail. All other regulations inconsistent with this Article are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency only.
6. **Interpretation:** In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Article shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of the Governing Body and Crawford County.
7. **Warning and Disclaimer of Liability:** The degree of flood protection required by this Article is considered reasonable for regulatory purposes and is based on engineering and scientific methods of study. In the event of a FRD breach, larger floods may occur on rare occasions or the flood height may be increased by man-made or natural causes. This Article does not imply that areas outside

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boundaries of the FRD breach impact area or land uses permitted within such districts will be free from flooding or flood damages. This Article shall not create liability on the part of Crawford County or any officer or employee thereof for any flood damages that may result from reliance on this Article or any administrative decision lawfully made thereunder.

8. **Appeal:** Where a request for a permit to develop, build, locate, extend, convert or structurally alter any structure or building is denied by the Enforcement Officer, the applicant may appeal such decision and apply for relief to the Board of Zoning Appeals in the method provided in these Regulations for appeals.

**8-104 Establishment of Zoning District:** The mapped FRD breach impact areas within the jurisdiction of this Article are hereby divided into the following district: a floodwater retarding dam breach impact overlay district "FRD" identified on the Floodwater Retarding Dam Maps and as elaborated by the official Professional Engineering Breach Impact Studies. Within this district all uses not meeting the standards of this Article and those standards of underlying zoning districts shall be prohibited.

**8-105 Permitted Uses:** Only uses having a low flood damage potential and not obstructing flood flows shall be permitted within the Floodwater Retarding Dam Breach Impact Overlay District to the extent they are not prohibited by any other provision of these Regulations, and provided they do not require structures or storage of materials or equipment. Subject to the requirements of these Regulations, the following uses are permitted:

1. Agricultural uses.
2. Nonbuilding residential accessory uses such as lawns, gardens, parking, play and yard areas.
3. Nonresidential uses such as loading areas, parking, landing strips.
4. Public and private recreational uses such as golf courses, archery ranges, picnic grounds, parks, wildlife and nature preserves.

**8-106 Permit Required:** No person, firm or corporation shall initiate any development or cause the same to be done without first obtaining a permit as required by these Regulations.

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#### 9-101 Purpose

#### 9-102 Application, Review, Approval Procedure

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#### 9-105 Development Plan - Phasing, Time Restrictions

#### 9-106 Appeals of Planning Commission Action on Development Plan

#### 9-107 Remedies for Noncompliance

**9-101 Purpose:** The procedures and requirements set forth in this Article, or the requirements set forth elsewhere in this Code when referred to in this Article, are for the development plans required for Conditional Use Permits designated elsewhere in this Code. These requirements are specifically intended to accommodate the consideration of an application for a Conditional Use under the provisions of these Regulations. The erection, construction, reconstruction, moving or altering on an individual lot or property of a single-family residential unit shall not be subject to the provisions of this Article.

The requirements and standards herein prescribed by these Regulations pertaining to height, open space, setbacks, parking, loading, and signs may be adjusted or modified so that the property in question may be developed in a reasonable manner and, at the same time, will not be detrimental to the public welfare and the interests of the community, but in keeping with the general intent and spirit of these Regulations. Such adjustments or modifications may be permitted in the Development Plan approval as a part of the Conditional Use process, or may be allowed upon request of the applicant after approval by the Planning Commission and Governing Body as an amendment to a previously approved Development Plan or as a first approval of a Development Plan on properties that have never had an approved Development Plan. Said modifications shall not be made by administrative approval of a Development Plan.

**9-102 Application, Review, Approval Procedure:** In order to assure that proposed uses requiring Conditional Use Permits meet the requirements of these Regulations and will be compatible with surrounding properties and uses, it is hereby required that all applications for a Conditional Use Permit, except those uses exempted in Section 9-101 above, include a Development Plan which must be approved as specified within this Article prior to any construction on the property.

The procedure for approval of a Development Plan shall consist of the following:

1. Application for a Conditional Use Permit, and;
2. A Development Plan.

The development plan shall be submitted at the time the application is submitted and no application shall be deemed complete nor set for public hearing until said development plan is submitted. No building permit shall be issued for a use requiring a Conditional Use Permit until the development plan for the entire property and/or each phase of development has been approved in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

Properties granted a Conditional Use Permit at the time of the initial adoption of these Regulations may construct additions to existing buildings by obtaining administrative approval of a development plan by the Zoning Administrator if the Zoning Administrator deems such improvements are within the spirit and intent of these Regulations. If the Zoning Administrator finds the additions or modifications are beyond

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administrative approval, then the Development Plan approval must be process through the Planning Commission and Governing Body.

**9-103 Development Plan:** Application for a Conditional Use and Development Plan approval shall be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article 16 of these Regulations. The application shall include a Development Plan which describes the applicant's intentions for the use and development of the property. The Development Plan shall include and/or display the following information:

1. When deemed necessary, a topographic survey indicating the legal description, property boundary, existing contours, existing utilities and easements, and natural and manmade features of the property.
2. A Development Plan, drawn to scale (the same scale as the topographic survey), indicating:
  - A. existing contours (shown as dashed lines), when necessary;
  - B. proposed contours (shown as solid lines), when necessary;
  - C. location and orientation of all existing and proposed buildings;
  - D. areas to be used for parking, including the number and arrangement of stalls;
  - E. areas to be developed for screening, including the location of plant materials, and screening structures and features;
  - F. pedestrian and vehicular circulation, and their relationship to existing streets, alleys and public right-of-way;
  - G. points of ingress and egress;
  - H. location of all existing and proposed utilities (sanitary sewage systems, water systems, storm drainage systems, gas lines, telephone lines and electrical power lines);
  - I. drainage controls (retention or detention ponds), when necessary;
  - J. location, size and characteristics of identification and business signs;
  - K. lighting layout, appurtenances, and intensity of illumination;
  - L. proposed finished floor elevations of all buildings and structures, when necessary.
3. A statement of intent shall accompany the Development Plan to explain the measures used to achieve compatibility of the proposed development with surrounding properties through the planning of the site and the location and design of structures.

**9-104 Development Plan – Planning Commission Review:** The Planning Commission shall review the application for a Conditional Use Permit, along with the Development Plan, and shall recommend approval or denial of the Conditional Use Permit along with the Development Plan to the Governing Body, or may

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request modifications to the Development Plan as deemed necessary to carry out the spirit and intent of these Regulations. Approval by the Governing Body shall constitute approval and permanency of the Development Plan, thereby establishing the criteria for construction of the proposed development.

In the process of reviewing any Development Plan, the Planning Commission and/or Governing Body may provide approval of the Development Plan conditioned upon certain limitations or restrictions deemed necessary to protect the public interest and surrounding properties, including, if any, the following:

1. Limitations on the type, illumination and appearance of any signs or advertising structures.
2. Direction and location of outdoor lighting.
3. Arrangement and location of off-street parking and off-street loading spaces.
4. The type of paving, landscaping, fencing, screening and other such features.
5. Limitations on structural alterations to existing buildings.
6. Prohibition of use or construction of any structure to be used for a single-family dwelling, including a manufactured home.
7. Plans for control or elimination of smoke, dust, gas, noise or vibration caused by the proposed use.
8. Waiver of any standards, requirements or depiction of information required by this Article when requested by the applicant and shown to be unnecessary as applied to the specific case in question.
9. Such other conditions and/or limitations that are deemed necessary.

**9-105 Development Plan - Phasing, Time Restrictions:** The Governing Body shall review the Development Plan and shall act on said plan in a reasonable time period. Upon approval by the Governing Body, the Development Plan shall be filed for record in the office of the Zoning Administrator. The applicant may proceed with construction based on the entire Development Plan, or may elect to develop the property in phases. The applicant may submit the Development Plan separately for the first and each successive phase of construction, or for all of the project with a depiction of the phasing sequence; however, all Conditional Uses approved with a Development Plan shall have construction begun within one (1) year of said approval by the Governing Body. The applicant may request a one (1) year extension of this time restriction by submitting a request in writing to the Governing Body stating the reasons construction has not begun and at what time construction is expected to begin. If the Governing Body agrees, the one (1) year extension may be granted one time but shall not be granted for any longer period.

After the Development Plan has been approved, and when in the course of carrying out the Development Plan, minor adjustments are requested by the applicant and such adjustments conform to the minimum standards established by the approved Development Plan for building coverage, parking spaces, points of ingress and/or egress, heights, setbacks and/or other requirements, such adjustments may be made by the Zoning Administrator. If the requested adjustments are deemed by the Zoning Administrator to exceed the minimum standards established by the approved Development Plan, the revised Development Plan must be submitted to and approved by the Planning Commission and Governing Body before any further work can

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proceed. At no time shall the Conditional Use previously approved be subject to disapproval. The only issue in said review shall be the requested revisions to the previously approved Development Plan.

Those properties granted a Conditional Use Permit at the time of adoption of these Regulations and which do not have an approved Development Plan may submit a Development Plan at any time for administrative approval by the Zoning Administrator, including to propose an enlargement, expansion or other improvement of said use as permitted by these Regulations. If the Zoning Administrator deems the proposal beyond his/her authority, the owner may submit the proposed Development Plan to the Planning Commission as outlined in the paragraph above.

**9-106 Appeals of Planning Commission Action on Development Plan:** Any decision of the Planning Commission regarding development plans may be appealed to the Governing Body, whose decision shall be final. An appeal shall be filed in writing with the Zoning Administrator not later than fifteen (15) days following the date of the Planning Commission's final action. If no appeal is taken within that time, the decision of the Planning Commission shall be final. The appeal shall set forth the basis for the appeal and the relief sought by the applicant. The Zoning Administrator shall schedule the appeal before the Governing Body no later than thirty (30) days following the filing of the appeal. The Zoning Administrator shall notify all interested persons in writing of the time and place of the Governing Body's meeting at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting.

**9-107 Remedies for Noncompliance:** If the applicant fails to comply with any of the restrictions or limitations established with an approved Development Plan, including the time requirements herein established, the approved Development Plan shall be declared null and void and no permit for construction shall be issued until a new Development Plan has been approved following the procedures previously cited. The Conditional Use Permit shall remain in effect but shall do so without an approved Development Plan. If the approved Development Plan is voided, the Planning Commission or the Governing Body may initiate an action to have the Conditional Use permit revoked.

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#### 10-102 Performance Standards - District "AG" and "RR"

#### 10-103 Performance Standards - Districts "SR" and "R-1"

#### 10-104 Performance Standards - District "AO"

#### 10-105 Performance Standards - Conditional Uses

**10-101 Purpose:** The regulations set forth in this Article, or set forth elsewhere in these Regulations when referred to in this Article, are the performance standards for uses permitted within these Regulations. The standards established herein are intended to provide guidance in the development or redevelopment of property in Crawford County for the purpose of encouraging and requiring orderly development at a quality level generally equal to or exceeding that commonly found elsewhere in the community. The standards stated within this Article are the minimum required or maximum permitted, whichever the case may be, for the uses permitted in these Regulations.

**10-102 Performance Standards - District "AG" and "RR":** The following are the performance standards for the "AG" Agricultural District and the "RR" Rural Residential District.

1. Agricultural uses are permitted with no restrictions as to operation of such vehicles or machinery as are customarily incidental to such uses, and with no restrictions to the sale or marketing of products raised on the premises; provided, however, there shall be no disposal of garbage, rubbish or offal, other than regular removal, except in compliance with the Crawford County Sanitation Code.
2. No main or accessory building or structure shall project beyond the property line. On all major streets and highways within Crawford County, no main or accessory building or structure shall project beyond the setback lines established within these Regulations. Nothing shall be allowed to be placed in any public right-of-way without the express permission of the County.
3. In order for residential-design manufactured homes, when installed, to have substantially the appearance of an on-site, conventionally built, single-family dwelling in this County, the residential-design manufactured home shall be established on-site in conformance to the requirements of the Crawford County Manufactured Home Code, as amended.
4. Where permitted as an accessory use, small wind energy conversion systems shall conform to the following standards:
  - A. The maximum capacity of the system shall be 25 kW. There shall be no more than one (1) system on an individual property.
  - B. The lowest point of the rotor blades shall be at least 20 feet above ground level at the base of the tower.
  - C. The maximum height of the structure shall be 199 feet as measured to the top of the blade at its highest point.

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- D. The minimum setback shall be a distance equal to the height of the structure from all property lines.
  - E. Any standards proposed to exceed those stated herein shall be permitted only by the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit after proper notice and hearing as provided by these Regulations.
5. The use of a structure constructed or intended for use as a shipping container, whether originally as a transportation vehicle or as a separate structure, may be placed in any number in the "AG" Agricultural District.

**10-103 Performance Standards – Districts "SR" and "R-1":** The following are the performance standards for the "SR" Suburban Residential District and the "R-1" Single-Family Residential District.

- 1. Agricultural uses are permitted as an accessory use to the same extent as allowed in the Agricultural District, with no restrictions as to operation of such vehicles or machinery as are customarily incidental to such uses, and with no restrictions to the sale or marketing of products raised on the premises; provided, however, there shall be no disposal of garbage, rubbish or offal, other than regular removal, except in compliance with the Crawford County Sanitation Code.
- 2. Residential real estate sales offices in the "RR" Rural Residential, "SR" Suburban Residential District and the "R-1" Single-Family Residential are subject to the following standards:
  - A. There shall be only one residential sales office in any one subdivision.
  - B. All sales shall be limited to the sale of new properties located within that subdivision.
  - C. Any sales office within a subdivision shall be located within a permanent residential structure. Manufactured homes, mobile homes, and construction trailers shall not be permitted to be used as a residential real estate sales office.
  - D. No additional parking facilities other than adjacent on-street parking or customary driveway parking shall be permitted.
  - E. Upon issuance of any final approval of construction for 90% of the lots within the subdivision, the sales office shall be terminated.
- 3. In order for residential-design manufactured homes, when installed, to have substantially the appearance of an on-site, conventionally built, single-family dwelling in this County, the residential-design manufactured home shall be established on-site in conformance to the requirements of the Crawford County Manufactured Home Code, as amended.
- 4. Where permitted as an accessory use, small wind energy conversion systems shall conform to the following standards:

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- A. The maximum capacity of the system shall be 25 kW. There shall be no more than one (1) system on an individual property.
  - B. The lowest point of the rotor blades shall be at least 20 feet above ground level at the base of the tower.
  - C. The maximum height of the structure shall be 199 feet as measured to the top of the blade at its highest point.
  - D. The minimum setback shall be a distance equal to the height of the structure from all property lines.
  - E. Any standards proposed to exceed those stated herein shall be permitted only by the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit after proper notice and hearing as provided by these Regulations.
5. The use of a structure constructed or intended for use as a shipping container, whether originally as a transportation vehicle or as a separate structure, shall be prohibited in the “SR” Suburban Residential District and the “R-1” Single-Family Residential District.

**10-104 Performance Standards - District "AO":** The following are the performance standards in the "AO" Airport Overlay District.

- 1. Light sources shall be controlled or hooded so that light is directed away from the flight patterns around the airport and from any adjoining residentially zoned property or public streets.
- 2. No activity shall be permitted that creates any off-site electrical disturbance, (especially radio transmissions to or from any aircraft).
- 3. No emission of air contaminants from any source within the boundaries of any lot or tract shall exceed emission rates established by the Kansas Secretary of Health and Environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3001 et seq., or amendments thereto, and any administrative regulations adopted thereunder.

**10-105 Performance Standards - Conditional Uses:** The following are the performance standards for Conditional Uses authorized by these Regulations.

- 1. No smoke, radiation, vibration or concussion, or heat shall be produced that is perceptible outside a building, and no dust, fly ash, or gas that is toxic, caustic or obviously injurious to humans or property shall be produced.
- 2. For retail commercial uses, merchandise which may be appropriately displayed or stored outside a building shall be kept off the public sidewalks and streets, and shall not reduce the capacity of a parking lot below that specified in Article 11 herein or as approved by the Conditional Use Permit issued under the authority of Article 16. In addition, the outdoor storage or display area shall occupy an area no greater than twenty percent (20%) of the ground floor area of the building. Automobiles and trucks for sale may be stored or displayed outside a building, but must maintain a setback of at least 15 feet from a street right-of-way, or 6 feet from a side or rear lot line.

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3. Any manufacturing or assembly of products shall be entirely within a totally enclosed building, unless otherwise authorized.
4. No emission of air contaminants from any source within the boundaries of any lot or tract shall exceed emission rates established by the Kansas Secretary of Health and Environment pursuant to K.S.A. 65-3001 et seq., or amendments thereto, and any administrative regulations adopted thereunder.
5. No activity shall be permitted that creates any off-site electrical disturbance.
6. Light sources shall be controlled or hooded so that light is directed away from any adjoining residentially zoned property or public streets.
7. For industrial uses, areas devoted to retail sales of commodities manufactured, processed, fabricated, assembled, warehoused, or stored on the premises shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the gross floor area of the main use, and in no event shall such areas exceed 5,000 square feet.

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### Sections:

**11-101 Parking Requirements**

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**11-101 Parking Requirements:** When any building or structure is hereafter erected or structurally altered to the extent of increasing the floor area by 50 percent or more, or a building or use is changed or enlarged in floor area, number of employees, number of dwelling units, seating capacity or otherwise, to create a need for an increase of 10 percent or more in the number of existing parking spaces, or any building or structure hereafter erected is converted for the uses listed in Column 1 of the chart below in any zoning district, accessory off-street parking spaces shall be provided as required in Column 2 or Column 3 or as required in subsequent sections of this Article or in these Regulations.

