

CASE NO. 873-AT-17

PRELIMINARY MEMORANDUM

June 7, 2017

Petitioner: Zoning Administrator

Request: Part A. Amend Sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 to require a Special Use Permit for any Neighborhood Home Occupation or Rural Home Occupation that exceeds and/or does not meet the other requirements of Section 7.1.1 or Section 7.1.2 provided that the Home Occupation is not a prohibited Home Occupation under paragraph 7.1.1.I. or 7.1.2J. and specify that the residential use shall remain the principal use on the property and the dwelling on the subject property shall remain the principal building.

Part B. Amend Section 7.1.1 to authorize “minor auto repair” as a Neighborhood Home Occupation subject to a Special Use Permit when located more than 1.5 miles from a municipality that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation and subject to several standard conditions including but not limited to a condition that the minor auto repair shall be conducted inside a building and a condition that the total building area occupied by the minor auto repair shall not exceed 1,500 square feet or more than 150% of the dwelling unit area, whichever is greater.

Location: Unincorporated Champaign County

Time Schedule for Development: As soon as possible

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BACKGROUND

The current Zoning Ordinance requirements for Neighborhood and Rural Home Occupations were added to the Zoning Ordinance on February 16, 1993. “Automobile and truck repair” has always been prohibited as a Neighborhood Home Occupation.

A resident of Carroll Addition (northeast of Urbana) recently inquired about the approvals necessary to conduct auto repair as a home occupation. A search for local policies revealed that the City of Urbana allows “minor automobile repair” as a home occupation subject to the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit (equivalent to a County Special Use Permit). The Urbana requirements are included as Attachment A. The City of Champaign does not allow automobile repair as a home occupation.

The same resident of Carroll Addition also reported several instances of auto repair being conducted on residential properties in the Carroll Addition. Similar complaints have been made in the past, but this Department has never found evidence that auto repair is being conducted on residentially zoned properties in Carroll Addition.

There are any number of “desirable” amendments that could be made to the Zoning Ordinance, but most desirable amendments invariably have one or more very difficult aspects that prevent quick and easy solution. This appears to be an instance when there is a demand on the part of citizenry and the necessary amendment may not be too difficult to complete quickly.

P&Z Staff have no recommended decision points.

No comments have been received.

ATTACHMENTS

- A Memo to the Environment and Land Use Committee dated March 7, 2017, with attachments:
 - City of Urbana Zoning Requirements for Minor Auto Repair Home Occupation dated March 8, 2017
 - Strikeout Version of Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance dated March 8, 2017

- B LRMP Land Use Goals, Objectives, and Policies

- C Draft Finding of Fact, Summary Finding of Fact and Final Determination, including updated Strikeout Version of Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance dated June 15, 2017

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To: **Environment and Land Use Committee**

From: **John Hall**, Director & Zoning Administrator

Date: **March 7, 2017**

RE: **Zoning Ordinance requirements for Neighborhood Home Occupations**

Request: **Request approval to proceed with a public hearing for Zoning Ordinance text amendments for the following:**

a. to require a Special Use Permit for any Neighborhood Home Occupation or Rural Home Occupation that is not a prohibited Home Occupation under paragraph 7.1.1.I. or 7.1.2J. and that exceeds and/or does not meet the other requirements of Section 7.1.1 or Section 7.1.2;

b. to authorize “minor auto repair” as a Neighborhood Home Occupation subject to a Special Use Permit

BACKGROUND

The current Zoning Ordinance requirements for Neighborhood and Rural Home Occupations were added to the Zoning Ordinance on February 16, 1993. “Automobile and truck repair” have always been prohibited as a Neighborhood Home Occupation.

A resident of Carroll Addition (northeast of Urbana) recently inquired about the approvals necessary to conduct auto repair as a home occupation and that brought to my attention the fact that the City of Urbana does allow “minor automobile repair” as a home occupation subject to the requirement for a Conditional Use Permit (equivalent to a County Special Use Permit). The Urbana requirements are included as Attachment A. The City of Champaign does not allow automobile repair as a home occupation.

The same resident of Carroll Addition also reported several instances of auto repair being conducted on residential properties in the Carroll Addition. Similar complaints have been made in the past but this Department has never actually found evidence that auto repair is being conducted on residentially zoned properties in Carroll Addition.

