

Chapter 11

MUNICIPAL PLANNING

Article 1. Comprehensive Plan

§11-101 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. In order to accommodate anticipated long-range future growth, the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Municipality of Springfield, Nebraska, as prepared by Johnson Erickson O'Brien and Associates, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference in addition to all amendments which may now or in the future be made, as though printed in full herein. Such plan shall consist of maps, graphs, and text. Three (3) copies of the herein adopted plan shall be kept on file with the Municipal Clerk and available for inspection by any member of the public during office hours. (*Ref. 18-132 RS Neb.*) (*Amended by Ord. No. 476, 3/16/99*)

Article 2. Zoning Regulations

§11-201 ZONING REGULATIONS; ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. For the purpose of setting minimum standards to promote the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the community, and to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; and to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, and other public requirements, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Springfield, as prepared by Johnson Erickson O'Brien and Associates, Inc., and published in pamphlet form, is hereby incorporated by reference in addition to all amendments which may now or in the future be made, as though printed in full herein. Three (3) copies of the herein adopted Zoning Regulations shall be kept on file with the Municipal Clerk and available for inspection by any member of the public during office hours. (*Ref. 18-132 RS Neb.*) (*Amended Ord. No. 476, 3/16/99*)

Article 3. Subdivision Regulations

§11-301 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS; ADOPTED BY REFERENCE. To provide for harmonious development of the Municipality and its environs; for the integration of new subdivision streets with other existing or planned streets or with other features of the Comprehensive Plan; for adequate open spaces for traffic, recreation, light and air; for the distribution of population and traffic in a manner which will tend to create conditions favorable to health, safety, convenience, or prosperity; to insure conformance of subdivision plans with the capital improvement program of the Municipality; and, to secure equitable handling of all subdivision plats by providing uniform procedures and standards for observance by subdividers and the Planning Commission and Governing Body, the Subdivision Regulations for the Municipality of Springfield, Nebraska, as prepared by Johnson Erickson O'Brien and Associates, Inc., and published in pamphlet form, is hereby incorporated by reference in addition to all amendments which may now or in the future be made, as though printed in full herein. Three (3) copies of the herein adopted Subdivision Regulations shall be kept on file with the Municipal Clerk and available for inspection by any member of the public during office hours. (*Ref. 18-132 RS Neb.*) (*Amended by Ord. No. 476, 3/16/99*)

Article 4. Conflicts

§11-401 CONFLICTS. Where the provisions adopted by this Chapter conflict with one another or with the provisions of Chapter 9 of this Municipal Code, the most restrictive or stringent provisions shall govern.

Article 5. Group Homes

§11-501 GROUPS HOMES; DEFINED. For the purpose of this Article, unless the context otherwise requires, the term "group home" shall mean a facility licensed by the State of Nebraska in which at least four (4) but not more than eight (8) persons not including resident managers or house parents, who are unrelated by blood, marriage, or adoption reside while receiving therapy, training, or counseling for the purposes of adaptation to living with, or rehabilitation from cerebral palsy, autism, or mental retardation. (*Ref. 18-1744 RS Neb.*) (*Ord. No. 251, 4/5/83*)

§11-502 GROUP HOMES; ESTABLISHMENT, EXCEPTIONS. Departments and agencies of the state are prohibited from licensing a new group home if it will be within twelve hundred (1200') feet of an existing group home, unless the Governing Body grants the proposed facility a conditional or special use permit. For purposes of this section, "existing group home" shall include, in addition to group homes defined in section 11-501, including but not limited to correctional homes and homes which serve people recuperating from the effects of drugs or alcohol, mental illness, or physical disability.

The number of group homes established in the Municipality shall be limited according to the population of the Municipality, except that the Governing Body may issue a variance to allow additional group homes. For a Municipality with a population of one thousand (1,000) residents or less, one (1) group home may be established, for a Municipality with a population of more than one thousand (1,000) and less than ten thousand (10,000) residents, one (1) group home may be established for every two thousand (2,000) residents, for a Municipality with a population of at least ten thousand (10,000) residents but less than fifty thousand (50,000) residents, one (1) group home may be established for every three thousand (3,000) residents. (*Ref. 18-1746, 18-1747 RS Neb.*) (*Ord. No. 251, 4/5/83*)