<b>Column 1 USE OR USE CATEGORY</b>	<b>Column 2 SPACES REQUIRED PER BASIC MEASURING UNIT</b>	<b>Column 3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS</b>
One family and two-family dwellings	2 per dwelling unit	
Apartments	2 per dwelling unit or 1.5 per efficiency unit	
Church, temple or similar place of assembly	1 per 5 seats or bench seat spaces (Seats in main auditorium only)	
College or high school	1 per 5 seats in main auditorium or 8 per classroom whichever is greater	
Elementary or nursery school	1 per 10 seats - main assembly room or 1 per classroom whichever is greater	
Country club or golf club	To be determined by the Planning Commission and Governing Body	
Public library, museum art gallery, or community center	5 per building	Plus 1 additional for each 300 sq. ft. of floor area in excess of 1,000 square feet
Private clubs, fraternities, sororities	2 per 3 beds or 1 per active member, whichever is greater	
Sanitarium - nursing or convalescent home, home for the aged or similar institution	1 per 5 patient beds	

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<b>Column 1 USE OR USE CATEGORY</b>	<b>Column 2 SPACES REQUIRED PER BASIC MEASURING UNIT</b>	<b>Column 3 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS</b>
Hotel	1 per guest room or suite	1 per 2 employee or staff members per shift
Tourist court - motel -motor hotel or motor lodge	1 per sleeping room or suite	1 per 2 employees or staff members per shift
Rooming, boarding, lodging house or group home	2 per 3 beds	
Hospital	1 per 3 patient beds	1 per 2 employees or staff members per shift
Office or office building, studio or clinic	1 per 300 square feet of floor area	3 spaces minimum
Funeral home	1 per 5 seats in auditorium or chapel	
Restaurant, tavern, drinking establishment, or other establishment for consumption of food or beverage on the premises	1 per 3 seats or seating spaces	
Retail store or personal service establishment and banks	1 per 200 square feet of floor area	Retail food stores over 4,000 sq. ft., 1 per 150 sq. ft. of floor area
Furniture or appliance store, machinery, equipment, and auto and boat sales and service	1 per 300 square feet of floor area	2 spaces minimum, auto sales & service - 10 minimum
Auditorium, theatre, gymnasium, stadium, arena or convention hall	1 per 4 seats or seating spaces	
Bowling alley	5 per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area	
Food storage locker	1 per 200 square feet customer service area	
Amusement place, dance hall, skating rink, swimming pool, auditorium or exhibition hall	1 per 100 square feet of floor area	Does not apply to accessory uses

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General service or repair establishment, printing, publishing, plumbing, heating

1 per 300 square feet of floor area

Manufacturing or industrial establishment, research or testing lab, wholesale warehouse or similar establishment

2 per 1,000 square feet of floor area

### 11-102 Interpretation of the Chart:

1. The use regulations for each District are not affected by arrangement of uses in the chart.
2. The parking requirements in this Article do not limit other requirements for parking contained in these Regulations.
3. The parking requirements in this Article do not limit special requirements which may be imposed in connection with Conditional Uses, Article 16.
4. Floor area, as used in the chart, shall be as defined in Article 1, Definitions.
5. Where fractional spaces result, the parking spaces required shall be construed to be the next highest whole number.
6. The parking spaces required for a use not specifically listed in the chart shall be the same as for a listed use of similar characteristics with similar demands for parking as determined by the Zoning Administrator.
7. In the case of mixed uses (uses with different parking requirements occupying the same building or premises) or in the case of joint use of a building or premises by more than one use having the same parking requirements, the parking spaces required shall equal the sum of the requirements of the various uses computed separately.

**11-103 Joint Use and Off-Site Facilities:** All parking spaces required herein shall be located on the same lot with the building or use served, except that where an increase in the number of spaces is required by a change or enlargement of use or where such spaces are provided collectively or used jointly by two or more buildings or establishments, the required spaces may be located and maintained not to exceed 300 feet from the building served.

1. Up to 50 percent of the parking spaces required for (a) theatres, night clubs or cafes, and up to 100 percent of the parking spaces required for a church auditorium may be provided and used jointly by (b) banks, offices, retail stores, repair shops, service establishments and similar uses not normally

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open, used or operated during the same hours as those listed in (a); provided, however, that a written agreement is properly executed and filed as specified below.

2. In any case where the required parking spaces are not located on the same lot with the building or use served, or where such spaces are collectively or jointly provided and used, a written agreement thereby assuring their retention for such purposes shall be properly drawn and executed by the parties concerned, approved as to form by the County Counselor and shall be filed with the Zoning Administrator.

### **11-104 Design Standards:**

1. An off-street parking space is an all-weather area not in a street or alley, being a minimum of 9 feet by 19 feet, exclusive of driveways or access drives, permanently reserved for the temporary storage of one motor vehicle and connected with a street or alley by an all-weather driveway which affords satisfactory ingress and egress for motor vehicles.
2. Entrances or exits for all parking facilities shall comply with the requirements of the County Engineer.
3. Screening shall be erected along any property line adjacent to or adjoining any single-family residence, two-family residence or multi-family residence to eliminate the passage of light from vehicles. Screening along side yards shall not extend nearer to the street than the front yard setback line. The installation and maintenance of required screening shall be the responsibility of the landowner whose land use necessitates the screening.

### **11-105 Performance Standards:**

1. All off-street parking spaces and their access drives required for all commercial and industrial uses shall be paved with an asphalt or concrete surface if the adjoining road is also paved with asphalt or concrete. All required off-street parking spaces and their access drives shall be maintained in good condition and free of all weeds, dust, trash and other debris. Said paving shall be completed before the activity or use can commence.

The Planning Commission (or Governing Body) may waive this requirement at the applicant's request, provided that the applicant can provide sufficient reasons and can show that such action would be in the community's best interest and would be keeping with the spirit and intent of these Regulations.

2. All off-street parking spaces, and their access drives, shall be planned and engineered to assure proper drainage of surface water. If a storm sewer is not available, positive drainage shall be provided on such lot or parcel and discharge of the same shall be through defined drainage courses. No drainage shall be directed over adjoining lands unless approved by the County Engineer.
  3. The Planning Commission or the Governing Body may require plans to be prepared and presented to assure proper design and construction of any off-street parking spaces and their access drives, if conditions of the site are such that compliance with these requirements may be difficult or may pose a potential problem with adjacent properties, or if the proposed use will include parking needs for buses, tractor-trailer semis, or other such large vehicles. Additional spaces may be required or reserved to accommodate such vehicles and the Planning Commission or Governing Body may
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require that the site plan show the location of such spaces.

4. When located in a residential district, parking shall not be permitted within a front yard setback except in permitted driveways.
5. If lighting facilities are provided, they shall be so arranged as to deflect or direct light away from any adjacent single-family residence, two-family residence or multi-family residence.
6. Paved parking areas shall be adequately marked with at least two (2) inch wide stripes of traffic paint, for channelization and movement of vehicles.
7. No business shall be conducted on any parking lot except when conducted in compliance with these Regulations.

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### Sections:

#### 12-101 Off-Street Loading Requirements

#### 12-102 Interpretation of the Chart

#### 12-103 Mixed Use of One Building

#### 12-104 Design Standards

#### 12-105 Performance Standards

**12-101 Off-Street Loading Requirements:** Except as otherwise provided in these Regulations, when any building or structure is hereafter erected or structurally altered to the extent of increasing floor area by 50 percent or more, or any building is hereafter converted for the uses listed in Column 1 of the chart below, when such buildings contain the floor areas specified in Column 2, accessory off-street loading spaces shall be provided as required in Column 3, or as required in subsequent sections of this Article.

<b>Column 1 Use or Use Category</b>	<b>Column 2 Floor Area as Defined in Article 1 In Square Feet</b>	<b>Column 3 Loading Spaces Required</b>
Retail Store, Department Store, Restaurant, Wholesale House, Warehouse	2,000 - 10,000	One
Repair, General Service	10,000 - 20,000	Two
Manufacturing or Industrial Establishment	20,000 - 40,000	Three
	40,000 - 60,000	Four
	Each 50,000 over 60,000	One Additional
Apartment Building, Motel, Offices or Office Building	5,000 - 10,000	One
Hospital or Similar	10,000 - 100,000	Two
Institution, Places of Public Assembly	100,000 - 200,000	Three
	Each 100,000 over 200,000	One Additional
Funeral Home or Mortuary	2,500 - 4,000	One
	4,000 - 6,000	Two
	Each 10,000 over 6,000	One Additional

#### 12-102 Interpretation of the Chart:

1. The loading space requirements apply to all Districts.
2. The loading space requirements in this Article do not limit special requirements which may be imposed in connection with Conditional Uses, Article 16.

#### 12-103 Mixed Use of One Building:

Where a building is used for more than one use or for different uses, and where the floor area used for each use for which loading space is required is below the minimum for required loading spaces, but the aggregate

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floor area used is greater than such minimum, then off-street loading space shall be provided as if the entire building were used for that use in the building for which the most spaces are required.

### **12-104 Design Standards:**

1. Loading spaces shall have minimum dimensions of 12 feet by 35 feet and vertical clearance of at least 11 feet.
2. Loading spaces for a funeral home or mortuary may be reduced in size to 10 feet by 25 feet and vertical clearance reduced to 8 feet.

### **12-105 Performance Standards:**

1. All off-street loading spaces and their access drives required for all commercial and industrial uses shall be paved with an asphalt or concrete surface if the adjoining road is also paved with asphalt or concrete. All required off-street loading spaces and their access drives shall be maintained in good condition and free of all weeds, dust, trash and other debris. Said paving shall be completed before the activity or use can commence.

The Planning Commission (or Governing Body) may waive this requirement at the applicant's request, provided that the applicant can provide sufficient reasons and can show that such action would be in the community's best interest and would be keeping with the spirit and intent of these Regulations.

2. All off-street loading spaces, and their access drives, shall be planned and engineered to assure proper drainage of surface water. If a storm sewer is not available, positive drainage shall be provided on such lot or parcel and discharge of the same shall be through defined drainage courses. No drainage shall be directed over adjoining lands unless approved by the County Engineer.
3. The Planning Commission or the Governing Body may require plans to be prepared and presented to assure proper design and construction of any off-street loading spaces and their access drives, if conditions of the site are such that compliance with these requirements may be difficult or may pose a potential problem with adjacent properties.

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### Sections:

**13-101 Scope, Objectives, Purpose**

**13-102 Definitions**

**13-103 General Sign Requirements**

**13-104 Procedural Requirements**

**13-105 Design and Construction Standards**

**13-106 District Regulations**

**13-107 Nonconforming Signs**

**13-101 Scope, Objectives, Purpose:** The provisions of this Article shall govern the placement, use and structural quality of privately owned outdoor signs and other advertising and identification devices together with their appurtenant and auxiliary apparatus. After the effective date of this Code, no sign shall be erected, constructed, reconstructed or otherwise altered without first obtaining a separate sign permit. Such sign permit shall be legally issued only when in compliance with the regulations set forth in this Article.

1. The Sign Regulations are found to be necessary and proper to the following objectives:
  - A. To protect the general public from damage and injury which may be caused by the faulty and unregulated construction of signs.
  - B. To prevent the obstruction of traffic visibility and confusion with traffic control devices resulting from improperly placed and designed signs.
  - C. To ensure the visual quality of signs and preserve and promote aesthetic quality in Crawford County, Kansas.
2. These Sign Regulations are intended:
  - A. To eliminate potential hazards to motorists and pedestrians using the public streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way.
  - B. To safeguard and enhance private investment and property values.
  - C. To control public nuisances.
  - D. To protect government investments in public buildings, streets, sidewalks, traffic control and utility devices, parks, and open spaces.
  - E. To preserve and improve the appearance of the County through adherence to reasonable aesthetic principles, in order to create an environment that is attractive to residents and to non-residents who come to live, visit, work, or trade.
  - F. To eliminate excessive and confusing sign displays.

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- G. To encourage signs which by their design are integrated with and harmonious to the surrounding environment and the buildings and sites they occupy.

**13-102 Definitions:** For the purpose of this Article, certain terms, phrases and words used throughout this Article shall have the meaning assigned them in this section:

1. **GENERAL.**

- A. **ABANDONED SIGN:** Any sign, including off-site signs unless owned and operated by a bona fide billboard company, which no longer directs a potential customer to or exhorts any person, or advertises a bona fide business, project, product, service or activity.
- B. **DAMAGED SIGN:** Any sign, including off-premise signs, damaged by any means, more than fifty per cent (50%) of its value.
- C. **ELECTRONIC CHANGEABLE COPY SIGN:** A sign or portion thereof that displays electronic, non-pictorial, text information in which each alphanumeric character, graphic, or symbol is defined by a small number of matrix elements using different combinations of light emitting diodes (LED's), fiber optics, light bulbs or other illumination devices within the display area. Electronic changeable copy signs include computer programmable, microprocessor controlled electronic displays.
- D. **ELECTRONIC GRAPHIC DISPLAY SIGN:** A sign or portion thereof that displays electronic, static images, static graphics or static pictures, with or without information, defined by a small number of matrix elements using different combinations of light emitting diodes (LED's), fiber optics, light bulbs or other illumination devices within the display area where the message change sequence is accomplished immediately or by means of fade, repixelization or dissolve modes. Electronic graphic display signs include computer programmable, microprocessor controlled electronic or digital displays. Electronic graphic display signs include projected images or messages with these characteristics onto buildings or other objects.
- E. **FACADE:** The entire exterior surface of a particular side of a structure or establishment to be considered in the calculation of the maximum gross surface area of a wall, roof or projecting sign or signs.
- F. **FLASHING SIGN:** A directly or indirectly illuminated sign or portion thereof that exhibits changing light or color effect by any means, so as to provide intermittent illumination that changes light intensity in sudden transitory bursts and creates the illusion of intermittent flashing light by streaming, graphic bursts showing movement, or any mode of lighting which resembles zooming, twinkling, or sparkling.
- G. **ILLUMINATED SIGN:** Any sign which contains an element designed to emanate artificial light internally or externally.
- H. **INDIRECTLY ILLUMINATED SIGN:** Any sign which is partially or completely

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illuminated at any time by a light source separate from the sign housing which is so shielded as to not be visible at eye level.

- I. **MARQUEE**: A permanent roofed structure attached to and supported by the building and projecting over public property.
- J. **OFF-PREMISES SIGN**: A sign delivering a message or advertisement other than the name, occupation or nature of the activities conducted on the premises or the products sold or manufactured thereon, and shall include all billboard signs and political signs with a gross surface area of more than thirty-two (32) square feet.
- K. **ON-PREMISES SIGN**: A sign which carries only advertisement that is incidental to a lawful use of the premises on which it is located, including signs or sign devices indicating the business transacted, services rendered, goods sold or produced on the premises, the rental or lease of products or building space, and/or name of the person, firm or corporation occupying the premises.
- L. **OWNER**: Any person(s), firm(s), corporation(s), or any other legal entity having legal title to or sufficient proprietary interest in a tract of land (including leasehold interests) or a sign.
- M. **SEMI-ILLUMINATED SIGN**: Any sign located on a building which building face is uniformly illuminated over its entire area, including the area of the sign, by use of electricity or other artificial light. Semi-illuminated signs shall be permitted in any location where illuminated signs are permitted.
- N. **SHIMMERING SIGN**: A sign which reflects an oscillating sometimes distorted visual image.
- O. **SIGN**: Any advertising device or surface placed out-of-doors, on or off premises, or placed indoors, when in view of the general public, which conveys information or identification. Included in this definition of "sign" shall be any structure used for said display and all sign supports.
- P. **SIGN, GROSS SURFACE AREA OF**: The gross surface area of a sign shall be the sum of all surface areas of the sign faces, except that ground or pole signs designed as double-faced signs, with both faces parallel and when the distance between the faces does not exceed two (2) feet, then only one face of the sign shall be considered in determining the sign area. In determining the gross surface area of a sign, each face of a sign may be broken down into not more than three (3) areas. Each surface area shall include the total area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the sign elements. Such perimeters need not include any structural elements lying outside the limits of such signs when they do not form an integral part of the display, nor shall it include architectural embellishments when such do not contain any advertising or printed copy, and are not lighted and do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the permitted sign area.

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- Q. **SIGN AREA, MAXIMUM TOTAL GROSS SURFACE AREA:** Maximum allowed square footage of sign area permitted per zoning lot.
- R. **SIGN, HEIGHT:** Sign height shall be measured from ground level at the foundation of the sign to the highest element of the sign.
- S. **SIGN SETBACK:** The minimum sign setback shall be the horizontal distance between a sign and a front and side lot line, as measured from that part of the sign, including its extremities and supports, nearest to any point on an imaginary vertical plane projecting from the front and side lot line.
- T. **SIGN STRUCTURE:** An element or assemblage of elements which supports or is capable of supporting a sign. A sign structure may be free-standing, attached to a building, an integral part of the building, or combination thereof.
- U. **STRUCTURAL MEMBER:** A component part of a structural system required to carry the primary supportive stresses of the building to the ground, as opposed to members carrying little or no supportive stresses other than their own weight, and functioning as an in-fill or nonstructural enclosure.
- V. **UNIFIED SHOPPING CENTER:** A group of retail stores and/or service establishments designed to serve a community or neighborhood.

### 2. **FUNCTIONAL TYPES OF SIGNS.**

- A. **ADVERTISING SIGN:** A sign which directs the attention of the public to a business, commodity, service or entertainment conducted, sold, or furnished at a location OTHER than the premises on which the sign is located or to which it is affixed.
- B. **ADVERTISING DECORATION SIGN:** Any sign which has attached various sign materials used for temporary display and decoration, including streamers, banners, pennants, pinwheels, commercial flags, bunting, and similar devices.
- C. **BILLBOARD SIGN:** An off-site sign, or portion thereof, consisting of outdoor signs which advertise, promote, or otherwise disseminate information pertaining to goods, products, or services, including charitable services, political services or appeals, not related to goods, products, or services which comprise a primary use on the premises where the sign is located. Such signs include:
  - (1) Poster panels or bulletins normally mounted on a building wall or freestanding structure with advertising copy in the form of pasted paper.
  - (2) Multi-prism signs, which are poster panels or bulletins normally mounted on a building wall or freestanding structure with advertising copy in the form of pasted paper and alternating advertising message on the one (1) display area.