There are any number of “desirable” amendments that could be made to the Zoning Ordinance but most desirable amendments invariably have one or more very difficult aspects that prevent quick and easy solution. This appears to be an instance when there is a demand on the part of citizenry and the necessary amendment may not be too difficult to complete quickly.

ATTACHMENTS

A City of Urbana Zoning Requirements for Minor Auto Repair Home Occupation (excerpt provided by City of Urbana planning staff)

B Proposed Amendment to Section 7.1.1 Neighborhood Home Occupations

**Attachment A. City of Urbana Zoning Requirements for Minor Auto Repair
Home Occupation (excerpt provided by City of Urbana planning staff)**

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Section II-3. Definitions

Automobile Repair, Major: General repair, rebuilding, or reconditioning of engines, motor vehicles, or trailers; collision services, including body, frame, or fender-straightening or repair; overall painting or paint shop; or vehicle steam-cleaning.

Automobile Repair, Minor: Replacement of parts and motor services to passenger cars and trucks not exceeding one and one-half tons capacity, excluding body repairs.

Home Occupation, Type A – A home-based occupation that has minimal impact on the property and surroundings beyond the scope of residential use, involving only the occupants of the subject dwelling and resulting in only incidental traffic associated with the occupation.

Home Occupation, Type B - A home-based occupation that exceeds the limitations of a Type A Home Occupation and involves a minor amount of traffic from individuals not residing in the household. Such activity may involve scheduled visits with outside clients or customers and employ up to two individuals not residing in the household.

Home Occupation, Type C – A home-based occupation that may have an impact on the property beyond that associated with Home Occupation Types A and B or which exceeds the number of employees or daily visitors set forth in Section V-12.B.

Section V-12. Regulation of Home Occupation.

In recognition of the growing importance of home-based businesses in the local economy, the Urbana Zoning Ordinance permits certain such activities at different intensities and subject to varying requirements as set forth below.

Any person seeking a Home Occupation shall submit an application to be reviewed by the Urbana Zoning Administrator. Upon approval by the Zoning Administrator, Home Occupations shall be permitted as follows:

A. Home Occupation, Type A – A home-based occupation that has minimal impact on the property and surroundings beyond the scope of residential use, involving only the occupants of the subject dwelling and resulting in only incidental traffic associated with the occupation. Such home occupations may include, but are not limited to, private consulting, non-retail based arts and crafts studios, internet-based business, and telecommunication-based commuting. Type A Home Occupations do not require a Certificate of Occupancy or Conditional Use Permit. They are permitted with the following criteria:

1. Employees - There are no persons, other than members of the household residing in the dwelling unit, engaged in the home occupation; and

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2. Signage - There are no signs on the premises identifying the home occupation other than a nameplate, not more than three square feet in area, only permitted as a wall-mounted sign and not internally illuminated; and
 3. Exterior Visibility - The occupation is wholly operated and contained within the dwelling; and there is no activity, construction, or display which would indicate from the exterior of the building or dwelling unit that the building or dwelling unit is being used for any purpose other than residential, except for the signage provisions set forth in Section V-12.A.2. No materials or equipment are stored outside the dwelling unit or visible from a public right-of-way; and
 4. Vehicles and Customer Visits - No more than two commercial or business vehicles used in conjunction with the home occupation may be on the premises at any one time and no more than five vehicle visits per day; and
 5. Parking - No more than two commercial or business vehicles, trucks, or trailers used in conjunction with the home occupation may be parked on the premises or on an abutting street; and
 6. Equipment - No mechanical or electronic equipment is used which creates objectionable noise, odors, or electronic impulses, or otherwise create a nuisance discernible beyond the property lines of the premises.

