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These regulations, including the mapping and/or zoning designation records made a part hereof, shall be known and may be cited as the “Zoning Regulations of Rice County, Kansas”, and shall hereinafter be referred to as “these Regulations.” As noted within the Article 1-103 herein, these Regulations shall also be applicable within the cities of Alden and Little River. As such, these Regulations may also be cited as the “Zoning Regulations for Alden and Little River.”

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

1. To promote the health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare of the residents of Rice County, and the cities of Alden and Little River, Kansas.

2. To create zoning districts sensitive to the needs of the residents of Rice County and the cities of Alden and Little River, while protecting and enhancing the values of all the residents of Rice County, and encouraging as much non-agricultural development as possible to occur within the incorporated cities of the County.

3. To preserve, maintain, and conserve agricultural land within Rice County, Kansas.

4. To encourage and promote agricultural development and productivity, and to protect agricultural land from the intrusion of uses which are incompatible, inconsistent, or which otherwise detract from, limit, restrict, or diminish agricultural productivity within Rice County, Kansas.

5. To encourage and promote agricultural activities.

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 proposed changes in the use of land from one land classification to another, and an opportunity for interested parties to be heard.
8. To facilitate the adequate provisions of transportation, water, sewage, schools, utilities, and other public improvements and services for the benefits of the residents of Rice County and the cities of Alden and Little River, Kansas.

9. To inform the public regarding future development in Rice County and the cities of Alden and Little River, Kansas, thereby providing a basis for wise decisions with respect to such development.

1-103 JURISDICTION

These Regulations shall apply to all lands within the unincorporated portion of Rice County, Kansas, and to all lands within the cities of Alden and Little River.

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.

2. ACCESS: The right to cross between public and private property allowing pedestrians and vehicles to enter and leave property.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: See Zoning Administrator.
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6. **AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES, LAND USED FOR:** The use of a tract of land for the production of plants, animals and/or horticultural products, including but not limited to: Forages; grains and feed crops; dairy animals and dairy products; cattle, sheep, poultry, swine and horses; bees and apiary products; trees and forest products; fruits, nuts and berries; vegetables; or nursery, floral, ornamental or greenhouse products. 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 junkyard.

   f. The operation of a boarding or breeder kennel.

   g. The keeping of exotic birds and/or animals.

   h. The operation of a bed and breakfast.

   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.

7. **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.

8. **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.

9. **ALLEY:** A public or private thoroughfare which provides only a secondary means of access to abutting property.
10. **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.

11. **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. A change in the maps, i.e., the zoning designation of a particular parcel or parcels. This form is also known as "rezoning."

   d. The approval of a Conditional Use Permit as provided within these Regulations.

12. **APARTMENT HOUSE:** A building or buildings containing apartments used as a place of residence for five (5) or more families.

13. **APPLICANT:** The owner of a tract of land, or his duly designated representative, for which an amendment has been requested.

14. **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.

15. **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:** That board created herein which has the statutory authority to hear and determine appeals, exceptions and variances to these Regulations.

16. **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.

17. **BUILDABLE WIDTH:** The width of that part of a lot not included within any required open space.

18. **BUILDING:** Any 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.

19. **BUILDING HEIGHT:** The vertical distance from the established grade to the highest point on the roof or parapet wall.
20. **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.

21. **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 principal building on the plot on which it is located.

22. **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.

23. **CHILD CARE CENTER**: A facility licensed by the State of Kansas to provide for the care of thirteen (13) or more children from two (2) weeks to sixteen (16) years of age, and which is maintained for less than twenty-four (24) hours per day.

24. **CHURCH**: An establishment, the principal purpose of which is religious worship, but which may include such accessory uses in the main structure or in separate buildings, as Sunday School rooms, private schools, child care, assembly rooms, kitchen, recreational facilities and/or library.

25. **CITY**: The governing body of the City of Alden and Little River, Kansas, or the delegated staff, boards or agencies thereof. City also means the lands within the corporate limits of the City of Alden and Little River, Kansas.

26. **CITY ENGINEER**: The City Engineer, or such person designated by the Governing Body to provide engineering assistance in administering the provisions of these Regulations governing areas of normal responsibilities assigned to the City Engineer.