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- (3) Painted bulletins, where the advertiser's message is painted directly on the background of a wall-mounted or freestanding display area.
- D. BULLETIN BOARD SIGN:** An on-premises sign containing the name of the institution or organization, which may include names of persons connected with it, announcing persons, events or activities occurring at the institution or organization. Such signs may also present a greeting or similar message.
- E. BUSINESS DIRECTIONAL SIGN:** An off-site sign which provides directions to the location of a business.
- F. BUSINESS SIGN:** A sign which directs attention to a business or profession conducted, or to a commodity or service sold, offered or manufactured, or to an entertainment offered on the premises where the sign is located.
- G. CONSTRUCTION SIGN:** A temporary on-site sign indicating the names of architects, engineers, landscape architects, contractors, similar artisans, and financiers involved in the design and construction of a structure or project during the period of construction.
- H. DIRECTIONAL SIGN:** An on-site sign containing words or symbols indicating an entrance to, or exit from, a building as well as the location of parking, loading, restrooms, and emergency entrances which are for the convenience of the public.
- I. FARM/RANCH DIRECTIONAL SIGN:** A sign which provides direction to the headquarters of the farm or ranch.
- J. FIRST AMENDMENT SIGN:** A sign which gives a non-commercial opinion of the sign owner and which is located on the property owned or occupied by the owner of the sign.
- K. IDENTIFICATION SIGN:** A sign giving the name and address of a building, business, development or establishment.
- L. NAMEPLATE SIGN:** A sign giving the name and/or address of the owner or occupant of a building or premises on which it is located, and where applicable, a professional title.
- M. OFFICIAL SIGN:** A sign erected, maintained and owned by a public entity within its own jurisdiction or, for a City or affiliated entity, within three (3) miles of the City limits.
- N. POLITICAL SIGN:** A sign pertaining to the announcement of an individual being a candidate for an elective political office. Any such sign exceeding thirty-two (32) square feet of gross surface area shall be classified as an off-site sign and regulated accordingly.
- O. PROJECT DIRECTORY SIGN:** An on-site sign containing the names and locations,

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in list or map form, of the individual components making up a planned unit development, shopping center, or similar project.

- P. **PROJECT TITLE SIGN:** An on-site sign which carries the overall name of a residential subdivision, shopping center, industrial park, medical complex, planned unit development, mobile home park, and similar projects.
- Q. **REAL ESTATE SIGN:** An on-premises sign displayed for the purpose of offering real property for sale, lease or rent.
- R. **REAL ESTATE DIRECTIONAL SIGN:** An off-premise sign which provides direction to the location where real estate is offered for sale, lease or rent.
- S. **SERVICE SIGN:** A sign which is owned by and displays information on a non-profit, service, charitable and/or religious organization or group.
- T. **SPECIAL SIGN:** Any sign classified as a farm/ranch directional sign, rural business sign and/or a service sign. These signs are permitted only so long as they remaining allowable under the Kansas Highway Advertising Control Act as administered by the Kansas Department of Transportation.
- U. **TEMPORARY SIGN:** Any on-site sign, including, but not limited to, signs of lightweight cardboard, airborne, plastic or paper material, intended to be displayed for not more than sixty (60) days.

### 3. **STRUCTURAL TYPES OF SIGNS.**

- A. **ARCH SIGN:** Any sign located at the drive entrance to a residence or business either adjacent to or arched over the drive entrance.
- B. **AWNING SIGN:** Any sign affixed directly on, painted on or attached to an awning.
- C. **CANOPY SIGN:** Any sign affixed directly on, painted on or attached to a canopy.
- D. **COMMERCIAL BALLOON SIGN:** An on-premise, temporary sign that is inflated and exceeds five (5) square feet in area, as measured at the largest cross-section, designed to advertise a specific product or service sold, produced or conducted on the premises, on which advertising copy, logos, symbols or emblems may or may not be printed, painted or attached. Commercial balloon signs may be tethered or mounted to a structure or the ground.
- E. **ELECTRONIC MESSAGING SIGN:** An electronic changeable copy sign, an electronic graphic display sign, or video display sign.
- F. **GROUND SIGN:** A sign placed upon, or supported by, the ground independently of any

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building or structure on the property. This includes a sign supported on poles or posts, the base of the face which is less than six (6) feet above ground level.

- G. **MARQUEE SIGN:** Any sign mounted on, painted on or supported by a marquee.
- H. **POLE SIGN:** A sign whose base of the face of which is more than six (6) feet above ground level and is supported by poles or posts.
- I. **PORTABLE SIGN:** An on-site sign designed in such a manner to be readily movable and not permanently attached to the property. Any non-permanent sign not classed as a temporary sign shall be deemed to be a portable sign.
- J. **PROJECTING SIGN:** Any sign that is wholly or partially attached to and dependent upon a building for support and which projects more than 1 foot beyond the face of said building.
- K. **ROOF SIGN:** A sign mounted and supported wholly upon or over the roof of any structure.
- L. **VIDEO DISPLAY SIGN:** A sign that changes its message or background in a manner or method of display characterized by motion or pictorial imagery, which may or may not include text and depicts action or a special effect to imitate movement, the presentation of pictorials or graphics displayed in a progression of frames which give the illusion of motion, including but not limited to the illusion of moving objects, moving patterns or bands of light, or expanding or contracting shapes, not including electronic changeable copy signs. Video display signs include projected images or messages with these characteristics onto buildings or other objects.
- M. **WALL SIGN:** A sign attached to or painted on a wall in such a manner that the exposed face of the sign is in a plane approximately parallel to the plane of the wall.

**13-103 General Sign Requirements:** The following standards shall apply to all signs within Crawford County:

- 1. **Traffic Safety:** No sign shall be maintained at any location where it may interfere with the view of, or where it may obstruct view of, or interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic. Nor shall any sign be placed in the visibility triangle as defined in these Regulations or project into said area unless the bottom edge of the projecting sign is at least twelve (12) feet above the centerline grade of the intersecting streets. Signs shall not be erected or maintained which contain, include, or are illuminated by any flashing light, electronic change in messages, electronic change in background colors, electronic change in light intensity, or electronic video display, except those giving highway public service information such as lane closures, road closures, and detours; those giving time, date, and temperature; and electronic messaging signs as authorized below.
- 2. **Clearance from Electrical Power Lines:** No metal ground sign shall be located within eight (8)

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feet vertically and eight (8) feet horizontally of electrical wire or conductors in free air carrying more than 48 volts, without regard to whether or not such wires or conductors are insulated or otherwise protected.

3. **Illuminated Signs:** Signs shall be shaded wherever necessary to avoid casting bright light upon property located in any residential district or upon any public street or park.
4. **Spotlights and Floodlights:** Signs shall not be erected or maintained which are not effectively shielded so as to prevent:
  - A. beams or rays of light from being directed at any portion of the traveled way of any roadway, or
  - B. beams of light of such intensity or brilliance as to cause glare or impair vision of the operator of any motor vehicle.
5. **Electronic Messaging Signs:** Electronic messaging signs are subject to the following provisions and requirements:
  - A. The size and location of the sign shall be consistent with all other requirements of these Regulations.
  - B. The electronic display background color tones, lettering, logos, pictures, illustrations, symbols, and any other electronic graphic or video display shall not blink, flash, rotate, scroll, change in illumination intensity, or otherwise change in outward appearance, except when the electronic message or display is changed to another message or display, and as otherwise provided herein.
  - C. The electronic display background color tones, lettering, logos, pictures, illustrations, symbols, and any other electronic graphic or video display for on-site advertising signs shall not change at intervals less than eight seconds, except that on-site advertising signs twenty (20) square feet or less in area and which are located on roadways posted 45 miles per hour or less speed limit shall be exempt from any intervals between changes in messages.
  - D. The electronic display background color tones, lettering, logos, pictures, illustrations, symbols, and any other electronic graphic or video display for off-site advertising signs shall not change at intervals less than eight seconds.
  - E. The maximum duration of the transition of the electronic image or message change shall be no more than two seconds.
  - F. All electronic messaging signs must be equipped with a default mechanism that will stop the messaging or freeze the image in one position when a malfunction in electronic programming occurs.

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- G. Electronic messaging signs must not exceed a maximum illumination of 8,000 nits (candelas per square meter) during daylight hours and a maximum illumination of 2,000 nits (candelas per square meter) between dusk to dawn as measured from the sign's face at maximum brightness.
  - H. Electronic messaging signs must have an automatic dimmer control to produce a distinct illumination change from a higher illumination level to a lower level for the time period between one half-hour before sunset and one half-hour after sunrise.
  - I. Audio speakers are not allowed with any electronic messaging sign, except as provided in subsection (K.) below.
  - J. Any form of pyrotechnics is prohibited in association with an electronic messaging sign.
  - K. Permitted electronic messaging signs, not facing public roads or residential properties and used in drive-through restaurants, gasoline stations, and similar establishments serving motorists, shall be exempt from provisions A through E of this subsection, provided the electronic messaging sign area does not exceed eight inches in height or four feet in width or extend more than five feet above the ground. Audio speakers used in connection with signs permitted in this subsection shall not be audible beyond the property on which the sign is located.
  - L. The following are prohibited activities regarding the electronic messaging signs:
    - (1) No sign shall be permitted which includes or displays explosives, fireworks, or any other pyrotechnical devices.
    - (2) No sign shall be permitted which includes flashing signs, except as specifically permitted herein.
    - (3) No sign shall be permitted which includes shimmering signs, except as specifically permitted herein.
    - (4) No sign shall be permitted which includes audio devices, except as specifically permitted herein.
    - (5) No sign shall be permitted which revolves, pivots, or otherwise moves from a normal stationary or fixed position, except as specifically permitted herein.
6. **Signs Not To Be Located Within Public Right-of-Way:** Any signs and supports which are located upon or over the public right-of-way, including streets, alleys and parkways, shall be prohibited; provided, however, the following exceptions shall be allowed:

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- A. Signs and supports required by governmental authority.
  - B. Signs on commercial vehicles or commercial trailers which denote the name and address of a bona fide business which owns or leases said vehicle when these vehicles are lawfully operated or parked and not used expressly for the purpose of advertising a product, service or activity.
  - C. A temporary sign located on public property used to announce a special event or activity when written authorization is granted by the Zoning Administrator that the sign will not constitute a traffic hazard or attractive nuisance, and the sign is located in a proper zone. The Zoning Administrator may utilize the opinions of both the Sheriff and the County Engineer in making a determination under this provision.
7. **Obstruction to Exit:** No sign shall be erected so as to obstruct any fire escape, required exit, window, or door opening intended as a means of egress.
8. **Obstruction to Ventilation:** No sign shall be erected which interferes with any opening required for ventilation.
9. **Signs on Trees or Utility Poles:** No sign shall be attached to a tree or utility pole whether on public or private property.
10. **Corner and Double-Front or Through Lots:** On corner and double-front or through lots, each lot line that abuts a street or highway shall be considered a separate street frontage. On corner and double-front or through lots, restrictions that are phrased in terms of "signs per zoning lot" shall be deemed to permit the allowable number of signs facing each street or highway that abuts the lot.
11. **Maintenance Required:** Signs shall be maintained so as to be structurally sound and in a safe condition, and shall be kept in a state of undeteriorated appearance by means of painting, sealing or coating and repair or replacement of damaged parts, panels or lights.
12. **Clearance Drop Zone for Pole Signs:** Pole signs shall be located so as to provide a clearance drop zone in all directions such that the pole sign would fall on the property on which it is located. This requires that the pole sign be setback from all property lines a minimum distance equal to the height of the pole sign.
13. **Classification of Signs:**
- A. **Functional Types:**
    - (1) Advertising Sign.
    - (2) Advertising Decoration Sign.
    - (3) Billboard Sign.
    - (4) Bulletin Board Sign.
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- (5) Business Directional Sign.
- (6) Business Sign.
- (7) Construction Sign.
- (8) Directional Sign.
- (9) Farm/Ranch Directional Sign.
- (10) First Amendment Sign.
- (11) Identification Sign.
- (12) Nameplate Sign.
- (13) Official Sign.
- (14) Political Sign.
- (15) Project Directory Sign.
- (16) Project Title Sign.
- (17) Real Estate Sign.
- (18) Real Estate Directional Sign.
- (19) Service Sign.
- (20) Special Sign.
- (21) Temporary Sign.

### **B. Structural Types:**

- (1) Arch Sign.
- (2) Awning Sign.
- (3) Canopy Sign.
- (4) Commercial Balloon Sign.
- (5) Electronic Messaging Sign.
- (6) Ground Sign.
- (7) Marquee Sign.
- (8) Pole Sign.
- (9) Portable Sign.
- (10) Projecting Sign.
- (11) Roof Sign.
- (12) Video Display Sign.
- (13) Wall Sign.

### **13-104 Procedural Requirements.**

1. **Permit:** No sign, except for signs listed in section 13-104(6) herein, shall be painted, constructed, erected, repainted, remodeled, relocated, or expanded unless such sign complies with the regulations of this Code. Permits shall be obtained from the Zoning Administrator. Fees for sign permits shall be as specified by the Governing Body. All signs shall be designed, constructed, erected and electrified in compliance with the adopted minimum standards as set forth in the adopted building codes of the Crawford County.
2. **Application for Permit:** Application for a permit shall be made in writing upon forms provided by the Zoning Administrator and shall contain, or have attached thereto, the following

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information:

- A. The name, address, and telephone number of the applicant.
- B. The location of the building, structure or lot where the sign is to be located.
- C. Position of the sign(s) in relation to nearby buildings and structures.
- D. Two sets of prints showing the plans and specifications of the proposed sign and sign structure, along with the method of construction and attachment to the building or in the ground.
- E. The name of the person, firm, corporation or association erecting the sign.
- F. Written consent of the owner of the building, structure or land to which or on which the sign is to be erected.
- G. Additional information as the Zoning Administrator shall require to show full compliance with this and all other applicable laws and regulations of the Crawford County, Kansas.

3. **Issuance of Permit:** Upon the filing of an application for a sign permit, the Zoning Administrator or designate shall examine such plans and specifications, along with the premises upon which it is proposed to erect the sign, and other pertinent data, to determine if the provisions of the Sign Regulations of Crawford County, Kansas, are complied with. If all such requirements are met, the permit shall be issued. If the work authorized by such permit is not started within 120 days from the date of its issuance, such permit shall become null and void.

The issuance of the Sign Permit as required by this Code shall not act in lieu of any other permits or fees required by any other provisions of this Code or any other rules or regulations applicable to such sign and its placement.

The Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to allow the replacement of an existing sign with another "type" of sign on the same premises, subject to the size and location restrictions established herein; provided an application has been submitted as required.

4. **Permit Revocation:** If the Zoning Administrator shall find that any sign subject to this Article is unsafe or structurally unsound, is a menace to the public, or has been constructed or erected or is being maintained in violation of the provisions of this Article, written notice shall be given to the owner, occupant, or person-in-charge, specifying the problem. If such person fails to remove or alter the sign so as to comply with the provisions of this Article within thirty (30) days of such notice, the Zoning Administrator may cause such sign to be removed or altered to comply with this Article.

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- A. All abandoned signs and their supports shall be removed within thirty (30) days from the date of notification of abandonment by the Zoning Administrator. The Zoning Administrator may grant a time extension not exceeding an additional thirty (30) days for an abandoned, non-damaged sign. All signs structurally damaged shall be repaired or removed within thirty (30) days of the date of notification by the Zoning Administrator.
  - B. If the owner, occupant, or person-in-charge, after due notice, fails or refuses to correct a violation of this Article, the Zoning Administrator shall cause such signs and their supports to be demolished and removed. If such sign cannot be demolished because it is painted on a building or other non-sign structure, such sign shall be painted over or removed by sandblasting.
  - C. When in the opinion of the Zoning Administrator any sign is in such condition as to constitute an imminent hazard requiring immediate action to protect the public, he may erect barricades or cause the sign to be taken down, repaired, shored, or otherwise made safe without delay. Such action, under such circumstances, may be taken without prior notice to or hearing of the owner, agents, leinholders, and occupants.
6. **Exemptions from Permits:** The following signs shall be exempt from paying fees and obtaining a sign permit; however such signs shall be subject to the Sign Regulations. (This exemption shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility for its meeting the structural and maintenance requirements as specified in this Code):
- A. Real estate sign advertising the sale, rental or lease of the premises on which the sign is displayed, with the following limitations: One (1) unlighted sign per street frontage per listing, provided that a maximum of six (6) real estate signs be permitted on a zoning lot.
  - B. Real estate directional sign not exceeding six (6) square feet in area.
  - C. Advertising decoration signs, and any indoor signs, even though such signs may be visible from the outside of the building.
  - D. No more than two (2) temporary on-site signs placed in or upon windows of a commercial or industrial building, whether painted or attached.
  - E. Nonelectrical nameplates not exceeding two (2) square feet in area.
  - F. Nonelectrical construction signs denoting the architect, engineer or contractor when placed upon work under construction, and not exceeding thirty two (32) square feet in area.
  - G. Nonelectrical identification signs.
  - H. Nonelectrical arch nameplate signs.

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- I. Nonelectrical memorial signs or tablets giving names of persons or buildings and date of erection not to exceed twenty-five (25) square feet in size.
- J. Project title signs for subdivision identification, both on-site and off-site, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) On-site signs shall be allowed as long as lots remain vacant within the subdivision. Off-site signs shall be allowed for a maximum of two (2) years; however the Zoning Administrator may grant six (6) month extensions until the subdivision is seventy percent (70%) sold to either a builder or an individual buyer.
  - (2) On-site and off-site signs shall be unlighted; shall be neither reflective nor fluorescent; and shall be used exclusively for the purpose of advertising the subdivision.
  - (3) No sign shall be authorized until the final subdivision plat has been duly recorded.
  - (4) On-site signs shall be located at or near entrances to the portion of the subdivision under construction, and not more than two (2) sign structures shall be maintained in any one (1) subdivision less than forty (40) acres in size. For each additional forty (40) acres or fraction thereof, one (1) additional sign may be erected.
  - (5) Off-site signs shall be located on the most direct routes from the major road network to the location of the subdivision. However, when said off-site sign is located along a highway that is regulated by the billboard provisions of this Article, the location of such off-site sign shall be subject to the billboard provisions of this Article.
  - (6) The maximum area shall be one hundred twenty eight (128) square feet for each sign.
  - (7) The maximum length of any sign shall be sixteen (16) feet.
- K. Signs of a duly constituted governmental body, including directional signs for public buildings and uses, traffic or similar regulatory devices, legal notices, warnings at railroad crossings, and other instructional or regulatory signs having to do with health, hazards, parking, swimming, dumping and other similar signs.
- L. Advertising decorations, temporarily displayed during special event periods only, such as grand openings, holidays, carnivals and the like, with a limit of twelve (12) such events and a total time limitation of eight (8) weeks within any calendar year for any business or

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institution.