B. Home Occupation, Type B - A home-based occupation that exceeds the limitations of a Type A Home Occupation and involves a minor amount of traffic from individuals not residing in the household. Such activity may involve scheduled visits with outside clients or customers and employ up to two individuals not residing in the household. Type B home occupations may include, but are not limited to, music lessons, professional consultations, and personal services such as clothing alterations or shoe repair. Type B Home Occupations shall require approval by the Zoning Administrator and the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. The following restrictions and conditions shall apply to Type B Home Occupations:

1. Employees - No more than two persons, other than members of the household residing in the dwelling unit, are engaged by the home occupation; and
2. Vehicles and Parking - No more than two commercial or business vehicles, trucks, or trailers used in conjunction with the home occupation may be parked on the premises or on an abutting street at any time. Up to two (2) additional off-street parking spaces may be required by the Zoning Administrator to accommodate commercial vehicles. The off-street parking requirement may be waived or reduced with approval from the Zoning Administrator based upon demand generated by the use, location of the home occupation, and on-street parking supply; and
3. Customer/Client Visits - No more than 10 visits per day from customers, clients, or home deliveries are permitted, with no more than three visitors present at any given time. Day Care Homes shall be allowed a total of up to five children or dependent adults to be cared for on the premises at any time, which shall not be counted in the limit of customer/client visits; and

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4. Exterior Visibility – The occupation is wholly contained within the dwelling and there is no activity, construction, or display which would indicate from the exterior of the building or dwelling unit that the building or dwelling unit is being used for any purpose other than residential, except for the signage provisions set forth in Section V-12.B.5. No outdoor storage of materials or equipment visible from a public right-of-way is permitted; and

5. Signage – There are no other signs other than a nameplate, not more than three square feet in area, only permitted as a wall-mounted sign and not internally illuminated; and

6. Nuisance - The occupation does not or will not constitute a violation of any nuisance code; and

7. Vehicle Storage - There is no exterior storage of vehicles other than those owned by members of the household residing on the premises; and

8. Other – The Zoning Administrator shall identify and impose other conditions on the Home Occupation as determined by the specifics of the application in order to meet the intentions of this Ordinance and to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the City of Urbana.

C. Home Occupation, Type C – A home-based occupation that may have an impact on the property beyond that associated with Home Occupation Types A and B or which exceeds the number of employees or daily visitors set forth in Section V-12.B above, shall be required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit, in accordance with the procedures and criteria set forth in Section VII-2 of this Ordinance. Type C Home Occupations may include, but are not limited to, light assembly and packaging for internet sales, on-site sales of limited goods and services, greenhouses and plant sales, bicycle repair and sales, minor home auto repairs, group-based classes or instruction, or other occupations involving a higher volume of customers or clients than permitted under Type A or B.

D. Prohibited Home Occupations - Any activity which may use hazardous materials, or which otherwise may pose a hazard or nuisance to surrounding properties, shall be prohibited. Such uses may include, but are not limited to, exterminators, chemical-based lawn care, dry cleaning, and medical diagnostic laboratories.

E. A home occupation involving vehicle repair shall be permitted as a home occupation only if subject vehicle(s) are repaired inside a garage and no inoperable vehicles are stored outside. Any vehicle to be repaired may not queue outside of the garage. Additionally, the garage must meet all applicable building and fire safety codes, and any such work may not violate any of the City's nuisance codes and ordinances. Only minor automobile repairs as defined in Article II are permitted. Additionally, no major automobile repairs as defined in this ordinance are permitted as a home-based occupation.

F. More than one home occupation at a single premise may be permitted provided that the cumulative number of total employees and visitors do not exceed the restrictions set forth in Section V-12.B.

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G. Certificates of Occupancy for home occupations issued prior to the effective date of this amendment not meeting the conditions of Section V-12.B shall be considered legally nonconforming.

H. The sale of firearms as a home occupation shall require approval of a site security plan by the Urbana Police Chief, or designee, with renewal every three years in compliance with Section VII-5.D of this Ordinance.

Section IX-2. Sign and OASS Definitions

J. Home Occupation Sign. A sign displayed on a property where any occupation or profession for gain or support is carried on as an accessory use in a dwelling unit by a member or members of the household residing on the premises.

Section IX-4. General Sign Allowances

J. Signs Authorized Without a Permit. The following signs shall be allowed in all zoning districts without a sign permit and with the following limitations.

4. Home Occupation Signs: Home occupation signs that are wall-mounted, not internally illuminated and do not exceed three square feet in area. There shall be only one such sign per building or structure for a home occupation permitted under Section V-12.

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Existing Zoning Ordinance text to be removed is indicated with strike-out and yellow highlighting (“~~text to be removed~~”).