27. **CLEAN RUBBLE**: Inert uncontaminated construction and demolition waste which includes concrete and concrete products, reinforcing steel, asphalt pavement, brick, soil or rock.

28. **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.

29. **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.

30. **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.
31. 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.

32. 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.

33. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: The adopted Comprehensive Plan for Rice County or the City of Alden and Little River, Kansas, and amendments thereto.

34. 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.

35. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT: A written document of certification issued by the Zoning Administrator permitting the construction, alteration or establishment of a Conditional Use.

36. 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.

37. 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 have been those operations with a minimum of 1,000 animal units as measured by standards established by the State of Kansas.

38. CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION LANDFILL: A permitted solid waste disposal area used exclusively for the disposal on land of construction and/or demolition waste.

39. CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION WASTE: Waste building materials and rubble resulting from construction, remodeling, repair or demolition operations; but not clean rubble or asbestos.

40. COUNTY: The Board of County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas, or its delegated staff, boards or agencies.
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41. 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.

42. COUNTY COUNSELOR: The County Counselor, or such licensed attorney designated by the County Counselor or Governing Body, to furnish legal assistance for the administration of these Regulations.

43. 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.

44. COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER: The Director of the Rice County Health Department, or such person designated to administer the Health Regulations of Rice County.

45. DAY CARE HOME: A facility licensed by the State of Kansas to provide for the care of not more than ten (10) children under fourteen (14) years of ages, not more than six (6) of whom are under kindergarten age, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. This term is further construed to include similar units operated under other names.

46. DENSITY: The average number of dwelling units per acre of land, expressed in terms of "units per acre." The area is exclusive of public streets or other public dedications. (Example: 30 dwelling units occupying 4 acres of land is 7.5 units per acre.)

47. DISTANCE: Horizontal distances unless otherwise designated.

48. 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.

49. DOG: Any canine species over six (6) months of age.

50. DWELLING: Any building, or portion thereof, designed or used primarily for residential purposes, including residential-design manufactured homes and modular homes.

51. DWELLING, MULTI-FAMILY: A building, or portion thereof, arranged, intended or designed for occupancy by three (3) or four (4) families. As used herein, this may also be referred to as duplex, triplex or quadplex.

52. DWELLING, SEASONAL: A residence intended for occasional, but not permanent, occupancy.
53. **DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY:** A building having accommodations for and occupied exclusively by one family. A residential-design manufactured home shall be considered a single-family dwelling.

54. **DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY:** A building, or portion thereof, arranged, intended or designed for occupancy by two families.

55. **DWELLING UNIT:** A building, or part thereof, containing complete housekeeping facilities for one family.

56. **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.

57. **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.

58. **EXOTIC BIRDS OR ANIMALS:** Birds or animals not commonly kept domestically or that are not native to Rice 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 shall not be considered as exotic birds or animals.

59. **FAMILY:** One (1) or more persons related by blood or marriage or adoption, living together as a 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.

60. **FAMILY DAY CARE HOME:** A facility licensed by the State of Kansas to provide children under eighteen (18) years of age with food and lodging for less than twenty-four (24) hours per day. This term is further construed to include similar units with different names.

61. **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.

62. **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 State of Kansas.

63. **FLOOD PLAIN:** That area of land subject to inundation of water as a result of what is commonly known as the 100-year flood.
64. **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.

65. **FOSTER HOME:** A facility licensed by the State of Kansas for the care of four (4) or less persons unrelated to the operator(s).

66. **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.

67. **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 right-of-way are coincident.

68. **GOVERNING BODY:** The Board of County Commissioners of Rice County, Kansas, or the City Council of the City of Alden and Little River, Kansas.

69. **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 persons major life activities;

      2. A record of having such an impairment; or,

      3. Being regarded as having such an impairment.

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).
70. **GROUP DAY CARE HOME:** A facility licensed by the State of Kansas for the care of seven (7) to twelve (12) children under fourteen (14) years of age, and which is maintained for less than twenty-four (24) hours per day.

71. **HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Any waste meeting the definition of K.S.A. 65-3430 and amendments thereto.

72. **HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY:** Any facility which meets the requirements as defined in K.S.A. 65-3430, as amended.

73. **HOME OCCUPATION:** An occupation or business activity which is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the premises for dwelling.