- M. Auction signs placed along roads and highways on private property advertising auctions off said roads or highways; provided, said signs shall not be placed more than thirty (30) days prior to said auction and shall be removed within seven (7) days of the completion of said auction or sale. Said signs shall not be more than thirty two (32) square feet in area and shall not be illuminated.
  - N. Political signs, when located on private property with the permission of the owner or tenants, provided that not more than four (4) signs shall be allowed for each street frontage per zoning lot. Total area of all signs shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet per zoning lot. All signs shall be removed within seven (7) days following the election in which the candidate is elected to office or is eliminated from further participation in the election as a candidate, or after a ballot question has been decided.
  - O. Flags or emblems of a government or of a political, civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organization, displayed on private property, but only if the flag or emblem is used solely as an identifying symbol and does not include advertising language.
  - P. Address numerals and other signs required to be maintained by law or governmental order, rule or regulation, provided that the content and size of the sign do not exceed the requirements of such law, order, rule or regulation.
  - Q. Such additional signs as "No Hunting," "No Fishing," "No Trespassing" and other like signs.
7. **Exemption from Fees:** The following signs shall be exempt from paying fees; however, a permit shall be obtained and they shall be subject to the Sign Regulations. (This exemption shall not be construed as relieving the owner of the sign from the responsibility for its meeting the structural and maintenance requirements as specified in this Article):
- A. Nonelectrical bulletin boards not exceeding 32 square feet in area for public, educational, charitable, fraternal or religious institutions when such sign is located on the premises of such institution.
  - B. Directional signs.
8. **Prohibited Signs:** Any signs and supports which are located upon or over the public right-of-way, including streets, alleys and parkways, shall be prohibited; provided, however, the following exceptions shall be allowed:
- A. Signs and supports required by governmental authority.
  - B. Signs on commercial vehicles or commercial trailers which denote the name and address of a bona fide business which owns or leases said vehicle when these vehicles are

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lawfully operated or parked and not used expressly for the purpose of advertising a product, service or activity.

- C. A temporary sign located on public property used to announce a special event or activity when written authorization is granted by both the Sheriff and the Zoning Administrator that the sign will not constitute a traffic hazard or attractive nuisance, and the sign is located in a proper zone.

**13-105 Design and Construction Standards:** The design and construction of signs and sign structures shall be subject to the following standards:

1. **Ground Signs:**

- A. **Letters, Materials to be Secured:** All letters, figures, characters, or representations in cutout or irregular form maintained in conjunction with, attached to or superimposed upon any ground sign shall be safely and securely built or attached to the sign's structure.
- B. **Premises to be Kept Free of Weeds, Etc.:** The premises surrounding all ground signs shall be maintained by the owner thereof in a sanitary and uncluttered condition, free and clear of all noxious substances, rubbish, litter and weeds.

2. **Projecting Signs:**

- A. **Removable Parts to be Secured:** Any removable parts of a projecting signs, such as a cover of a service opening, shall be securely fastened by safety chains or hinges.
- B. **Location:** The horizontal clearance between a projecting sign and the curb line shall be not less than 2 feet. A projecting sign projecting more than two-thirds of the distance from the property line to the curb line shall be not less than 12 feet above the ground or pavement below. A projecting sign projecting less than two-thirds of the distance from the property line to the curb line shall be not less than 8 feet above the ground or pavement below.
- C. **Awnings:** Awnings, whether used as a sign or not, may extend over public property not more than 7 feet from the face of a supporting building but no portion shall extend nearer than 2 feet to the face of the nearest curb line measured horizontally. In no case shall the awning extend over public property greater than two-thirds of the distance from the property line to the nearest curb in front of the building site.

**13-106 District Regulations.**

- 1. **Agricultural and Single-Family Residential Districts:** The following types of signs, along with applicable size, height, and setback requirements in districts zoned "AG", "RR", "SR", and "R-1" are permitted:

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### A. Functional Types:

- (1) Advertising Decoration Sign.
- (2) Bulletin Board Sign, except for single-family dwellings.
- (3) Business Sign for permitted home occupation.
- (4) Construction Sign.
- (5) Directional Sign, except for single-family dwellings.
- (6) First Amendment Sign.
- (7) Identification Sign.
- (8) Nameplate Sign.
- (9) Official Sign.
- (10) Political Sign.
- (11) Project Directory Sign.
- (12) Project Title Sign.
- (13) Real Estate Sign.
- (14) Real Estate Directional Sign.
- (15) Service Sign.
- (16) Special Sign.
- (17) Temporary Sign.

### B. Structural Types:

- (1) Arch Sign.
- (2) Ground Sign.
- (3) Wall Sign.

C. **Number of Signs Permitted:** No more than one (1) ground sign and one (1) wall sign shall be permitted for each zoning lot having frontage on a public right-of-way, regardless of the functional type of sign; provided, however, that project title signs shall be permitted as authorized by Article 13-104(6)(J) of these Regulations in addition to the sign restrictions listed above.

### D. Maximum Gross Surface Area:

- (1) **Advertising Decoration Sign:** Eight (8) square feet per sign.
- (2) **Bulletin Board Sign:** Twenty-five (25) square feet per sign.
- (3) **Business Sign:** Eight (8) square feet per sign.
- (4) **Construction Sign:** Thirty-two (32) square feet per sign.
- (5) **Directional Sign:** Eight (8) square feet per sign.
- (6) **First Amendment Sign:** Thirty-two (32) square feet per sign.

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- (7) **Identification Sign:** Eight (8) square feet per sign.
- (8) **Nameplate Sign:** Four (4) square feet per sign.
- (9) **Official Sign:** One hundred (100) square feet per sign.
- (10) **Political Sign:** Thirty-two (32) square feet per sign.
- (11) **Project Directory Sign:** Sixty-four (64) square feet per sign.
- (12) **Project Title Sign:** One hundred twenty eight (128) square feet per sign.
- (13) **Real Estate Sign:** Eight (8) square feet per sign.
- (14) **Real Estate Directional Sign:** Eight (8) square feet per sign.
- (15) **Service Sign:** Thirty-two (32) square feet per sign.
- (16) **Special Sign:** The maximum size of the sign at those locations subject to the Highway Beautification Act of Kansas shall conform to the “Rural Business Directional Sign Policy” of the Kansas Department of Transportation. For all other locations, the maximum size of the sign shall be eight (8) square feet per sign.
- (17) **Temporary Sign:** Eight (8) square feet per sign.

**E. Maximum Height:**

- (1) **For Arch Signs:** Fifteen (15) feet.
- (2) **For Ground Signs:** Six (6) feet.
- (3) **For Wall Signs:** Not higher than the height of the top or ends of the wall section to which the sign is attached or affixed. In no case shall the sign be permitted to be placed on the roof.

**F. Required Setback:** Unless otherwise provided within this Article, no sign shall project beyond the property line of the lot on which it is located along all street frontages; nor closer than ten (10) feet from any side or rear property line.

**G. Illumination:** No sign shall be illuminated, except that Bulletin Board and Identification signs may be lighted indirectly with incandescent or fluorescent lights.

**2. Conditional Uses:** All signs permitted within this Article shall be available within any property subject to a Conditional Use Permit; provided that alternative or additional requirements

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concerning the type, size, height and location of any signs may be established on specific sites upon the approval of the Conditional Use Permit by the governing body.

3. **Portable Signs:** Portable signs shall be prohibited.
4. **Commercial Balloon Signs:** Commercial balloon signs shall be permitted only on property in Crawford County when said sign is identified on an approved development plan associated with a Conditional Use Permit. Commercial balloon signs shall be subject to the following provisions:
  - A. Commercial balloon signs shall be limited to one balloon sign per zoning lot at any given time.
  - B. Commercial balloon signs shall be limited to a maximum of 160 square feet in area as measured at the largest cross section.
  - C. Commercial balloon signs shall be limited to seven (7) day permits issued no more than four (4) times per calendar year.
  - D. Commercial balloon signs shall be limited in height to a maximum of forty-five (45) feet above grade when mounted or tethered on a roof or structure, and to twenty-five (25) feet above grade when mounted on or tethered to the ground.
  - E. Commercial balloon signs must be anchored and/or tethered in accordance with the commercial balloon sign manufacturer's recommendations.
  - F. Commercial balloon signs must be deflated and properly secured when wind speeds exceed forty (40) miles per hour or the manufacturer's maximum wind speed, whichever is less.
  - G. Commercial balloon signs shall be located in accordance with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration regulations.
  - H. Any gas used in commercial balloon signs must be non-combustible.
  - I. Commercial balloon signs shall be fire retardant.
  - J. Commercial balloon signs shall be located no closer than the height of the commercial balloon sign plus ten (10) feet from any electric power transmission line.
5. **Advertising or Billboard Signs:** Advertising or billboard signs shall be permitted only on property in Crawford County when said sign is identified on an approved development plan associated with a Conditional Use Permit.
  - A. All advertising or billboard signs shall conform to the following requirements:

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- (1) Advertising or billboard signs shall be located a minimum of seventy-five (75) feet from a residential structure.
  - (2) Advertising or billboard signs shall be erected so that all elements of the sign and its structure remain on or over the lot on which the sign is constructed. No portion of any billboard sign shall encroach upon or over, or project over any public right-of-way.
  - (3) Advertising or billboard signs shall have a maximum height of thirty-five (35) feet.
  - (4) All lighting of advertising or billboard signs shall be so shielded as not to produce intensive or excessive light or glare on adjacent property or roadways.
  - (5) All advertising or billboard signs shall be free-standing structures only.
  - (6) All advertising or billboard signs shall be limited to one advertising face per direction.
- B.** In addition to the requirements of 13-106(5)(A) above, advertising or billboard signs erected along or intended to be viewed from US-69 or US-400 shall be subject to the following additional requirements:
- (1) The gross surface area of any advertising or billboard sign shall not exceed 800 square feet, not including cut-outs and embellishments, which may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the face area of the advertising or billboard. In addition, the maximum vertical dimension of an advertising or billboard sign shall be twenty (20) feet and the maximum horizontal dimension of an advertising or billboard sign shall be sixty (60) feet, including cut-outs and embellishments.
  - (2) There shall be a minimum separation of 500 feet between all advertising or billboard signs.
- C.** In addition to the requirements of 13-106(5)(A) above, advertising or billboard signs erected along or intended to be viewed from US- 160, K-3, K-7, K-47, K-146, K-126 or K-171 shall be subject to the following additional requirements:
- (1) The gross surface area of any advertising or billboard sign shall not exceed 500 square feet, not including cut-outs and embellishments, which may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the face area of the advertising or billboard. In addition, the maximum vertical dimension of an advertising or billboard sign shall be twenty (20) feet and the maximum horizontal dimension of an advertising or billboard sign shall be sixty (60) feet, including cut-outs and

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embellishments.

- (2) There shall be a minimum separation of three hundred (300) feet between all advertising or billboard signs.
- D.** In addition to the requirements of 13-106(5)(A) above, advertising or billboard signs erected along or intended to be viewed from the rural major collector and/or rural minor collector roads in Crawford County shall be subject to the following additional requirements.
- (1) The gross surface area of any advertising or billboard sign shall not exceed one hundred sixty (160) square feet, not including cut-outs and embellishments, which may not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the face area of the advertising or billboard. In addition, the maximum vertical dimension of an advertising or billboard sign shall be ten (10) feet and the maximum horizontal dimension of an advertising or billboard sign shall be twenty (20) feet. The total maximum height of the structure shall not exceed twenty-five (25) feet.
  - (2) There shall be a minimum separation of 1,320 feet between all advertising or billboard signs.
  - (3) Advertising or billboard signs may be located on property in any zoning district by the approval of a Conditional Use.
- E.** Advertising or billboard signs proposed to be erected along or intended to be viewed from rural local roads shall be allowed only upon approval of a Conditional Use Permit for such advertising or billboard sign following the procedures for Conditional Use Permit approval contained within these Regulations.
- F.** Existing billboard signs may be replaced with "electronic changeable copy signs" by the Zoning Administrator without further approval requirements; provided, the billboard is a "legal, nonconforming sign" at its present location and the overall size of the sign does not change. If this standard cannot be met, a formal modification of the Development Plan is required; provided the location otherwise qualifies as a site for a billboard on an existing commercial property.

**13-107 Nonconforming Signs:** Every sign in existence at the time these Sign Regulations become effective may continue in existence subject to the following:

1. It shall not be altered structurally or moved unless it is made to comply with the provisions of these Regulations. However, the changing of the movable parts of an existing sign that is designed for such changes, or the repainting or changing of display matter shall not be deemed a structural alteration.

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2. The lawful use of a sign existing on the effective date of these Regulations, although such sign does not conform to the provisions hereof, may continue; but if usage of such sign is discontinued for a period of six months, any future use of such sign shall be in conformity with the provisions of these Regulations.
3. No sign which has been damaged by fire, wind, explosion, or act of God to the extent that 50 percent or more of the sign is destroyed, shall be restored except in conformity with these Regulations. Any sign which has been damaged to an extent less than 50 percent may be restored to its condition which existed as a nonconforming use prior to its damage.

# ARTICLE 14

# DISTRICT

## HEIGHT, AREA AND BULK REGULATIONS

DISTRICT	Maximum Height of Building		Minimum Yard Requirement in Feet			Minimum Lot Dimensions in Feet		Minimum Lot Area in Square Feet
	Feet	Stories	Front Yard	Side Yard (A)	Rear Yard	Width	Depth	
"AG" Agricultural (C)	-	-	30	30	30	330 (B)	660 (B)	435,600 (40 Acres)
"RR" Rural Residential (C)	35	2 ½	30	10	20	330 (C)	330 (C)	435,600 (10 acres)
"SR" Suburban Residential (C)	35	2 ½	30	10	20	165 (B)	250 (B)	130,380 (3 acres)
"R-1" Single Family Residential (D)	35	2 ½	30	10	20	-	-	-

- (A) A side yard shall be provided on each side of the lot. The dimension given is for one side only.
- (B) Lot depth to lot width ratio shall not be greater than 5:1.
- (C) Lot depth to lot width ratio shall not be greater than 4:1.
- (D) No building is permitted to be constructed in any easement.

**NOTE:** All new buildings must meet setback requirements stated above. When the new building is located next to a federal, state and/or county road, the owner must make sure the building line is equal to 1/2 the right-of-way PLUS the front yard requirements stated above. (i.e. 1/2 of right-of-way is 30 feet plus 30 feet of front yard setback equals 60 feet from the center of the road.)

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**Sections:**

**15-101 Application**

**15-102 Modification of Height Regulations**

**15-103 Modification of Area Regulations**

**15-101 Application:** The regulations set forth in this Article qualify or supplement the district regulations appearing elsewhere in these Regulations.

**15-102 Modification of Height Regulations:**

1. The height regulations as prescribed in these Regulations shall not apply to the following buildings or structures where permitted by these regulations:

- Agricultural Buildings and Structures
- Belfries
- Chimneys
- Church Spires
- Conveyors
- Cooling Towers
- Elevator Penthouses
- Fire Towers
- Flag Poles
- Grain Elevators
- Lighting Poles or Standards
- Monuments
- Ornamental Towers and Spires
- Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems
- Smoke Stacks
- Stage Towers or Scenery Lofts
- Tanks
- Water Towers

Provided, however, that the setbacks of the structures from all lot lines are equal to the height of the structures.

2. Public or semi-public service buildings, hospitals, institutions, or schools, when permitted, may be erected to a height not exceeding 75 feet, when the required side and rear yards are increased by at least 1 foot for each 1 foot of additional building height above the height regulations for the district in which the building is located.

**15-103 Modification of Area Regulations:**

1. **Yards, generally:**

- A. Except as herein provided for accessory buildings and structures, whenever a lot abuts upon a public alley, one-half of the alley width may be considered as a portion of the required yard.

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- B. Every part of a required yard shall be open to the sky, except as authorized by this Article. Ordinary projections of sills, awnings, canopies, belt courses, air conditioning units, chimneys, cornices, and ornamental features may project to a distance not to exceed 24 inches into a required yard setback.
  
- C. In the event that a lot is to be occupied by a group of two or more related buildings to be used for residential, school, institutional, hotel, or motel purposes, there may be more than one main building on the lot where such buildings are arranged around a court having a direct street access; provided, however:
  - (1) That said court, between buildings that are parallel or within 45 degrees of being parallel, shall have a minimum width of 30 feet for 1-story buildings, 40 feet for 2-story buildings, and 50 feet for 3-story buildings, and, in no case may such buildings be closer to each other than 15 feet;
  - (2) Where a court having direct street access is more than 50 percent surrounded by a building, the minimum width of the court shall be at least 20 feet for 1-story buildings, 30 feet for 2-story buildings, and 40 feet for 3-story buildings.
  
- D. Where a lot is used for a commercial or industrial purpose, more than one main building may be located on the lot, but only when such buildings conform to all open space requirements on the lot.

**2. Accessory Buildings and Structures:**

- A. Except as herein provided, no accessory building shall project into a required yard setback along any street.
  
- B. Filling station pumps and pump islands may occupy the required yards; provided, however, that they are not less than 15 feet from the property line, and further provided that canopies and other similar coverings over the pumps and pump islands shall have at least 14 feet of vertical clearance and shall not project beyond the property line.
  
- C. Accessory, open and uncovered swimming pools and permanent barbecue grills may occupy a required rear yard, provided they are not located closer than 5 feet to the side or rear lot line. No alley may be used in meeting this requirement.
  
- D. Accessory storm caves which are not a part of the main building may occupy a required rear yard, provided they are not located closer than 5 feet to the side or rear lot line. No alley may be used in meeting this requirement.

**3. Front Yards:**

- A. When an official line has been established for the future widening or opening of a street or major thoroughfare upon which a lot abuts, then the depth of a front or side yard shall be measured from such official line to the nearest line of the building.
  