Text proposed to be added to the Zoning Ordinance is indicated with underlining and blue highlighting (“text to be added”).

- 7.1.1 NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATIONS** as defined in Section 3, are permitted as an ACCESSORY USE subject to the following standards:
- A. No more than one employee, in addition to family members, shall be present on the premises at any one time. No employees shall be present on the premises earlier than 8:00 a.m. or later than 6:00 p.m.
 - B. All business activities shall be conducted entirely indoors, and limited to the DWELLING and no more than one ACCESSORY BUILDING located on the LOT. The DWELLING or ACCESSORY BUILDING shall not be modified and no DISPLAY or activity shall be conducted that would indicate from the exterior that it is being used for any purpose other than that of a residential DWELLING or residential ACCESSORY BUILDING.
 - C. No SIGN other than a name plate not more than two square feet in area shall be permitted.
 - D. No storage of volatile liquids, flammable gases, hazardous materials, or explosives shall be permitted except as might be kept for normal household use in typical household quantities.
 - E. No more than three patrons, clients, congregants, or similar persons may be present on the premises at one time except:
 - i. up to 12 children may be present in day care homes;
 - ii. up to 12 clients, patients or other congregants may be present for religious services, group counselling, or similar purposes not more than three times in any seven day period nor more than twice in one day; and
 - iii. up to 12 patrons may be present at sales parties, open houses or similar events not more than once in any 30 day period;
 - iv. up to eight guests in no more than four guest rooms may be present at one time in a bed and breakfast establishment.
 - F. No patrons, clients, or other congregants shall be present on the premises earlier than 9:00 a.m. nor later than 10:00 p.m. except that day care recipients may be present as early as 6:30 a.m.

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- G. Processes employed shall not create odor, dust, noise, gas, smoke, or vibration discernable at the property line other than of such a nature, quantity, intensity, duration, or time of occurrence customarily associated with the exclusive residential use of a similar DWELLING.
- H. Deliveries by truck shall be limited to no more than an average of one per week and a maximum of two in any given week for trucks no larger than a standard commercial delivery truck. Deliveries by semi-trailer trucks are prohibited.
- I. Prohibited NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION Activities shall include:
- i. ~~automobile and truck repair~~ MAJOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR;
 - ii. MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR within 1½ miles from a municipality or village that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation and/ or MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR conducted more than 1½ miles from a municipality or village that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation but without the approval required by Section 7.1.1M;
 - iii. salvage, recycling and solid waste hauling;
 - iv. sale of articles not produced on the premises except as provided in Section 7.1.1Eiii or as such sales are incidental to the provision of a service.
 - v. sales of guns and ammunition provided that a Gun Dealers License is obtained from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and sales are made by appointment only subject to the limitations of Section 7.1.1E.
- J. Outdoor STORAGE or DISPLAY is prohibited.
- K. No more than one commercial vehicle less than or equal to 36,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and no more than 25 feet in length shall be permitted on LOTS located in a residential zoning district as part of the NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION.
- L. A NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION that exceeds any of the standards in paragraphs 7.1.1 A. through K. may be authorized by SPECIAL USE Permit provided as follows:
- (1) The USE is not a prohibited activity in paragraph 7.1.1I.

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(2) The DWELLING on the subject property shall remain the principal USE and the PRINCIPAL BUILDING on the property and the HOME OCCUPATION shall always be an ACCESSORY USE and any building devoted to the HOME OCCUPATION shall be an ACCESSORY BUILDING.

M. MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR may be authorized as a Special Use Permit when located more than 1½ miles from a municipality or village that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation, subject to the following standard conditions which may be waived as authorized in Section 6.1 and Section 9.1.11 except that paragraph 7.1.1M.(7) shall be subject to variance as authorized in Section 9.1.9:

(1) All MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR shall be conducted inside a building.

(2) No MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR shall be conducted and no customers shall be on the property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. except that vehicles may be dropped off for repair as early as 6:30 a.m.

(3) No parking shall occur within a public right of way.

(4) No more than two resident vehicles and two customer vehicles may be parked outdoors on the property at any one time.

(5) Any vehicle parked outdoors on the property must be intact and have a valid license.