74. **INDUSTRIAL LANDFILL:** A permitted solid waste disposal area used exclusively for the disposal on land of industrial solid waste.

75. **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.

76. **INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE:** Non-toxic, non-hazardous solid waste generated from industrial processing and acceptable as material for disposal in an industrial landfill as determined by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

77. **INTENSITY:** The degree or level of concentration to which land is used for commercial, industrial or any other nonresidential purpose.

78. **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.

79. **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.

80. **KENNEL, BOARDING:** Any place, area, building or structure where dogs (including those under one year of age) are boarded, housed, cared for, fed or trained by other than the owner.

81. **KENNEL, BREEDER:** Any place, area, lot, building or structure where more than four dogs are kept for any purposes.
82. **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.

83. **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.

84. **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.

85. **LOT AREA:** The area of a horizontal plane bounded by the front, side and rear lot lines, excluding any road right-of-way or road easements.

86. **LOT, CORNER:** A lot abutting upon two or more streets at their intersection.

87. **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.

88. **LOT, DEPTH OF:** The horizontal distance between the front and rear lot lines measured in the mean direction of the side lot lines.

89. **LOT, DOUBLE FRONTAGE:** A lot having a frontage on two non-intersecting streets, as distinguished from a corner lot.

90. **LOT INTERIOR:** A lot whose side line or lines do not abut upon any street.

91. **LOT LINES:** The lines bounding a lot as defined herein.

92. **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.

93. **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.

94. **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.
95. **MANUFACTURE:** Any method of processing, developing, fabricating or assembling either raw material, semi-finished materials or parts into semi-finished or finished products.

96. **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 National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards (24 CFR 3280 et seq) promulgated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

97. **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.

98. **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.

99. **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 became effective June 15, 1976, or which fails to meet this standard.

100. **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.

101. **MOTOR VEHICLE:** A motorized vehicle with rubber tires for use on highways, including passenger cars, pick-ups and trucks.

102. **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.
103. **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.

104. **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.

105. **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.

106. **OPEN SPACE:** Useable open space designed and intended for use by all residents of a residential area, including publicly dedicated space.

107. **OVERLAY DISTRICT:** A district which acts in conjunction with the underlying zoning district or districts.

108. **OWNER:** Any person, group of persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations, or any other legal entity having legal title to a tract of land.

109. **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.

110. **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.

111. **PERSON:** Any individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, or other business or legal entity.

112. **PLANNING COMMISSION:** The Joint Planning Commission of Rice County, Kansas.

113. **PRESCHOOL:** A facility licensed by the State of Kansas to provide daytime care and instruction for children between the age of thirty (30) months and the age at which the children are eligible to attend kindergarten. This term is further construed to include "Day Nursery School" and other similar uses.

114. **RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT:** An item which is not used in connection with customary accessory residential uses on a 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.
115. **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, sporting clay ranges, private shooting ranges, and all common appurtenant accessory activities and facilities such as lighting, bleachers, and concession stands, etc. However, open hunting on agricultural lands, hunting preserves and hunting lodges used during hunting seasons shall not be considered as lands used for recreational purposes.

116. **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.

117. **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE CAMPGROUND:** A lot or tract of land designed for occupancy by recreational vehicles for temporary or transient living purposes, including the use of camping spaces for tents.

118. **RESIDENTIAL CENTER:** A non-secure facility licensed by the State of Kansas providing residential care for more than ten (10) persons unrelated to the operator(s).

119. **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.

120. **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.

121. **SALE, RETAIL:** The sale of goods, merchandise and/or commodities to the ultimate consumer.

122. **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.

123. **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.

124. **SCHOOL:** Any building or buildings housing 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.

125. **SCREENING:** Fencing or vegetation maintained for the purpose of concealing from view.

126. **SETBACK:** The distance between a building and the lot line, or road easement line, whichever provides the desired minimum distance.

127. **SIGN:** See Article 25.

128. **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.

129. **STOCKYARD, COMMERCIAL:** A penned enclosure, or structure, where livestock are maintained temporarily for the purpose of slaughtering, marketing or shipping.

130. **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.

131. **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.

132. **STREET:** An easement or right-of-way, other than an alley, which provides principal access to adjacent properties.

133. **STRUCTURE:** Anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground, or attached to something having a location on the ground.

134. **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.