  - B. On double frontage lots, the required front yard shall be provided on each street frontage.
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- C. Open, unenclosed porches, platforms, or paved terraces, not covered by a roof or canopy and which extend or project into the front and side yard shall not extend or project into the required front yard more than 10 feet or into the required side yard more than 6 feet.
- D. Where 25 percent or more of the street frontage within 330 feet of the property in question is improved with buildings that have a front yard (with a variation of 6 feet or less) that is greater or less than the required front yard in the district, no building shall project beyond the average front yard so established.
4. **Side Yards:** The minimum depth of side yards for schools, colleges, libraries, churches, community houses, and other public and semi-public buildings in "SR" Suburban Residential and "R-1" Single-Family Residential districts shall be 25 feet, except where a side yard is adjacent to a lot used for commercial or industrial purposes, in which case the depth of the yard shall be as required in the district in which the building is located.
5. **Rear Yards:** Open or lattice-enclosed fire escapes, outside stairways and balconies opening upon fire towers, and the ordinary projections of chimneys and flues may project into the required rear yard for a distance of not more than 5 feet, but only where the same are so placed as not to obstruct light and ventilation.
6. **Corner Visibility:** No sign, fence, wall, hedge, planting, or other obstruction, between the height of 33 inches and eight feet above the grades of the bottom of the curb of the intersecting streets measured from the point of intersection of the centerline of the streets, 90 feet in each direction along the centerline of the streets, shall be erected, planted, or maintained in such a manner as to materially impede vision within the visibility triangle area of a corner lot. At the intersection of major or arterial streets, the 90-foot distance shall be increased to 120 feet.
7. **Easements:** No building, either a main or an accessory building, shall be constructed, moved, or altered so as to encroach onto or within a platted or recorded easement.

# ARTICLE 16 SUPPLEMENTARY USE REGULATIONS; CONDITIONAL USES; ACCESSORY USES; PROHIBITED USES

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## Sections:

- 16-101 Conditional Uses - Purpose and Intent
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**16-101 Conditional Uses - Purpose and Intent:** The establishment of virtually all land uses except agricultural and traditional single-family residential, in most cases, are not appropriate in the bulk of unincorporated portion of Crawford County; especially those land uses that are of an extremely sensitive nature due to the intensity or environmental impacts associated with the normal operation of the business or activity. However, it is recognized that it may be acceptable, on a case-by-case, site-by-site basis, to permit the development of such land uses where conditions warrant and adequate safeguards are taken to mitigate any of the potential problems associated with said development. Therefore, in order to develop any land use other than agricultural and traditional single-family residential in the unincorporated portion of Crawford County, a Conditional Use Permit issued in accordance with these Regulations shall be required.

It is the intent of this Article to require a Conditional Use Permit for all proposed land uses, except those specifically prohibited herein or allowed as a permitted use in one of the established zoning districts. As such, it is acknowledged that any property owner may seek a Conditional Use Permit for any of the types of land uses indicated herein for any property within the unincorporated portion of Crawford County. The subsequent approval of such request by the Governing Body is a purely discretionary act that will be decided based upon the facts and circumstances discovered in the review of each application. There is no implied "right" for any person or landowner to obtain a Conditional Use Permit for any use on any property.

It is also the intent of this Article to allow the issuance of Conditional Use Permits that provides for more than one use on any property; provided the range or type of uses is clearly delineated within the Conditional Use Permit, the other relevant facts have been evaluated, and the approval is consistent with the spirit and intent of this Article and these Regulations. (For example: a Conditional Use Permit could be approved for a "strip shopping center" in a location where transportation and adequate water and sewage disposal services are available; or it could indicate a range of "retail and/or service businesses" as being appropriate for this location.)

**16-102 Application of Conditional Uses:** Before the location or establishment of any land use requiring a Conditional Use Permit, or before any change or use of the premises existing at the time of the effective date of these Regulations or permitted as herein provided is made, a Development Plan in sufficient detail and a statement as to the proposed use of the buildings, structures, and premises shall be submitted to the Planning Commission as specified in Article 9 of these Regulations. The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing following the provisions also outlined in Article 21 of these Regulations and shall review such Development Plan and statements and shall, after a careful study of the effect that such buildings, structures, or uses will have upon the surrounding property, submit a recommendation to the Governing Body.

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Following receipt of the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Governing Body may, within the specifications herein provided, permit such buildings, structures, or uses; provided that the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare will not be adversely affected, that ample off-street parking facilities will be provided, that the transportation and utility services are appropriate for the level and intensity of the proposed development, and that necessary safeguards will be provided for the protection of surrounding property, persons, and of neighborhood values. In this regard, the Governing Body may impose reasonable conditions on the approval of a Conditional Use Permit including, but not limited to, those items identified in Article 9 of these Regulations.

**16-103 Qualification of Existing Conditional Uses:** Properties with land uses operating under an existing Conditional Use approved prior to the adoption of these Regulations, or that were zoned and used as commercial or industrial under the previous Zoning Regulations, shall be permitted to continue, but with an unapproved Conditional Use Permit. Changes in the building(s), operation(s) or use(s) of said properties shall be treated as requiring an amendment to said unapproved Conditional Use Permit and considered as provided Section 16-102 herein.

**16-104 Additions and Changes to Conditional Uses:** All subsequent requests for additions and structural alterations to Conditional Uses approved by the Governing Body shall be considered in the same procedure as outlined in Section 16-102 herein.

**16-105 Conditional Uses Enumerated:** The following Conditional Uses are some of the uses that may be approved by the Governing Body as provided in this Article. Other land uses may also be permitted by Conditional Use Permit except those specifically listed as permitted uses in the zoning districts or as prohibited uses in these Regulations.

1. Airports, aviation fields, helio-ports, and/or landing fields, either publicly or privately held.
2. Bed and breakfast facility.
3. Boat sales and service, including storage yard.
4. Buildings, structures or premises for public utility services or public service corporations; including but not limited to, water treatment plants, wastewater treatment plants, pump stations, filter beds, water towers, substations, electric transmission lines, reservoirs, and utility maintenance shops and yards.
5. Bus barns or lots.
6. Cemeteries, mausoleums or crematories for the disposal of the dead.
7. Ceramic, pottery or concrete ornament product processing, sales and/or yard.
8. Churches and church-related facilities including camps, schools, retreat centers and similar facilities; publicly-owned and operated community buildings, art gallery, museums and libraries.
9. Commercial and/or retail stores and activities not otherwise prohibited by these Regulations.

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10. Commercial offices and office parks.
11. Commercial parking lots.
12. Commercial stockyard or feedlot.
13. A Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System, subject to the following:
  - A. Wind Energy Conversion System shall meet the following setback requirements:
    - (1) The height of the Wind Energy Conversion System plus 50 feet from public roads.
    - (2) A distance equal to twice the Wind Energy Conversion System height from a residential structure.
  - B. Maintaining continuous liability insurance coverage in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 with the County named as an additional insured. In lieu of such coverage the permit holder may provide an indemnification agreement satisfactory to the County.
14. Any small Wind Energy Conversion System proposed to exceed the Performance Standards as stated within these Regulations.
15. Convenience food stores.
16. Contractor's shop and/or yard, including construction equipment and/or material storage areas.
17. Drinking establishments, taverns, membership clubs, or other places that serve alcohol for consumption on the premises.
18. Drive-in and drive-through establishments.
19. Drive-in theatres.
20. Dwellings for resident night watchmen and caretakers employed on the premises of a business.
21. Entertainment venues established on a recurring basis, such as "corn mazes", "haunted houses" and the like. If such operations are only at a location on a single occasion and not intended to be an annual event, it may be considered as a Special Event as provided in these Regulations.
22. Exposition centers and/or buildings.
23. Explosives, fireworks, ammunition, black powder, or similar material wholesale sales, storage, warehousing, and/or manufacturing.
24. Fairgrounds.
25. Farm machinery sales and service, including storage yard.

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26. Fire stations.
27. Grain elevators and its accessory activities including, but not limited to, bulk fuel storage facilities, ammonia storage, tire repair facilities, etc.
28. Greenhouses, nurseries and/or hydroponic farms operated as a retail business.
29. Group Boarding Home, Licensed Group Day Care Home, Child Care Center, Licensed Day Care Home, Preschool, Detention Center, or Residential Center, except as permitted by K.S.A. 12-736 as amended, provided:
  - A. The applicant shall submit, as a part of the application, the plans for the proposed facility giving the type of services to be rendered, the number of persons to be placed in the facility, the number of staff to be employed and other information that will help in determining the extent of services to be provided.
  - B. A report from the Crawford County Health Officer shall be submitted by the applicant, giving the current status of the applicant's license to operate the proposed facility and listing all requirements yet to be met in order for the proposed facility to be granted authorization to begin its operations.
  - C. Off-street parking at a rate of one space per employee plus two additional spaces for guests.
  - D. When operated out of an existing or proposed residential structure, the following standards shall be met:
    - (1) That only one nonilluminated ground or wall sign not more than 4 square feet in area is used to advertise the home occupation.
    - (2) Outside play areas shall be in the side or rear yard only and shall be fenced.
30. Hospitals, nursing or convalescent homes, congregate care facilities and retirement housing.
31. Hospital or clinic for large or small animals, provided, such hospital or clinic and treatment rooms shall be maintained within a completely enclosed, soundproof building, and that such hospital or clinic shall be operated in such a way as to produce no objectionable odors outside its walls.
32. Hotels, motels, and motor hotels.
33. Judicial centers, jails, penal or correctional institutions.
34. Junkyard.
35. Keeping of exotic birds and/or animals on any tract of land, whether in a building or not.
36. Keeping of farm animals, including but not limited to horses, ponies, cows, hogs, pigs, sheep, and/or goats on a lot or tract of less than three (3) acres.

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37. Kennels on less than 10 acres of land, provided:
  - A. All kennel buildings, runs and open areas shall be a distance of at least 1,000 feet between the outer perimeter of the breeding or boarding operation and the nearest residence other than the residence on-site, church, school, public meeting place, commercial business or confined livestock operation.
  - B. Open pens shall not be required to be served by sanitary sewer facilities unless soil conditions will not support adequate percolation.
38. Laboratories; research, experimental, and/or testing.
39. Lawn and garden supply sales and service, including storage yards.
40. Manufactured home and recreational vehicle sales and service, including display yard.
41. Manufactured home as a single-family dwelling on an individual lot.
42. Manufactured home parks, subject to the standards established in the Manufactured Home and Recreational Vehicle Code of Crawford County.
43. Manufacturing, processing, fabrication and assembling of any commodity except junk or salvage.
44. Membership clubs, including private clubs as defined by K.S.A. 41-2601 et seq, and subsequent amendments.
45. Mortuaries and attendant accessory activities and facilities.
46. Motor vehicle sales, service and repair.
47. Multi-family dwellings, including two-family dwellings, townhouses, garden apartments, condominiums; provided, consistent with single-family residential developments, the provision of adequate public water and sewer service, along with other public infrastructure, is necessary in order for development of said dwellings to be permitted. In addition, the introduction of accessory apartments for extended family members in accessory buildings on the same lot; provided ownership and all services for such unit are maintained in the name of the owner of the principle building and/or occupant.
48. Offices and office buildings.
49. Parks and playgrounds.
50. Printing, publishing, and engraving firms, including newspaper publishing; provided said operations are principally retail businesses.
51. Quarrying, mining, and removal of sand, gravel, stone, coal or topsoil and the processing of the same, including asphalt and concrete plants, provided:

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- A. All quarries and mining operations and asphalt and concrete plants shall be screened by a method approved by the Governing Body when the same are visible from any public road.
  - B. The applicant shall provide an approvable method for dust abatement on all unpaved interior roads if any part of the operation is located within 1/4 mile of any residential dwelling.
  - C. Where applicable, a maintenance agreement between the applicant and the County and/or Township having jurisdiction shall be required to maintain the roads that provide the ingress/egress to the operation.
  - D. All areas quarried or mined shall not endanger the lateral support of abutting or adjoining properties. A minimum setback of 100 horizontal feet from any road right-of-way and 30 horizontal feet from all other property lines, measured on the surface, must be maintained free of any quarrying or mining activity, either surface or subsurface. The setback areas may be used for the erection of berms or other screening features required by the Conditional Use Permit.
  - E. A plan for reclamation of the site shall be prepared and submitted as a part of the application. The plan shall indicate a timetable for the reclamation to the proposed use of the site and a general plan of the proposed use. The reclamation plan submitted shall be binding only to the extent that said plan shows the intent of the applicant for reclamation. The actual reclamation plan may be amended at such time that the applicant is ready to begin such reclamation; however, the amended plan must be approved by the Governing Body before reclamation work may begin. Said approval of a revised reclamation plan shall require a public hearing under the same procedure as the original Conditional Use Permit.
  - F. A bond in the amount necessary to reclaim all lands opened at any given time shall be placed in effect and submitted to the Governing Body prior to the operation of all quarries, mining or removal of sand, gravel, coal or topsoil authorized by the Conditional Use Permit.
  - G. No building, equipment, quarry products or other materials shall be erected or stored within 100 feet of any property or right-of-way line.
  - H. A copy of the annual survey of mining operations, as required to be filed by State law with the State, shall also be filed with the Governing Body. Said annual survey applies only to underground mining activities, not to open pit mines or quarries.
52. Radio or television broadcasting towers and/or stations, microwave transmitting and/or receiving towers and/or stations, commercial telecommunication towers, or any tower or other similar structure 50 feet or more in height; whether publicly or privately owned, provided:
- A. The location of every tower must be such that it is at least an equal distance from all property lines as it is in height.
  - B. Every commercial telecommunication tower shall be designed to provide co-location with a minimum of forty-eight (48) antennas and their attendant cables.

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- C. No new commercial telecommunication tower location shall be approved unless the applicant shall show there is not sufficient or usable space on existing or approved towers in the same service area. Such verification shall be in the form of written correspondence from the owner of such towers or structures of their unavailability. At a minimum, the service area for every tower shall be three (3) miles from the tower location.
  - D. All lighting necessary to comply with the FAA lighting requirements shall consist of dual lighting structures with day time strobe lights on medium intensity and night time red lights only. No high intensity strobes or night time strobes shall be permitted. Further, all towers requiring lighting shall provide battery backup or other alternative power source to assure lighting operations during times of power outages.
  - E. Any communication tower that is unused for a period of twelve (12) months or more shall be declared abandoned and shall be notified of the necessity of removing the tower and appurtenances and reclaiming the lands as provided herein.
  - F. A plan for reclamation of the site shall be prepared and submitted as a part of the application. The plan shall indicate a timetable for the reclamation of the proposed use of the site upon the removal of the tower. The applicant shall also provide financial security in a form acceptable to the County to assure the reclamation of the property shall occur in conformance with the reclamation plan. Financial security provided to the landowner is sufficient, provided it names the County as well.
- 53. Recreational or sports-related activity or facility, whether publicly or privately owned.
  - 54. Recreational vehicle park or campground, subject to the standards established in the Manufactured Home and Recreational Vehicle Code of Crawford County.
  - 55. Restaurants.
  - 56. Riding academies, stables and/or show arenas, indoor or outdoor rodeo arenas and/or facilities.
  - 57. Sanitary landfills, hazardous waste disposal facilities, construction/demolition landfills, industrial landfills, or other such similar areas not prohibited by law.
  - 58. Schools, preschools or kindergartens, either publicly or privately owned or operated.
  - 59. Sexually oriented businesses, subject to the following standards:
    - A. No sexually oriented business shall be permitted within 2,640 feet of any religious institution, school, or public park or any property zoned for residential use. Such distance shall be measured in a straight line without regard to intervening properties from the closest exterior structural wall of the sexually oriented business to the closest property line of the religious institution, school, or public park, or the property zoned for residential use.

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- B. No sexually oriented business shall be allowed to locate or expand within 2,640 feet of any other sexually oriented business. The distance between any two (2) sexually oriented businesses shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the closest exterior structural wall of each business.
  - C. All access to and from the sexually oriented business shall be provided from a street classified as a thoroughfare.
  - D. The property on which a sexually oriented business is located shall have a minimum of 330 feet of street frontage.
  - E. The property on which a sexually oriented business is located shall be screened by a solid masonry wall, at least six feet (6') in height, along all interior property lines.
  - F. Off-street parking shall be provided at a ratio of one (1) parking space per 75 square feet of interior floor area, and said requirement shall not be eligible for waiver. In addition, adequate parking shall be provided for buses, trucks and all other vehicles. All off-street parking requirements shall be paved with asphalt or concrete.
  - G. The building or structure in which the sexually oriented business is located shall be designed in such a fashion that all openings, entries and windows prevent view into such facilities from any pedestrian, sidewalk, walkway, street or other public area. No adult entertainment activity shall take place partially or totally outside the sexually oriented business.
  - H. The location at which the sexually oriented business is located shall be limited to one (1) wall-mounted sign no greater than one (1) square foot of sign per linear foot of wall length of the front of the building or structure, not to exceed a total of fifty (50) square feet. Said sign shall not flash, blink or move by mechanical means and shall not extend above the roof line of the building or structure. Further, no merchandise or pictures of products or entertainment on the premises shall be displayed in window areas or any area where such merchandise or pictures can be viewed by any pedestrian, sidewalk, walkway, street or other public area. No flashing lights and/or lighting which leaves the impression of motion or movement shall be permitted.
  - I. Lighting of the exterior or the building or structure and of the parking area must provide a minimum light level of 0.25 footcandles over the entire area; but at no point shall the light level exceed 3.0 footcandles. The light levels or visible glare at the lot line from all light sources shall not exceed 0.25 footcandles.
- 60. Truck stops and/or truck terminals.
  - 61. Warehousing, wholesaling and storage of any commodity except junk or salvage.
  - 62. Zoos, commercial aquariums, or aviaries.
  - 63. Any other use not specifically listed as a permitted and/or accessory use in any district in these

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Regulations, or as a prohibited use.

**16-106 Continuance of a Conditional Use:** A Conditional Use Permit shall be allowed to continue, unless specified otherwise as a condition of its original authorization, as long as all conditions placed on it are met. However, if that particular use ceases to exist for a period of one (1) year, it will forfeit its Development Plan and will not be allowed to exist again unless a new application is made, a public hearing held, and a new Development approved in conformance with the requirements of these Regulations. The County may initiate an action to remove the Conditional Use, but must follow the same procedures as followed to establish the Conditional Use originally.