(6) No more than one inoperable vehicle may be parked outdoors on the property at any one time and no vehicle shall leak hazardous materials onto the surface of the ground or onto a paved surface.

(7) All vehicles parked outdoors on the property must be at least 10 feet from a FRONT LOT LINE and at least 5 feet from a SIDE or REAR LOT LINE and shall be parked on a surface other than bare ground. This requirement is subject to a variance as authorized in Section 9.1.9.

(8) Storage and/ or use of volatile liquids and hazardous materials in excess of that for normal household use in

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typical household quantities must be as approved in the SPECIAL USE Permit.

(9) Disposal of used liquids and hazardous materials and used parts must be documented to be in conformance with all relevant state and federal regulations and best management practices must be as approved in the SPECIAL USE Permit.

(10) Floor drains are prohibited in new buildings proposed to be used for MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR unless installed with an oil separator inspected and approved by the State Plumbing Inspector. Floor drains in existing buildings proposed to be used for MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR shall be blocked off or outfitted with an oil separator that is inspected and approved by the State Plumbing Inspector.

(11) The ACCESSORY BUILDING AREA occupied by the MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR (including, if applicable, any area for a service counter and waiting area, repair area, material storage, vehicle storage, etc.) shall not exceed 1,500 square feet or more than 150% of the PRINCIPAL BUILDING AREA, whichever is greater, and shall be indicated on a floor plan drawing which shall be part of the approved site plan.

LN. All NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATIONS shall be registered with the Department of Planning and Zoning on forms prepared by the Zoning Administrator and any NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION authorized by SPECIAL USE Permit shall be required to obtain a Zoning Use Permit in accordance with Section 9.1.2 prior to operation. The fee for the Zoning Use Permit shall be the same as the fee for RURAL HOME OCCUPATION.



Goal 1 Planning and Public Involvement

Champaign County will attain a system of land resource management planning built on broad public involvement that supports effective decision making by the County.

Goal 1 Objectives

Objective 1.1 Guidance on Land Resource Management Decisions

Champaign County will consult the Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan (LRMP) that formally establishes County land resource management policies and serves as an important source of guidance for the making of County land resource management decisions.

Objective 1.2 Updating Officials

Champaign County will annually update County Board members with regard to land resource management conditions within the County.

Objective 1.3 Incremental Updates

Champaign County will update the LRMP, incrementally, on an annual or biannual basis to make minor changes to the LRMP or to adjust boundaries of LRMP Future Land Use Map areas to reflect current conditions, (e.g., Contiguous Urban Growth Area, or Rural Residential Area).

Objective 1.4 Comprehensive Updates

Champaign County will comprehensively update the LRMP at a regular interval of no more than 15 or less than 10 years, to allow for the utilization of available updated census data and other information.

Goal 1 Objectives and Policies

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Policy 1.2.1

County planning staff will provide an annual update to County Board members with regard to land resource management conditions within the County.

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Policy 1.3.1

ELUC will recommend minor changes to the LRMP after an appropriate opportunity for public input is made available.

Note: The Appendix contains defined terms, shown as italicized text in this Chapter.



Objective 1.4 Comprehensive Updates

Champaign County will comprehensively update the LRMP at a regular interval of no more than 15 or less than 10 years, to allow for the utilization of available updated census data and other information.

Policy 1.4.1

A Steering Committee that is broadly representative of the constituencies in the County but weighted towards the unincorporated area will oversee comprehensive updates of the LRMP.

Policy 1.4.2

The County will provide opportunities for public input throughout any comprehensive update of the LRMP.

Goal 2 Governmental Coordination

Champaign County will collaboratively formulate land resource and development policy with other units of government in areas of overlapping land use planning jurisdiction.

Goal 2 Objectives

Objective 2.1 Local and Regional Coordination

Champaign County will coordinate land resource management planning with all County jurisdictions and, to the extent possible, in the larger region.

Objective 2.2 Information Sharing

Champaign County will work cooperatively with other units of government to ensure that the Geographic Information Systems Consortium and Regional Planning Commission have the resources to effectively discharge their responsibilities to develop, maintain and share commonly used land resource management data between local jurisdictions and County agencies that will help support land use decisions.

