

# ARTICLE 3 "RR" RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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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 provisions of this District shall apply within the unincorporated portion of Rice County, Kansas, as specified within these Regulations.

The purpose of this District is to provide for the platted rural, low-density residential developments that retain the character of a rural area with very limited residential development. This district is intended to serve as a transition area between agricultural lands and more dense suburban residential development. Hence, it is suitable in rural locations where adequate public roads and public services are available, but it is not suitable in areas predominately agricultural in character where public and/or private services are adequate only to meet the needs of farm residences and farm operations.

The density of any individual proposed development shall be determined by the adequacy of the site to meet the development standards and policies of these and all other Rice County rules and regulations; including but not limited to the Subdivision Regulations, Environmental/Sanitary Code, soil suitability classification, and other such factors that will justify and support such proposed density. The burden of proof for such proposed density shall be on the person proposing the development and the city may require of said person any and all such proof deemed necessary before any approval of the project may be granted.

### **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 following uses:

1. Single-family dwellings.
2. Group Homes as defined in these Regulations.
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.

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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. 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 watering stations.

### ***3-103 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS***

The Performance Standards for permitted uses are contained in Article 22 of these Regulations.

### ***3-104 PARKING REGULATIONS***

The Parking Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 23 of these Regulations.

### ***3-105 OFF-STREET LOADING REGULATIONS***

The Off-Street Loading Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 24 of these Regulations.

### ***3-106 SIGN REGULATIONS***

The Sign Regulations are contained in Article 25 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 dwelling unit permitted on any lot shall be as follows:

1. **Height:** Nonagricultural 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 75 feet.
3. **Side Yard:** There shall be a side yard on each side of a dwelling. No side yard shall be less than 50 feet.
4. **Rear Yard:** The depth of the rear yard shall be at least 50 feet.
5. **Lot Dimensions:** 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 3:1 (i.e. the depth of the lot cannot be greater than 3 times the width of the lot). 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 provide a minimum lot area of 435,600 square feet or ten (10) acres per dwelling unit.

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The Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are also set forth in the chart of Article 26. 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 27 of these Regulations.

### ***3-109 SUPPLEMENTARY USE REGULATIONS***

The Supplementary Use Regulations, including permitted Conditional Uses and Accessory Uses, are contained in Article 28 of these Regulations.