**16-107 Accessory Uses:** Buildings and structures may be erected and land may be used for purposes which are clearly incidental to, and customarily and commonly associated with the main permitted use of the premises. Such accessory buildings and uses shall be so constructed, maintained and conducted as to not produce noise, vibration, concussion, dust, dirt, fly ash, odor, noxious gases, heat or glare which is injurious, damaging, unhealthful or disturbing to adjacent property or the users thereof, and shall be on the premises of the main use.

**16-108 Eligibility for Accessory Use:** The determination of the eligibility of a proposed use as an accessory use shall be made by the Zoning Administrator.

**16-109 Accessory Uses Allowed:** Accessory uses shall be allowed; provided, said accessory uses shall be limited to those specified herein for the various zoning classifications:

1. In the "AG" Agricultural District, the following, or similar accessory uses are allowed:
  - A. Open or enclosed storage of farm materials, products or equipment; but not junk.
  - B. Any and all farm buildings, including, but not limited to, barns, stables, sheds, toolrooms, shops, bins, tanks and silos.
  - C. The use of a manufactured home as an accessory dwelling on land used for agricultural purposes when used by persons employed thereon, including their families. At no time shall a manufactured home or the land upon which it sits be intended and/or used as a rental unit in the "AG" District.
  - D. Fuel storage, tanks and dispensing equipment for fuels used solely for a farming operation. No retail sales of such fuels shall be allowed as an accessory use.
  - E. Wholesale or retail sales of agricultural products grown or raised on the premises or by the farm operator.
  - F. A hobby activity operated by the occupant of the premises purely for personal enjoyment, amusement or recreation.
  - G. Home occupations.
  - H. Home schooling of the children of the occupants of the residence in accordance with

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standards established by the State of Kansas.

- I. Accessory buildings and uses commonly associated with residential activity including, but not limited to, the following:
    - Accessory off-street parking and loading spaces
    - Fences or walls
    - Flag poles
    - Gates or guard houses for subdivisions
    - Home barbecue grills
    - Parabolic and satellite dish-type antennas
    - Play equipment
    - Private garages and carports
    - Servants quarters
    - Small storage sheds
    - Solar collectors
    - Swimming pools
    - Television and radio receiving antennas less than 50 feet in height
  - J. Small wind energy conversion systems.
  - K. Storage buildings, including those originally designed or intended for use as a transportation vehicle or shipping structure.
2. In District "RR" Rural Residential, "SR" Suburban Residential and "R-1" Single-Family Residential Districts, the following accessory uses are allowed:
- A. Accessory buildings and uses commonly associated with residential activity, including, but not limited to, the following:
    - Accessory off-street parking and loading spaces
    - Fences or walls
    - Flag poles
    - Gates or guard houses for subdivisions
    - Home barbecue grills
    - Parabolic and satellite dish-type antennas
    - Play equipment
    - Private garages and carports
    - Servants quarters
    - Small storage sheds
    - Solar collectors
    - Swimming pools
    - Television and radio receiving antennas less than 50 feet in height

No accessory building or use shall occupy a required front yard (except basketball goals, flag poles and fences as permitted.)

The total floor area of all accessory buildings in the "RR" Rural Residential and "SR"

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Suburban Residential Districts shall not exceed 1,500 square feet.

The total floor area of all accessory buildings in the "R-1" Single Family Residential District shall not exceed 900 square feet.

- B. A hobby activity may be operated as an accessory use by the occupant of the premises purely for personal enjoyment, amusement or recreation.
- C. In the "RR" Rural Residential and "SR" Suburban Residential Districts, agricultural activities may be conducted as accessory activities, such as growing of crops, pasturage of animals, growing of hay, or other similar activities. However, at no time shall such activity be classified or permitted as the primary usage of the land; said primary usage being as a residential home site in either of the zoning districts.
- D. Home occupations such as, but not limited to, the following:

- Accountant
- Architect
- Artist
- Attorney
- Author or writer
- Clergyman
- Counselor
- Engineer
- Home crafts
- Insurance Agent
- Photographer
- Planner
- Seamstress/Dressmaker
- Secretary/Typist

Teaching or instruction provided not more than 3 students are taught at any one time and not more than 12 students per day

The following conditions and restrictions shall apply to such customary home occupations:

- (1) That the home occupation shall be carried on wholly within a main building or structure, provided that the primary use of the main building or structure is clearly the dwelling used by the person conducting the business as his or her private residence. Absolutely no accessory building or structure shall be used as a home occupation.
- (2) That no person other than members of the household living on the premises shall be employed.
- (3) That only one non-illuminated ground or wall sign not more than 4 square feet in area is used to advertise the home occupation.

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- (4) That no display or storage of equipment or materials outside of a building or structure shall be permitted.
  - (5) That no equipment or machine is used in such activities that is perceptible off the premises by reason of noise, smoke, dust, odor, heat, glare, radiation, electrical interference or vibration.
  - (6) That off-street parking and loading shall be provided and that no generation of substantial volumes of vehicular or pedestrian traffic or parking demand shall be permitted.
- E. Home schooling of the children of the occupants of the residence in accordance with standards established by the State of Kansas.
  - F. Small wind energy conversion systems.
  - G. Storage buildings, including those originally designed or intended for use as a transportation vehicle shipping container, shall be permitted on property zoned "RR" Rural Residential. Storage buildings shall be subject to all setback requirements of the district and shall be limited to placement of one (1) structure originally designed or intended for use as a transportation vehicle shipping container on the property only.

**16-110 Specialty Accessory Uses:** The following uses, activities, or items shall be the accessory uses or restrictions allowable:

1. **Construction Sites:** Construction and hauling trailers may be used as a temporary construction office on the site of a construction project, provided such construction or hauling trailer is removed upon completion of the project.
2. **Recreational Vehicles and Trailers:**
  - A. Recreational vehicles may be parked in a recreational vehicle park or campground. Recreational vehicles or equipment may also be stored or parked outdoors in the "AG" Agricultural District. Recreational vehicles may be stored within any "RR", "SR" and "R-1" District, provided; said recreational vehicle or recreational equipment, as defined in these Regulations, is stored within an enclosed structure (which structure otherwise conforms to the requirements of these Regulations), or may be permanently parked upon the private property of the premise if said recreational vehicle or recreational equipment is not parked within the front yard; within the required yard along any public street; or within 10 feet of side or rear lot line.
  - B. At no time shall a permanently or temporarily parked or stored recreational vehicle or item of recreational equipment be occupied or used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes, except in a recreational vehicle park, or as a permitted temporary dwelling on a lot on which a valid Building Permit is issued for construction of a dwelling on said lot.

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- C. The provisions of these Regulations regarding recreational vehicles do not apply to those businesses displaying recreational vehicles or recreational equipment for sale or service when said business is properly located.

### **16-111 Prohibited Uses:** After the effective date of these Regulations:

1. No mobile home, as defined in these Regulations, shall be moved, relocated, or otherwise placed on any property in the unincorporated portion of Crawford County, including within any Manufactured Home Park or Manufactured Home Subdivision.
2. No manufactured home or mobile home shall be used for any purpose other than as a residential dwelling as permitted within these Regulations. At no time shall a manufactured home or mobile home be converted to a storage unit, office or any other such use, except when used as a permitted accessory use in this Article. At no time shall a manufactured home or mobile home be converted to an agricultural building for use as storage of agricultural products or equipment or shelter for animals.
3. No mobile home or manufactured home originally built to be a single-wide unit shall be attached or connected to any other mobile home or manufactured home, or to any other structure or building. This shall not prohibit reasonable, aesthetically designed stoops, porches, decks, carports or the like from being built onto or adjacent to an approved manufactured home.
4. No property shall be used as junkyard, sanitary landfill, construction/demolition landfill, industrial landfill, hazardous or toxic waste storage facility, or other similar use or activity, including as an accessory use to another principal use, unless such use or activity has been approved by the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit as provided within these Regulations.
5. No structure constructed or intended for use as a shipping container, whether as originally as a transportation vehicle or as a separate structure, shall be used as a storage container on property zoned "SR" Suburban Residential or "R-1" Single-Family Residential District, unless such placement has been allowed by an approved Special Exception from the Board of Zoning Appeals.
6. No application for a Conditional Use Permit shall be considered and no Conditional Use Permit shall be issued for any person on any property which proposes as the only use the placement of an advertising sign or billboard. Further, an advertising sign or billboard permitted as an accessory structure in an approved Conditional Use Permit shall not be built, used or remain in use unless the principal use and/or structure on the property is first built and/or currently used. Upon the cessation of the principal use and/or structure on the property, the advertising sign or billboard shall lose its standing as an accessory structure and must be removed. At no time shall an advertising sign or billboard first established under these regulations gain standing as a non-conforming use since the placement and continued use of such advertising sign or billboard is accessory to another principal structure or use.

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### 17-101 Nonconforming Lots of Record:

#### 1. In Certain Residential Districts:

- A. In the "R-1" Single Family Residential district, notwithstanding the regulations imposed by any other provision of these Regulations, a single-family detached dwelling which complies with the restrictions in Section 17-101(1)(B), below, may be erected or expanded on a lot that is not less than 25 feet in width and that consists entirely of a tract of land that:
- (1) Has less than the prescribed minimum lot area, width or depth, or all three, and,
  - (2) Is shown by a recorded plat or deed to have been owned separately and individually from adjoining tracts of land at a time when the creation of a lot of such size and width at such location would not have been prohibited by any zoning regulations, and,
  - (3) Has remained in separate and individual ownership from adjoining tracts of land continuously during the entire time that the creation of such lot has been prohibited by the applicable zoning regulation or regulations.
- B. Construction permitted by Section 17-101(1)(A), above, shall comply with all of the regulations (except lot area, width and depth) applicable to single-family dwellings in the zoning district in which the lot in question is located; provided, however, that the following front and side yard requirements shall apply in place of the front and side yard requirements otherwise applicable:
- (1) The dwelling shall provide a yard on each side of the dwelling.
  - (2) The dwelling shall provide a front yard equal to either the required front yard or the established front yard as provided by these Regulations. In no case shall an expansion be allowed to encroach into the required front yard greater than what exists for the existing structure.
  - (3) The sum of the widths of the two side yards on each lot shall be not less than the smaller of:
    - (a) Twenty-five percent of the width of the lot, or
    - (b) The minimum total for both side yards prescribed by the bulk regulations for said zoning district, and,

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- (c) No side yard shall be less than 10 percent of the width of the lot, and in no case less than 3 feet.

**17-102 Nonconforming Use of Land:** Where open land is being used as a nonconforming use at the time of the enactment of these Regulations, and such use is the principal use and not accessory to the main use conducted in a structure, such use may be continued; provided, such nonconforming use shall not be extended or enlarged, either on the same or adjoining property. The protection afforded to nonconforming use of land by this section applies only to such land held under ownership or lease agreement for said activity on or before the effective date of these Regulations, but shall not apply to new lands purchased or leased after said date. In addition, said protection shall not apply to any activities not legal under the terms of the regulations which these Regulations replace.

**17-103 Nonconforming Use of Structures:** Except as otherwise provided herein, the lawful use of a structure existing on the effective date of these Regulations may be continued although such use does not conform to the provisions hereof. Whenever a nonconforming use has been changed to a conforming use, such use shall not thereafter be changed to a nonconforming use. The nonconforming use of a structure may be hereafter extended throughout those parts of a structure which were lawfully and manifestly arranged or designed for such use at the time of the enactment of these Regulations.

**17-104 Discontinuance of Nonconforming Uses:** No land or structure or portion thereof used in whole or in part for a nonconforming use which remains idle or unused for a continuous period of six (6) months, whether or not the equipment, fixtures, improvements or facilities are removed, shall again be used except in conformity with the regulations of the district in which such land or structure is located.

**17-105 Destruction of a Nonconforming Use:** No structure which has been damaged by any cause whatsoever to the extent of more than 50 percent of the fair market value of the structure, immediately prior to damage, shall be restored except in conformity with the provisions of these Regulations, and all rights as a nonconforming use are terminated. If a structure is damaged by less than 50 percent of the fair market value, it may be repaired or reconstructed and used as before the time of damage, provided, that such repairs or reconstruction be substantially completed within twelve (12) months of the date of such damage.

**17-106 Intermittent Use:** The casual, intermittent, temporary or illegal use of land or structures shall not be sufficient to establish the existence of a nonconforming use. The existence of a nonconforming use on the part of a lot or tract shall not be construed to establish a nonconforming use on the entire lot or tract.

**17-107 Existence of a Nonconforming Use:** Whether a nonconforming use exists shall be a question of fact and shall be decided by the Zoning Administrator, subject to appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals after public notice and hearing and in accordance with the rules of the Board and of these Regulations.

**17-108 Nonconforming Structures - Enlargement, Repairs, Alterations:** Any structure which is devoted to a use which is permitted in the zoning district in which it is located, but which is located on a lot which does not comply with the applicable lot size requirements and/or the applicable bulk regulations, may be continued, so long as it remains otherwise lawful. Any such structure may be enlarged, maintained, repaired or remodeled; provided however, that no such enlargement, maintenance, repair or remodeling shall either create any additional non-conformity or increase the degree of existing non-conformity of all or any part of such structure, except that as to structures located on a lot that does not comply with the applicable lot size requirements, the side yard requirements shall be determined by Section 17-101 herein. In the event that any such structure is damaged or destroyed, by any means, to the extent of more than fifty percent (50%) of its fair market value, such structure shall not be restored unless it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the zoning district in which it is located; provided that structures located on a lot that does not comply with

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the applicable lot size requirements shall not in any event be required to provide a side yard that exceeds the yard requirements in Section 167-101 herein. No structure shall be moved in whole or in part for any distance whatever, to any other location on the same or any other lot unless the entire structure shall thereafter conform to the regulations of the zoning district in which it is located after being moved.

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### Sections:

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- 18-112 Decisions of the Board

**18-101 Organization and Procedure:** The Crawford County Planning Commission shall serve as the Board of Zoning Appeals and shall administer the details of the application of these Regulations in accordance with the general rules set forth herein. The Board of Zoning Appeals may adopt rules and regulations as it may deem necessary to effectuate the provisions of these Regulations.

### **18-102 Powers and Duties:**

1. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the following powers:
  - A. In accordance with the specific provisions of this Article, to authorize upon appeal of specific cases such variance from the terms of these Regulations as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of these Regulations would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of these Regulations shall be observed and substantial justice done.
  - B. To hear and decide those special exceptions to the terms of these Regulations upon which such Board is required to pass under these Regulations.
  - C. The Board may conduct an initial review of cases, prior to a full hearing on the merits, to determine the issue of the Board's jurisdiction.
  - D. To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of these Regulations. However, no hearing on the merits shall be required in cases in which the Board determines from an initial review that it lacks jurisdiction. Such cases shall include the following:
    - (1) Cases in which appeals are not timely filed;
    - (2) Cases in which an administrative official is implementing rulings previously issued by the Board of Zoning Appeals or the Planning Commission; and,
    - (3) Cases in which an administrative official makes a decision unrelated to the administration of the planning and zoning regulations.

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2. The Zoning Administrator shall have the following powers and duties:
  - A. To act as the agent of the Board.
  - B. To receive all documents and materials incident to variance appeals, special exceptions and appeals of an administrative official enforcing these Regulations.
  - C. To transmit complete appeals to the Board.
  - D. To refuse to submit to the Board any appeals which are incomplete or defective. "Incomplete or defective" appeals shall include, but not be limited to: incomplete appeals forms, failure to utilize the required appeal form and failure to pay the docket fee.
  - E. To advise the Board in which the Board's jurisdiction may be an issue.

**18-103 Variances:** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the power to grant the following variances:

1. A variation in the bulk requirements in any district so as to relieve practical difficulties or particular hardships in cases, when and where, by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific piece of property, or by reason of exceptional topographical conditions or other extraordinary or exceptional situations or conditions of such piece of property, the strict application of each regulation or restriction would result in peculiar and exceptional practical difficulties to, or exceptional hardship upon the owner of such property. Such variance shall comply, as nearly as possible, in every respect with the spirit, intent and purpose of these Regulations; it being the purpose of this provision to authorize the granting of variation only for reasons of demonstrable and exceptional hardship as distinguished from variations sought by applicants for purposes or reasons of convenience, profit, or caprice. Such variance shall be granted only when public safety and welfare are secured, and substantial justice done.
  2. A request for a variance may be granted in such case, upon a finding by the board that **ALL** of the following conditions have been met:
    - A. The variance requested arises from such condition which is unique to the property in question and which is not ordinarily found in the same zone or district; and is not created by an action or actions of the property owner(s) or of the applicant;
    - B. The granting of the variance will not adversely affect the rights of adjacent property owners or residents;
    - C. The strict application of the provisions of the zoning regulations of which variance is requested will constitute unnecessary hardship upon the property owner represented in the application;
    - D. The variance desired will not adversely affect the public health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity, or general welfare, and;
    - E. That granting the variance desired will not be opposed to the general spirit and intent of these Regulations.
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**18-104 Special Exceptions:** In order to provide for adjustment in the relative locations of uses and buildings of the same or different classifications, to promote the usefulness of these Regulations as an instrument for fact finding, interpretation, application, and adjustment, and to supply the necessary elasticity to its efficient operation; special exceptions are hereby permitted by the terms of this Article. The following buildings and uses are permitted as special exceptions if the Board of Zoning Appeals finds that in its opinion, as a matter of fact, such exceptions will not adversely affect the uses of adjacent and neighboring property permitted by these Regulations:

1. Replacing a nonconforming mobile home or manufactured home with a newer and/or larger manufactured home on the same lot; provided, said reestablished manufactured home, if approved, shall be set up in accordance with these Regulations and be properly skirted within 60 days of the placement of said manufactured home.
2. A manufactured home or recreational vehicle on an individual lot on an emergency basis on any lot where the permanent dwelling unit has been destroyed by fire, storm or other such calamity and the dwelling unit has been rendered uninhabitable, and where the placement of the manufactured home or recreational vehicle will be for a period longer than one (1) year. The placement of the manufactured home or recreational vehicle for a period not greater than one (1) year is allowed under these conditions by the issuance of an administrative permit by the Zoning Administrator under Section 19-111 of these Regulations.
3. Placing a manufactured home as a second home on a lot under instances of extreme hardship or necessity as determined by the Board, provided:
  - A. The applicant shall clearly state the hardship or reason of necessity for requesting the Special Exception.
  - B. The Special Exception may be permitted for a period of up to three (3) years and may be renewed for successive three (3) year periods; provided, however, that at such time as the hardship or reason of necessity shall cease to exist, the Special Exception shall become null and void and said manufactured home shall be forthwith removed.
  - C. Such manufactured home shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition and shall comply with the Crawford County Sanitary Code and all other applicable adopted codes and procedures of Crawford County.
4. In the "RR" Rural Residential and "SR" Suburban Residential Districts, accessory building(s) covering more than 1,500 square feet; and in the "R-1" Single-Family Residential District, accessory building(s) covering more than 900 square feet.
5. A nonconforming commercial use to extend to the entire lot or a larger portion of the lot where there is now a commercial use on a portion of the lot.
6. A nonconforming commercial use on a lot between two lots which are used commercially.