Goal 2 Objectives and Policies

Objective 2.1 Local and Regional Coordination

Champaign County will coordinate land resource management planning with all County jurisdictions and, to the extent possible, in the larger region.

Policy 2.1.1

The County will maintain an inventory through the LRMP, of contiguous urban growth areas where connected sanitary service is already available or is planned to be made available by a public sanitary sewer service plan, and development is intended to occur upon annexation.

Policy 2.1.2

The County will continue to work to seek a county-wide arrangement that respects and coordinates the interests of all jurisdictions and that provides for the logical extension of municipal land use jurisdiction by annexation agreements.

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Policy 2.1.3

The County will encourage municipal adoption of plan and ordinance elements which reflect mutually consistent (County and municipality) approach to the protection of best prime farmland and other natural, historic, or cultural resources.

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Goal 3 Prosperity

Champaign County will encourage economic growth and development to ensure prosperity for its residents and the region.

Goal 3 Objectives

Objective 3.1 Business Climate

Champaign County will seek to ensure that it maintains comparable tax rates and fees, and a favorable business climate relative to similar counties.

Objective 3.2 Efficient County Administration

Champaign County will ensure that its regulations are administrated efficiently and do not impose undue costs or delays on persons seeking permits or other approvals.

Objective 3.3 County Economic Development Policy

Champaign County will maintain an updated Champaign County Economic Development Policy that is coordinated with and supportive of the LRMP.

Goal 4 Agriculture

Champaign County will protect the long term viability of agriculture in Champaign County and its land resource base.

Goal 4 Objectives

Objective 4.1 Agricultural Land Fragmentation and Conservation

Champaign County will strive to minimize the fragmentation of the County's agricultural land base and conserve farmland, generally applying more stringent development standards on best prime farmland.

Objective 4.2 Development Conflicts with Agricultural Operations

Champaign County will require that each *discretionary review* development will not interfere with agricultural operations.

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**Objective 4.3 Site Suitability for Discretionary Review Development**

Champaign County will require that each *discretionary review* development is located on a suitable site.

Objective 4.4 Regulations for Rural Residential Discretionary Review

Champaign County will update County regulations that pertain to rural residential *discretionary review* developments to best provide for site specific conditions by 2010.

Objective 4.5 LESA Site Assessment Review and Updates

By the year 2012, Champaign County will review the Site Assessment portion of the Champaign County Land Evaluation and Site Assessment System (LESA) for possible updates; thereafter, the County will periodically review the site assessment portion of LESA for potential updates at least once every 10 years.

Objective 4.6 Protecting Productive Farmland

Champaign County will seek means to encourage and protect productive farmland within the County.

Objective 4.7 Right to Farm Resolution

Champaign County affirms County Resolution 3425 pertaining to the right to farm in Champaign County.

Objective 4.8 Locally Grown Foods

Champaign County acknowledges the importance of and encourages the production, purchase, and consumption of locally grown food.

Objective 4.9 Landscape Character

Champaign County will seek to preserve the landscape character of the agricultural and *rural* areas of the County, and, at the same time, allow for potential *discretionary development* that supports agriculture or involves a product or service that is provided better in a *rural* area.

Goal 4 Objectives and Policies

Objective 4.1 Agricultural Land Fragmentation and Conservation

Champaign County will strive to minimize the fragmentation of the County's agricultural land base and conserve farmland, generally applying more stringent development standards on *best prime farmland*.

Policy 4.1.1

Commercial agriculture is the highest and best use of land in the areas of Champaign County that are by virtue of topography, soil and drainage, suited to its pursuit. The County will not accommodate other land uses except under very restricted conditions or in areas of less productive soils.

Policy 4.1.2

The County will guarantee all landowners a *by right development* allowance to establish a non-agricultural use, provided that public health, safety and site development regulations (e.g., floodplain and zoning regulations) are met.

Policy 4.1.3

The *by right development* allowance is intended to ensure legitimate economic use of all property. The County understands that continued agricultural use alone constitutes a



reasonable economic use of *best prime farmland* and the *by right development* allowance alone does not require accommodating non-farm development beyond the *by right development* allowance on such land.