135. **TRANSFER STATION:** A facility, including land and buildings, used for the handling and processing of solid waste to be bundled, bailed or otherwise packaged for transport to another site for disposal in a solid waste landfill. Transfer station can include material recovery operations, recycling facilities and any other ancillary and/or accessory operation associated with the management of solid waste.

136. **USE:** The specific purpose for which land or a building is used.
137. **USEABLE OPEN SPACE:** Land or water which is free of buildings, structures and/or 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.

138. **VISIBILITY TRIANGLE:** The triangular area formed by the intersecting street right-of-way lines and a straight line joining said street right-of-way lines at points which are thirty (30) feet distant from the point of intersection, measured along said right-of-way lines.

139. **WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM:** the combination of mechanical and structural elements used to produce electricity by converting the kinetic energy of wind to electrical energy. Wind Energy Conversion Systems consist of the turbine apparatus and any other buildings, support structures and other related improvements necessary for the generation of electric power from wind.

140. **WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM, COMMERCIAL:** A single Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS-C) or more than one Wind Energy Conversion System of any size proposed and/or constructed by the same person or group of persons on the same or adjoining parcels or as a unified or single generating system for the purpose of selling generated energy to a utility company.

141. **WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM, COMPONENTS:**
   a. **Height:** The distance measured from the ground level at the base of the tower structure to the highest point on the Wind Energy Conversion System, including the rotor blades.
   
   b. **Nacelle:** The enclosure located at the top of a wind turbine tower that houses the gear box, generator and other equipment.
   
   c. **Rotor:** The rotating part of a turbine, including the turbine blades.
   
   d. **Turbine:** A wind driven machine that converts wind energy into electrical power, also known as a wind energy conversion system.

142. **WIND ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEM, PRIVATE:** A wind energy conversion system (WECS-P) consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics and which is intended to primarily produce on-site electricity for the private use of the resident or business owner.

143. **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.
144. **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.

145. **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.

146. **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.

147. **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.

148. **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 Rice 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  
"V-1" Village District  
"FRD" Floodwater Retarding Dam Breach Impact Overlay District

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 cities of Alden and Little River, Kansas, are hereby divided into districts of which they shall be in number known as:

"R-1A" Single-Family Residential District  
"R-1B" Single-Family Residential District  
"R-1C" Single-Family Residential District  
"RP-2" Planned Medium Density Residential District
"CP-O" Planned Commercial Office District
"CP-1" Planned General Commercial District
"CP-2" Planned Highway Service Commercial District
"CP-3" Planned Central Business District
"IP-1" Planned Light Industrial District

The following districts shall be applicable in both Rice County and the cities of Alden and Little River, Kansas:

- "IP-2" Planned Medium Industrial District
- "IP-3" Planned Heavy/Hazardous Industrial District
- "PUD" Planned Unit Development
- "FP" Floodplain Overlay District
- "AO" Airport Overlay District

At the time of initial adoption, all lands within the unincorporated portion of Rice 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 40 acres shall be zoned “AG” Agricultural; properties between 10 acres and 40 acres shall be zoned “RR” Rural 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 initial adoption of these Regulations shall be permitted to expand, enlarge or otherwise enhance said use on that land contiguous to and owned by the same person at the time of the establishment of this rule.

1. Such land, and the district classification thereof, shall be shown on maps, aerial photos, computer records or other documents deemed appropriate by Rice County and the cities of Alden and Little River, Kansas, and such maps, aerial photos, computer records or other documents shall be designated as the "Official Zoning Maps of Rice County, Kansas." 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 of Rice County. 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 as provided by these Regulations, 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 these Regulations.

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 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 or other documents and/or records 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. Land may be used only for those purposes permitted in the district in which it is located.
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B. Building(s) shall be erected, converted, enlarged, reconstructed, moved, structurally altered, or used only for those uses permitted in the district in which the building(s) is located.

C. Building(s) shall be erected, converted, enlarged, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered in conformance with the height, area and bulk regulations herein established for the district in which the building(s) 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 building(s) existing at the time of the passage of these Regulations, or of any building(s) 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. 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.

2. All lands used for agricultural purposes as defined within these Regulations, including those agricultural activities that are designated as accessory uses to rural 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 applicable laws of the State of Kansas.

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, 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 Rice County Subdivision Regulations.