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7. A nonconforming use now existing in any part of a building to be extended vertically or laterally to other portions of the building. In a building now occupied by a nonconforming commercial or industrial use, an additional use of the same classification in the remainder of the building.
8. The extension of an existing nonconforming building and the existing use thereof, upon the lot occupied by such building at the time of the passage of these Regulations; or the erection of an additional building upon the lot owned at the time of the passage of these Regulations by a nonconforming commercial or industrial establishment and which additional building is a part of such establishment.
9. Where a use district boundary line crosses a lot, a use of either classification on the whole lot within 100 feet of said district boundary line.
10. Off-street parking areas, adjacent to or at a reasonable distance from the premises on which parking areas are required by the parking regulations of these Regulations where practical difficulties, including the acquisition of property, or undue hardships are encountered in locating such parking areas on the premises and where the purpose of these Regulations to relieve congestion in the streets would be best served by permitting such parking off the premises.
11. The placement of a manufactured home or a mobile home on any property for use as an office, storage unit or other use different from its original design as a residence. This does not apply to the placement of “prefabricated structures” which are designed as portable offices, portable classrooms and the like; nor does it apply to the placement of a manufactured home or mobile home on agricultural land for use as storage or housing of animals, which is prohibited by Article 16.
12. The placement of a storage building originally designed or intended for use as a transportation vehicle or shipping structure on property zoned “SR” Suburban Residential District.

**18-105 Special Yard and Height Exceptions:** The following special yard exceptions, limited as to location and especially in locations described below in this section, are permitted by these Regulations if the Board of Zoning Appeals finds that in its opinion, as a matter of fact, such exception will not substantially affect adversely the uses of adjacent and neighboring property permitted by these Regulations and provided such exceptions are approved by the Board:

1. An exception in the yard regulations on a lot where, on the adjacent lot, there is a front, side or rear yard that does not conform to the yard regulations.
2. A yard exception on a corner lot, or lots opposite or adjoining permanent open spaces, including parks and playgrounds.
3. An exception in the depth of the rear yard on a platted lot in a block where there are nonconforming rear yard conditions.
4. An exception where there are irregularities in depths of existing front yards on a street frontage on the side of a street between two intersecting streets, so that any one of the existing depths shall, for a building hereafter constructed or extended, be the required minimum front yard depth.

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**18-106 Guidelines for Conditions:** Where, in these Regulations, special exceptions are permitted, provided they are approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals where the Board is authorized to decide appeals or approve certain uses, and where the Board is authorized to approve variances; such approval, decision, or authorization shall be limited by such conditions as the case may require, including, if necessary, any of the following specifications:

1. No outside signs or advertising structures except professional or directional signs.
2. Limitations of signs as to size, type, color, location or illumination.
3. Amount, direction, and location of outdoor lighting.
4. Amount and location of off-street parking and loading space.
5. Maintenance requirements including cleaning and painting of buildings, structures or facilities.
6. Type of roof (i.e., gable, flat, etc.).
7. Construction design and type of construction materials to be used.
8. Whether the buildings, if multiple buildings are proposed, can be connected or not.
9. Exit, entrance, door and window locations.
10. The type and amount of paving, landscaping, fencing, screening and other such features.
11. Hours of operation, including limitations on nighttime hours.
12. Limitations on structural alterations to existing buildings.
13. Plans for the control or elimination of smoke, dust, gas, noise or vibration caused by the proposed use.
14. Such other conditions and/or limitations that are deemed necessary.

**18-107 Application:** Written application for a variance, a special exception, or an appeal referred to in this Article shall be filed with the Board or its agent, upon forms and in a manner prescribed by the Board. Said application shall be submitted within 30 days of the action requiring said variance, special exception or appeal.

**18-108 Stay of Proceedings:** Upon the application for an appeal of an order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official in the enforcement of these Regulations, said application shall stay all legal proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from unless the Zoning Administrator certifies to the Board, after the application for appeal has been filed with him, that by reason of facts stated in the certificate the stay would, in his opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property. In such case the proceedings shall not be stayed except by a restraining order which may be granted by the Board, or by a court of competent jurisdiction on application, on notice to the Zoning Administrator and on due cause shown.

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### **18-109 Public Hearing:**

1. The Board may conduct an initial review in cases on the limited issue of jurisdiction. If the Board determines it does not have jurisdiction, no hearing on the merits is necessary. Cases in which no jurisdiction exists include the instances in Section 18-102(1)(d)(1) through (3). The Board's ruling of no jurisdiction is appealable to a court of competent jurisdiction. In the event the Board rules that it has jurisdiction, a hearing on the merits shall proceed.
2. The Board shall hold a public hearing on each complete application for an appeal, decision, variance or special exception for which it has jurisdiction. Applications for a variance or special exception must be accompanied with a list of property owners, and their addresses, within 1,000 feet of the property for which the variance or special exception is being sought, except the notification area need only extend 200 feet into an incorporated city when said property is near or abuts said incorporated city. Upon special direction, the applicant shall provide a certified list of the owners of record of said lands at the time of the filing of the application, otherwise the Zoning Administrator shall compile said list from the records of Crawford County, Kansas. On all applications, notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be published once in the official County paper not less than 20 days prior to the date of such public hearing. In addition, for all applications for a variance or special exception all property owners in the notification area shall be notified by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, of such public hearing and be given an opportunity to attend and be heard regarding such application for a variance or special exception.

**18-110 Findings and Records of Proceedings:** The Board of Zoning Appeals shall hold the public hearing at such prescribed time and place and shall make its findings and determinations in writing within a reasonable time from the date of filing of the application, and shall forthwith transmit a copy thereof to the applicant. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, and shall keep records of its examinations and other official actions, which shall be a public record.

**18-111 Lapse of Special Exceptions or Variances:** After the Board of Zoning Appeals has approved a special exception or granted a variance, the special exception or variance so approved or granted shall lapse after the expiration of one (1) year if no substantial construction or change of use has taken place in accordance with the plans for which such special exception or variance was granted, and the provisions of these Regulations shall thereafter govern.

**18-112 Decisions of the Board:** In exercising the foregoing powers, the Board of Zoning Appeals, in conformity with the provisions of this Article, may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision or determination, and to that end shall have all the powers of the officer from whom the appeal is taken; may attach appropriate conditions and may issue or direct the issuance of a permit. Any person, official or governmental agency dissatisfied with any order or determination of the Board of Zoning Appeals may bring an action in the District Court of Crawford County, Kansas, to determine the reasonableness of any such order or determination within thirty (30) days of the rendering of the order or determination by said Board of Zoning Appeals.

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**19-101 Enforcement:** It shall be the duty of the Zoning Administrator to enforce the provisions of these Regulations and to refuse to issue any permit for any building, or for the use of any premises, which would violate any of the provisions of these Regulations. It shall also be the duty of all officers and employees of Crawford County, Kansas, to assist the Zoning Administrator by reporting any seeming violation in new construction, reconstruction or land use. In case any building is erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved, altered, repaired or converted or any building or land is used in violation of these Regulations, the Zoning Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to institute any appropriate action to put an end to such violation.

**19-102 Zoning Certificate:** No building, structure, or addition thereto constructed, built, moved, remodeled or reconstructed after the effective date of these Regulations shall be occupied or used for any purpose; and no land vacant on the effective date of these Regulations shall be used for any other purpose; and no use of any land or structure shall be changed to any other use, unless a Zoning Certificate shall first be obtained from the Zoning Department and having the Zoning Administrator certify that the proposed use or occupancy complies with all the provisions of these Regulations.

**19-103 Application for Zoning Certificate:** The application for a Zoning Certificate shall be made on forms provided by the Zoning Administrator and shall be accompanied by a site plan of the real estate upon which said application is made. Said site plan shall be prepared as required by these Regulations.

**19-104 Fees:** An application for a Zoning Certificate shall be accompanied by such fee as shall be officially specified by resolution of the Governing Body from time to time.

**19-105 Issuance of Zoning Certificate:** A Zoning Certificate shall be either issued or refused by the Zoning Administrator as provided by these Regulations.

**19-106 Revocation of Zoning Certificate:** A Zoning Certificate issued in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations may be revoked by the Zoning Administrator if he finds that prior to the completion of the structure for which the permit was issued there is a departure from the approved plans, specifications and/or requirements or conditions required under the terms of the Zoning Certificate, or the same was issued under false representation, or that any other provisions of these Regulations are being violated.

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**19-107 Stop Order:** Failure, refusal or neglect of any property owner, or his authorized representative, to apply for and secure a valid Zoning Certificate, including the payment of the prescribed fee, shall be reason for the issuance of a "stop order" by the Zoning Administrator. Said stop order shall be posted on or near the property in question, in a conspicuous place and no further construction shall proceed. Where such construction has proceeded without filing for and receiving a valid permit, the fee for the issuance of a subsequent Zoning Certificate shall be subject to the penalties for such action as established by these Regulations.

**19-108 Period of Validity:** A Zoning Certificate shall become null and void as specified by the policies and procedures of the Zoning Administrator.

**19-109 Certificate of Occupancy:** No new or existing building or structure shall be occupied or used, and no change in the character or use of land or of a building shall occur, until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the Zoning Department, which shall include a certification that such building or use complies with all requirements of these Regulations and other applicable Crawford County rules and regulations.

**19-110 Reports:** The Zoning Administrator shall periodically report in writing to the Governing Body and Planning Commission a summary of all Zoning Certificates and certificates of occupancy issued during the preceding period, giving details of any permitted variations, as well as the current status of all applications in process for amendments, conditional uses, appeals, and variances. Such report shall include comments on any problems encountered in the administration of these Regulations which may need correction by amendment to these Regulations.

**19-111 Administrative Permit:** A manufactured home or recreational vehicle on an individual lot may be authorized by the Zoning Administrator, on an emergency basis for a period not to exceed one (1) year, on any lot where the permanent dwelling unit has been destroyed by fire, storm or other such calamity and the dwelling unit has been rendered uninhabitable. If the authorization for the emergency placement of such manufactured home or recreational vehicle unit lasts longer than one (1) year, a Special Exception may be granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals for an additional period of time, provided, the procedures for approval of Special Exceptions outlined in Article 18 herein are followed.

**19-112 Vesting of Development Rights:** In conformance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-764, and any subsequent amendments, the following shall apply:

1. The rights of landowners of properties platted or subdivided for residential development shall be protected for use of said land for the intended residential purposes for a period of five (5) years from the time in which such property was first platted or subdivided, provided:
  - A. Verifiable evidence is presented showing the date in which said plat or subdivision of land was first created. Acceptable evidence shall be: signed and sealed certificates or plats of survey from a Registered Land Surveyor showing the several lots proposed to be created, either dated or dated and recorded with the Register of Deeds; recorded Restrictive or Protective Covenants for the development; recorded deeds conveying land; or recorded Affidavits of Equitable Interest on contracts for deed for said tracts of land.
  - B. Within said five (5) year period actual sales occur resulting in separate owners on the tracts of land.

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- C. The division of land was legally done in conformance with the then Crawford County Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.
2. Except for lots in a recorded plat, any remaining contiguous tracts of land within the area divided under this rule held in common ownership at the conclusion of said five (5) year period shall be considered an unplatted lot and subsequent divisions of said lot shall be in conformance with the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations then in effect.
  3. Properties divided or platted for any use other than agricultural or residential purposes shall not be permitted to develop or further develop except in conformance with these Regulations and the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations. Persons who obtain a validly issued permit under the previous Crawford County Zoning Ordinance shall be permitted to develop the property so long as the permit issued under the previous Crawford County Zoning Ordinance does not expire. Failure to start construction under said permit before the expiration of the permit shall not protect the owner from the provisions of these Regulations or the Crawford County Subdivision Regulations then in effect.

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### Sections:

#### 20-101 Purpose and Intent

#### 20-102 Special Event Defined

#### 20-103 Special Events Not Requiring a Permit

#### 20-104 Special Events Subject to an Administrative Permit

#### 20-105 Special Events Subject to Governing Body Approval

#### 20-106 Application and Fee

**20-101 Purpose and Intent:** The purpose and intent of this Article is to provide for the temporary use of land for special events in a manner consistent with its normal use and beneficial to the general welfare of the public. Furthermore, it is the intent of this Article to protect nearby property owners, residents and businesses from special events which may be disruptive, obnoxious, unsafe or inappropriate given site conditions, traffic patterns, land use characteristics, and the nature of the proposed use. Finally, it is the intent of this Article to preserve the public health, safety and convenience.

**20-102 Special Event Defined:** The term "special event" shall mean a temporary, short-term use of land or structures, not otherwise included as a permitted or accessory use by these Regulations, for one or more of the following types of activities:

1. **Type 1.** Fund-raising or non-commercial events for nonprofit religious, educational, or community service organizations; including any on-site signs and structures in conjunction with the event.
2. **Type 2.** Temporary banners attached to the wall of a building or placed across street rights-of-way.
3. **Type 3.** Promotional activities or devices intended to attract attention to a specific place, business, organization, event or district, such as signs, searchlights or balloons.
4. **Type 4.** Commercial activities intended to sell, lease, rent or promote specific merchandise, services or product lines, such as a tent sale, trade show, farmers market, Christmas tree sales, or product demonstration.
5. **Type 5.** Public or private events intended primarily for entertainment or amusement, such as concerts, festivals, carnivals, circuses or parades, or as temporary "one-time" activities of a generally short duration, particularly such activities as "locational" work by film companies. Additionally, the temporary placement of a portable asphalt plant and attendant materials and equipment during construction work on any public road when such placement is not adjacent to said construction but will be placed within 1 and ¼ miles of said construction may be allowed under this provision.

The term "special event" shall not include amusement enterprises, garage sales at an individual residence, transient merchants, or off-site promotional signs.

**20-103 Special Events Not Requiring a Permit:** Special events meeting the Type 1 definition are allowed without a Special Event Permit, provided all of the following performance standards are met:

1. The special event is conducted entirely on private property owned or leased by the sponsoring organization as a permanent facility.

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2. Any structure used in conjunction with the special event shall meet all applicable yard setbacks, shall be the subject of a valid zoning certificate, and shall be promptly removed upon cessation of the event.
3. The special event shall be restricted to hours of operation between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., to a maximum duration of four (4) days, and to a maximum frequency for similar events of two (2) times per calendar year.

**20-104 Special Events Subject to an Administrative Permit:** Special events meeting the following standards may be issued a Special Event Permit administratively by the Zoning Administrator. In administering the provisions of this section, the Zoning Administrator shall be guided by applicable County policies as adopted by the Governing Body. Any applicant denied a Special Event Permit shall be notified in writing of the reasons for the denial and of the opportunity to appeal the denial to the Governing Body.

1. Special events meeting the Type 2 definition may be permitted administratively by the Zoning Administrator, provided that all of the following performance standards are met:
  - A. An application is made and a fee paid in accordance with Section 20-106.
  - B. No more than one banner will be displayed when attached to the wall of a building.
  - C. The banner shall not be more than 40 square feet in size.
  - D. The banner will be displayed for a maximum duration of fifteen (15) days per permit.
2. Special events meeting the Type 3 or Type 4 definition, and Type 1 events not meeting the standards of Section 20-103, may be permitted administratively by the Zoning Administrator subject to the prior review and approval of special arrangements for traffic and crowd control by the Sheriff, Fire Chief of the appropriate Fire District, and County Engineer. No such administrative permit shall be issued unless all of the following performance standards are met:
  - A. An application is made and a fee paid in accordance with Section 20-106.
  - B. The special event will not cause undue traffic congestion or accident potential given anticipated attendance and the design of adjacent streets, intersections and traffic controls.
  - C. The activity shall not cause the overcrowding of parking facilities given anticipated attendance and the possible reduction in the number of available spaces caused by the event itself.
  - D. The special event shall not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare given the nature of the activity, its location on the site, and its relationship to parking and access points.
  - E. The special event shall not impair the usefulness, enjoyment or value of adjacent property due to the generation of excessive noise, dust, smoke, odor, glare, litter or visual pollution. Specific mitigation measures shall be presented.

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- F. Any structure used in conjunction with the special event shall meet all sight distance requirements, shall be the subject of a valid building permit, and shall be promptly removed upon the cessation of the event.
- G. The special event shall be conducted on private property where the property owner has granted the appropriate permission.
- H. The duration and hours of operation of the special event shall be consistent with the intent of the event and the surrounding land uses, but in no case shall the duration exceed ten (10) days.

**20-105 Special Events Subject to Governing Body Approval:** Any special event not meeting the criteria of Sections 20-103 or 20-104 may be granted a Special Event Permit by the Governing Body. Such permit may be subject to such conditions and safeguards as the Governing Body may deem necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare. These conditions may include, but shall not be limited to:

- 1. Restrictions on the hours of operation, duration of the event, size of the activity, or other operational characteristic.
- 2. The posting of a performance bond to help ensure that the operation of the event and the subsequent restoration of the site are conducted according to Governing Body expectations.
- 3. The provision of traffic control or security personnel to increase the public safety and convenience.
- 4. Obtaining liability and personal injury insurance in such form and amount as the Governing Body may find necessary to protect the safety and general welfare of the community.