Policy 4.1.4 The County will guarantee landowners of one or more lawfully created lots that are recorded or lawfully conveyed and are considered a *good zoning lot* (i.e., a lot that meets County zoning requirements in effect at the time the lot is created) the *by right development* allowance to establish a new single family dwelling or non-agricultural land use on each such lot, provided that current public health, safety and transportation standards are met.

Policy 4.1.5

a. The County will allow landowner by *right development* that is generally proportionate to tract size, created from the January 1, 1998 configuration of tracts on lots that are greater than five acres in area, with:

- 1 new lot allowed per parcel less than 40 acres in area;
- 2 new lots allowed per parcel 40 acres or greater in area provided that the total amount of acreage of *best prime farmland* for new by right lots does not exceed three acres per 40 acres; and
- 1 authorized land use allowed on each vacant *good zoning lot* provided that public health and safety standards are met.

b. The County will not allow further division of parcels that are 5 acres or less in size.

Policy 4.1.6 Provided that the use, design, site and location are consistent with County policies regarding:

- i. suitability of the site for the proposed use;
- ii. adequacy of infrastructure and public services for the proposed use;
- iii. minimizing conflict with agriculture;
- iv. minimizing the conversion of farmland; and
- v. minimizing the disturbance of natural areas,

then,

a) on *best prime farmland*, the County may authorize discretionary residential development subject to a limit on total acres converted which is generally proportionate to tract size and is based on the January 1, 1998 configuration of tracts, with the total amount of acreage converted to residential use (inclusive of *by-right development*) not to exceed three acres plus three acres per each 40 acres (including any existing right-of-way), but not to exceed 12 acres in total; or

b) on *best prime farmland*, the County may authorize non-residential *discretionary development*; or

c) the County may authorize *discretionary review* development on tracts consisting of other than *best prime farmland*.

Policy 4.1.7

To minimize the conversion of *best prime farmland*, the County will require a maximum lot size limit on new lots established as *by right development* on *best prime farmland*.

Policy 4.1.8

The County will consider the LESA rating for farmland protection when making land use decisions regarding a *discretionary development*.

Policy 4.1.9

The County will set a minimum lot size standard for a farm residence on land used for agricultural purposes.



Objective 4.2 Development Conflicts with Agricultural Operations

Champaign County will require that each *discretionary review* development will not interfere with agricultural operations.

Policy 4.2.1

The County may authorize a proposed business or other non-residential *discretionary review* development in a *rural* area if the proposed development supports agriculture or involves a product or service that is provided better in a *rural* area than in an urban area.

Policy 4.2.2

The County may authorize *discretionary review* development in a *rural* area if the proposed development:

- a. is a type that does not negatively affect agricultural activities; or
- b. is located and designed to minimize exposure to any negative affect caused by agricultural activities; and
- c. will not interfere with agricultural activities or damage or negatively affect the operation of agricultural drainage systems, *rural* roads, or other agriculture-related infrastructure.

Policy 4.2.3

The County will require that each proposed *discretionary development* explicitly recognize and provide for the right of agricultural activities to continue on adjacent land.

Policy 4.2.4

To reduce the occurrence of agricultural land use and non-agricultural land use nuisance conflicts, the County will require that all *discretionary review* consider whether a buffer between existing agricultural operations and the proposed development is necessary.

Objective 4.3 Site Suitability for Discretionary Review Development

Champaign County will require that each *discretionary review* development is located on a suitable site.

Policy 4.3.1

On other than *best prime farmland*, the County may authorize a *discretionary review* development provided that the site with proposed improvements is *suited overall* for the proposed land use.

Policy 4.3.2

On *best prime farmland*, the County may authorize a *discretionary review* development provided the site with proposed improvements is *well-suited overall* for the proposed land use.

Policy 4.3.3

The County may authorize a *discretionary review* development provided that existing public services are adequate to support to the proposed development effectively and safely without undue public expense.

Policy 4.3.4

The County may authorize a *discretionary review* development provided that existing public infrastructure, together with proposed improvements, is adequate to support the proposed development effectively and safely without undue public expense.

**Policy 4.3.5**

On *best prime farmland*, the County will authorize a business or other non-residential use only if:

- a. it also serves surrounding agricultural uses or an important public need; and cannot be located in an urban area or on a less productive site; or
- b. the use is otherwise appropriate in a *rural* area and the site is very well suited to it.