**20-106 Application and Fee:**

- 1. No Special Event Permit shall be issued until an application has been submitted to the Zoning Administrator and the appropriate fee paid. The application shall be made on forms provided by the Zoning Administrator, and shall be accompanied by the following items as applicable:
  - A. A letter from the applicant describing the proposed event, the hours of operation, the duration of the event, anticipated attendance, and any structures, signs or attention-attracting devices used in conjunction with the event.
  - B. A sketch plan showing the location of the proposed activities, structures and signs in relation to existing buildings, parking areas, streets and property lines.
  - C. A letter from the property owner or manager, if different from the applicant, agreeing to the special event.
- 2. Each application for a Special Event Permit shall be accompanied by an application fee, except that such fee shall be waived for any applicant registered with the State of Kansas as a nonprofit

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organization. The fees shall be as established by the Governing Body by separate resolution.

3. The Special Event Permit shall be posted on the site for the duration of the event.

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### Sections:

**21-101 Who May Petition or Apply**

**21-102 Procedures for Consideration of Request for Amendments, Revisions or Changes**

**21-103 Referral of Amendments to Cities**

**21-104 Posting of Sign**

**21-105 Factors to be Considered**

**21-106 Traffic and/or Other Studies**

**21-107 Limitations on Reapplication for Amendments**

**21-101 Who May Petition or Apply:** Applications for amendments, revisions or changes in the Zoning District Boundary Maps in effect for Crawford County, Kansas, or for a Conditional Use Permit as authorized by Article 16, may be made by any person who owns the land for which such an amendment, revision, change or Conditional Use Permit is sought, or by the owner's agent as defined by these Regulations. If such application is made by the owner's agent, said agent shall enter upon the application the name and current mailing address of the owner and shall submit written authorization to act as agent for said owner prior to the setting of any public hearing. Applications for amendments, revisions or changes to the Zoning Regulations, the Zoning District Boundary Maps and/or Conditional Use Permits may also be made by the Planning Commission or the Governing Body; provided, such proposed amendments, revisions, changes, or Conditional Use shall first be submitted to the Planning Commission for public hearing, recommendation and report and the final decision is made by the Governing Body.

**21-102 Procedures for Consideration of Request for Amendments, Revisions or Changes:** All applications or requests for amendments, revisions or changes to the Zoning Regulations, the Zoning District Boundary Maps or for a Conditional Use Permit shall be made to the Zoning Administrator on such forms as provided and acceptable to the Zoning Administrator. The payment of the application fee, as established by the Governing Body by separate resolution, shall be made at the time of the submission of the application. Immediately upon receipt of an application for rezoning or Conditional Use by the owner, or his agent, and the payment of the appropriate fee, the Zoning Administrator shall note thereon the date of filing and make a permanent record thereof. An application shall be deemed complete when the Zoning Administrator has received: a completed application form, any required development plan, the application fee, and such other documents necessary to process the application without further delay.

If the application concerns property located within the notification area of any city within Crawford County as specified in Section 21-103 herein then the application shall be submitted to that city as specified herein. Upon expiration of the review and comment period for said city as specified in Section 21-103, the Zoning Administrator may then process the application hearing by the Planning Commission.

All such proposed applications for amendment, revisions or changes to the Zoning Regulations and/or for a Conditional Use shall be submitted to the Planning Commission for recommendation. The Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing thereon and shall cause a written summary to be made of the proceedings. Notice of such hearing shall be published once in the official county newspaper at least 20 days prior to the date of the hearing. Said notice shall fix the time and place for such hearing, shall give the name and address of the applicant, and shall contain a statement regarding the proposed changes in regulations or restrictions, or in the boundary or classification of any zone or district, or the requested Conditional Use.

If the application is not a general amendment, revision or change to the Zoning Regulations, but is for a rezoning or Conditional Use Permit affecting specific property, the property affected shall be designated by

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legal description and a general description sufficient to identify the property under consideration. In addition to such publication notice, written notice of such proposed rezoning and/or Conditional Use shall be mailed by First Class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, at least 20 days before the public hearing to all owners of record of lands located within at least 1,000 feet of the area proposed to be altered; provided, said notice shall extend only 200 feet in those areas where the notification area extends within the corporate limits of a city. All notices shall include a statement that a complete legal description is available for public inspection in the office of the Zoning Administrator. When the notice has been properly addressed and deposited in the mail, failure of a party to receive such notice shall not invalidate any subsequent action taken by the Planning Commission or Governing Body. Upon special direction, the applicant shall provide a certified list of the owners of record of said lands at the time of the filing of the application, otherwise the Zoning Administrator shall compile said list from the records of Crawford County, Kansas.

In the case of an application by the Planning Commission or the Governing Body, all the above stated requirements shall be followed except no fee shall be required. If the application is for an amendment or revision to the text of the Zoning Regulations, notice of the public hearing shall not be required to be mailed to all affected persons; therefore, a certified list of the owners of land shall not be required.

The Planning Commission shall hold the public hearing at the place and time so stated within the legal notice. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time, and at the conclusion of the same, the Planning Commission shall take action on the request by preparing a recommendation either to approve, approve with conditions as authorized by these Regulations, or disapprove the application by a majority of the members of the Planning Commission present and voting at the hearing. When the Planning Commission fails to make a recommendation on an application, the Planning Commission shall be deemed to have made a recommendation of disapproval. Any such hearing may, for good cause at the request of the applicant, or in the discretion of the Planning Commission, be continued.

When the Planning Commission submits a recommendation of approval or disapproval of such amendment, revision, change or Conditional Use Permit and the reasons therefor, the Governing Body may: 1) adopt such recommendation by resolution; 2) override the Planning Commission's recommendation by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership of the Governing Body; or 3) return such recommendation to the Planning Commission with a statement specifying the basis for the Governing Body's failure to approve or disapprove. If the Governing Body returns the Planning Commission's recommendation, the Planning Commission, after considering the same, may resubmit its original recommendation giving the reasons therefore or submit a new and amended recommendation. Upon the receipt of such recommendation, the Governing Body, by a simple majority thereof, may adopt, may revise or amend and adopt, or may disapprove such recommendation by resolution, or it need take no further action thereon. If the Planning Commission fails to deliver its recommendation to the Governing Body following the Planning Commission's next regular meeting after receipt of the Governing Body's report, the Governing Body shall consider such course of inaction on the part of the Planning Commission as a resubmission of the original recommendation and proceed accordingly. The proposed amendment, revision, change, or Conditional Use Permit, if approved with or without conditions, shall become effective upon publication of the adopting resolution.

If such amendment or Conditional Use Permit affects the boundaries of any zone or district, the resolution shall describe the boundaries as amended, or if provision is made for the fixing of the same upon the official maps which has been incorporated by reference, the amending resolution shall define the change or the boundary as amended, shall order the official maps be changed to reflect such amendment or Conditional Use, shall amend the section of the resolution incorporating the same and shall reincorporate such maps as

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Regardless of whether or not the Planning Commission approves or disapproves a proposed zoning amendment, supplement, change, or Conditional Use Permit, if a protest against an amendment, supplement, change or Conditional Use Permit is filed in the office of County Clerk within 14 days after the date of the conclusion of the public hearing pursuant to the publication notice, duly signed and acknowledged by the owners of record of 20 percent or more of any property proposed to be rezoned, or by the owners of record of 20 percent or more of the total area required to be notified of the proposed amendment, supplement, change or Conditional Use of a specific property, excepting public streets and highways, the resolution of approval shall not be passed except by three-fourths majority vote of the Governing Body.

**21-103 Referral of Amendments to Cities:** In order to protect the area around all incorporated cities within Crawford County from untimely, premature, or inappropriate development, all proposed changes in a zoning district (rezonings) or requests for a Conditional Use Permit within the unincorporated portion of Crawford County and within the designated notification area of all cities within Crawford County shall be submitted to said city for official review and recommendation. The notification area for each city shall be described by complete and accurate legal description prepared by the city and shall be mutually agreed upon by said city and Crawford County. Such area shall not exceed that area a city would be able to include within its Zoning Ordinance as outlined in Kansas statutes; however, it shall be limited in scope to what can be reasonably serviced by an extension of the city water and/or sewer services. The notification area may be revised by mutual agreement at any time.

The Zoning Administrator shall submit the application, along with all supporting documentation and any development plans, to the appropriate city once the application has been determined to be complete. The application shall not be set for public hearing by the Planning Commission until the expiration of the review and comment period provided herein for said city; however, the required notices may be published to set the public hearing as soon after the expiration of the 30-day review and comment period as is practical.

Said city shall review such proposed rezoning or Conditional Use request and, within 30 days of receipt thereof, may submit a written recommendation regarding said application to the Planning Commission; or may appear before the Planning Commission and present its recommendation in person; or may elect to make no comments regarding said request. Any recommendation submitted may be from either the Planning Commission or the Governing Body, whichever said city so chooses.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Regulations or of state law; and in addition to all other rights granted to the applicant and to adjoining landowners; in the event a city recommends that a rezoning or Conditional Use proposed within said notification area be denied; then a resolution of approval of such request shall not be passed except by three-fourths majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

**21-104 Posting of Sign:** Each applicant for a rezoning and each applicant for a Conditional Use Permit shall, within 48 hours of filing such application, place a sign upon the lot, tract or parcel of land for which the application was filed. Said sign shall be furnished by the Zoning Administrator to the applicant and the applicant shall firmly affix and attach the sign to a wood or metal backing or frame and place the sign as hereinafter set forth.

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Said sign shall be maintained and kept in place by the applicant until final disposition of such application, or until withdrawal of the application. The sign shall be removed by the applicant after final action on the application.

The bottom of said sign shall be a minimum of two (2) feet above the ground line. Said sign shall be placed within five (5) feet of the street right-of-way line, in a position on such lot, tract or parcel of land as to have no visual obstructions thereto and to be readily seen by passersby. If the lot, tract or parcel of land has more than one (1) street abutting thereto, signs shall be placed facing all street frontages.

Failure to comply with this requirement shall not deprive the Planning Commission of its jurisdiction or affect any decision, but may be due cause for the Planning Commission to refuse to hear the application or to adjourn the hearing or to require further notice.

### **21-105 Factors to be Considered:**

1. When a proposed amendment would result in a change of the zoning classification of any specific property, the recommendation of the Planning Commission, accompanied by a copy of the record of the hearing, shall contain statements as to the present classification, the classification under the proposed amendment, the reasons for seeking such reclassification, a summary of the facts presented, and a statement of the factors upon which the recommendation of the Planning Commission is based using the following guidelines:
  - A. Whether the change in classification would be consistent with the intent and purpose of these Regulations;
  - B. The character and condition of the surrounding neighborhood and its effect on the proposed change;
  - C. Whether the proposed amendment is made necessary because of changed or changing conditions in the area affected, and, if so, the nature of such changed or changing conditions;
  - D. The current zoning and uses of nearby properties, and the effect on existing nearby land uses upon such a change in classification;
  - E. Whether every use that would be permitted on the property as reclassified would be compatible with the uses permitted on other property in the immediate vicinity;
  - F. The suitability of the applicant's property for the uses to which it has been restricted;
  - G. The length of time the subject property has remained vacant or undeveloped as zoned; provided, the use of land for agricultural purposes shall be considered as viable use of the land and not be considered as allowing the land to be vacant or undeveloped;
  - H. Whether adequate sewer and water facilities, and all other needed public services including transportation, exist or can be provided to serve the uses that would be permitted on the property if it were reclassified;

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- I. The general amount of vacant land that currently has the same zoning classification proposed for the subject property, particularly in the vicinity of the subject property, and any special circumstances that make a substantial part of such vacant land available or not available for development;
  - J. The recommendations of permanent or professional staff;
  - K. Whether the proposed amendment would be in conformance to and further enhance the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan;
  - L. Whether the relative gain to the public health, safety, and general welfare outweighs the hardship imposed upon the applicant by not upgrading the value of the property by such a reclassification; and,
  - M. Such other factors as may be relevant from the facts and evidence presented in the application.
2. Because of particular conditions associated with their activities, certain uses which might have an adverse effect upon nearby properties or upon the character and future development of a district are not permitted outright in districts, but are permitted as Conditional Uses when their proposed location is supplemented by additional requirements so as to make the use requested compatible with the surrounding property, the neighborhood and the zoning jurisdiction.

In approving a Conditional Use, the minimum requirements of approval for all similar types of permitted uses in the same district must be met unless otherwise reduced by specific reference in the recommendation of the Planning Commission or the approval of the Governing Body. The requirements may be made more stringent if there are potentially injurious effects which may be anticipated upon other property and the neighborhood or contrary to the welfare and convenience of the public.

The Planning Commission may recommend approval of a Conditional Use, and the Governing Body may approve such Conditional Use, using the following factors as guidelines:

- A. Whether approval of the Conditional Use would be consistent with the intent and purpose of these Regulations;
- B. Whether the location of the proposed use is compatible to other land uses in the surrounding neighborhood;
- C. Whether the proposed use places an undue burden on the existing transportation and service facilities in the area affected and, if so, whether such additional transportation and service facilities can be provided;
- D. Whether the proposed use is made necessary or desirable because of changed or changing conditions in the area affected;

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- E. The length of time the subject property has remained vacant or undeveloped as zoned; provided, the use of land for agricultural purposes shall be considered as viable use of the land and not be considered as allowing the land to be vacant or undeveloped;
- F. Whether the applicant's property is suitable for the proposed use;
- G. The recommendations of permanent or professional staff;
- H. Whether the proposed Conditional Use would be in conformance to and further enhance the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan;
- I. Whether the relative gain to the public health, safety, and general welfare outweighs the hardship imposed on the applicant by not upgrading the value of the property by approving the proposed Conditional Use; and,
- J. Whether the proposed Conditional Use, if it complies with all the conditions upon which the approval is made contingent (as authorized in Article 15 of these Regulations), will not adversely affect the property in the area affected.
- K. Such other factors as may be relevant from the facts and evidence presented in the application.

**21-106 Traffic and/or Other Studies:** In the case of an application for rezoning of land or for a Conditional Use Permit for a use which may, in the opinion of the Planning Commission or Governing Body, substantially change traffic patterns, create traffic congestion, and/or have a perceived impact on the community of such magnitude warranting special study, either the Planning Commission or Governing Body may require that the applicant procure the services of a competent professional consultant or expert for the purpose of preparing such traffic and/or other studies deemed necessary.

A traffic study must address how the traffic generated by the proposed development will be handled on the site; how vehicular ingress and egress from the site onto public roads will function; and, show that no undue burden will be placed upon the existing public road system. The study shall include recommendations of the on-site and off-site improvements necessary to achieve appropriate levels of traffic safety.

The other studies shall address the substance of the concern and/or impacts and shall identify the extent of such impacts and any and all mitigation remedies possible to lessen those impacts on the neighborhood and/or citizens and taxpayers of Crawford County, Kansas.

The results of the traffic study and/or other studies shall be used in determining the impact of the proposed rezoning or conditional use permit and guide the development of a recommendation or decision regarding the same, including requirements of construction and/or installation of the recommended improvements outlined with the traffic study or such other studies.

**21-107 Limitations on Reapplication for Amendments:** Whenever an application for amendment, supplement, change, rezoning or Conditional Use Permit has been denied by the Governing Body, such application or one substantially similar shall not be reconsidered sooner than one (1) year after the said denial.

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### Sections:

#### 22-101 Interpretation and Conflict

#### 22-102 Remedies Available

#### 22-103 Penalty

**22-101 Interpretation and Conflict:** In interpreting and applying the provisions of these Regulations, they shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare. It is not intended by these Regulations to interfere with, or abrogate or annul any easements, covenants or other agreement between parties. Where the conditions or requirements imposed by the provisions of these Regulations are either more restrictive or less restrictive than comparable conditions or restrictions imposed by any other provision of any other applicable law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation of any kind, the regulations which are more restrictive and impose higher standards or requirements shall apply.

If any property is not given a zoning classification on the Zoning District Boundary Maps because of error or omission, such property shall be classified "AG" Agricultural until changed by amendment, unless authorized by these Regulations.

**22-102 Remedies Available:** In case any building or structure is or is proposed to be erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved, altered, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure, or land is or is proposed to be used in violation of these Regulations, the Zoning Administrator, County Attorney, or other appropriate authority of Crawford County, Kansas, may, in addition to all other remedies, institute injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate action or proceeding to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, relocation, alteration, conversion, maintenance, or use, or to correct or abate such violation, or to prevent the occupancy of a building, structure or land as authorized by K.S.A. 12-760, and amendments thereto.

**22-103 Penalty:** Any person or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of these Regulations or fail to comply herewith, or with any of the requirements thereof; or who shall build or alter any building in violation of any detailed statement or plan submitted and approved hereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be liable to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months for each offense and each day such violation shall be permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense. The owner of any building or premises or part thereof, where anything in violation of these Regulations shall be placed, or shall exist, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent, person, or corporation employed in connection therewith, and who assisted in the commission of any such violation, shall be guilty of a separate offense and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to the same fine as hereinbefore provided.

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### Sections:

#### **23-101 Validity**

#### **23-102 Accrued Rights and Liabilities Saved**

#### **23-103 Severability**

#### **23-104 Effective Date**

#### **23-105 Repealing Clause**

**23-101 Validity:** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or provision of these Regulations shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional the same shall not effect the validity of these Regulations as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional. All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**23-102 Accrued Rights and Liabilities Saved:** The repeal of the existing Zoning Regulations provided in Section 23-105 herein shall not affect any rights accrued, fines, penalties, forfeitures, or liabilities incurred thereunder, or actions involving any of the provisions of said Regulations or parts thereof. Said Regulations below repealed are hereby continued in force and effect, after the passage, approval and publication of these Regulations, for the purpose of such rights, fines, penalties, forfeitures, liabilities or actions thereof.

**23-103 Severability:** Each article, section and subdivision or a section of these Regulations are hereby declared to be independent of every other article, section, or subdivision or section, so far as inducement for the passage of these Regulations is concerned.

**23-104 Effective Date:** These Regulations, being designated as the "Zoning Regulations of Crawford County, Kansas," shall be in full force and effect within the unincorporated portion of Crawford County, Kansas, from and after its passage and publication in accordance with K.S.A. 12-3301 through 12-3305.

**23-105 Repealing Clause:** These Regulations repeal all other rules, regulations and/or resolutions of Crawford County, Kansas, addressing matters contained within these Regulations in their entirety to the extent said rules, regulations and/or resolutions conflict.