Objective 4.4 Regulations for Rural Residential *Discretionary Review*

Champaign County will update County regulations that pertain to *rural* residential *discretionary review* developments to best provide for site specific conditions by 2010.

Objective 4.5 LESA Site Assessment Review and Updates

By the year 2012, Champaign County will review the Site Assessment portion of the LESA for possible updates; thereafter, the County will periodically review the site assessment portion of LESA for potential updates at least once every 10 years.

Objective 4.6 Protecting Productive Farmland

Champaign County will seek means to encourage and protect productive farmland within the County.

Policy 4.6.1 The County will utilize, as may be feasible, tools that allow farmers to permanently preserve farmland.

Policy 4.6.2 The County will support legislation that promotes the conservation of agricultural land and related natural resources in Champaign County provided that legislation proposed is consistent with County policies and ordinances, including those with regard to landowners' interests.

Policy 4.6.3 The County will implement the agricultural purposes exemption, subject to applicable statutory and constitutional restrictions, so that all full- and part-time farmers and retired farmers will be assured of receiving the benefits of the agricultural exemption even if some non-farmers receive the same benefits.

Objective 4.7 Right to Farm Resolution

Champaign County affirms County Resolution 3425 pertaining to the right to farm in Champaign County.

Objective 4.8 Locally Grown Foods

Champaign County acknowledges the importance of and encourages the production, purchase, and consumption of locally grown food.

Objective 4.9 Landscape Character

Champaign County will seek to preserve the landscape character of the agricultural and *rural* areas of the County, and, at the same time, allow for potential *discretionary development* that supports agriculture or involves a product or service that is provided better in a *rural* area.

Policy 4.9.1

The County will develop and adopt standards to manage the visual and physical characteristics of *discretionary development* in *rural* areas of the County.



Goal 5 Urban Land Use

Champaign County will encourage *urban development* that is compact and contiguous to existing cities, villages, and existing unincorporated settlements.

Goal 5 Objectives

Objective 5.1 Population Growth and Economic Development

Champaign County will strive to ensure that the preponderance of population growth and economic development is accommodated by new *urban development* in or adjacent to existing population centers.

Objective 5.2 Natural Resources Stewardship

When new *urban development* is proposed, Champaign County will encourage that such development demonstrates good stewardship of natural resources

Objective 5.3 Adequate Public Infrastructure and Services

Champaign County will oppose proposed new *urban development* unless adequate utilities, infrastructure, and *public services* are provided.

Goal 5 Objectives and Policies

Objective 5.1 Population Growth and Economic Development

Champaign County will strive to ensure that the preponderance of population growth and economic development is accommodated by new *urban development* in or adjacent to existing population centers.

Policy 5.1.1

The County will encourage new *urban development* to occur within the boundaries of incorporated municipalities.

Policy 5.1.2

- a. The County will encourage that only compact and contiguous *discretionary development* occur within or adjacent to existing villages that have not yet adopted a municipal comprehensive land use plan.
- b. The County will require that only compact and contiguous *discretionary development* occur within or adjacent to existing unincorporated settlements.

Policy 5.1 3

The County will consider municipal extra-territorial jurisdiction areas that are currently served by or that are planned to be served by an available public sanitary sewer service plan as contiguous urban growth areas which should develop in conformance with the relevant municipal comprehensive plans. Such areas are identified on the Future Land Use Map.

Policy 5.1.4

The County may approve *discretionary development* outside contiguous urban growth areas, but within municipal extra-territorial jurisdiction areas only if:

- a. the development is consistent with the municipal comprehensive plan and relevant municipal requirements;
- b. the site is determined to be *well-suited overall* for the development if on *best prime farmland* or the site is *suited overall*, otherwise; and
- c. the development is generally consistent with all relevant LRMP objectives and policies.

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**Policy 5.1 5**

The County will encourage *urban development* to explicitly recognize and provide for the right of agricultural activities to continue on adjacent land.

Policy 5.1.6

To reduce the occurrence of agricultural land use and non-agricultural land use nuisance conflicts, the County will encourage and, when deemed necessary, will require discretionary development to create a sufficient buffer between existing agricultural operations and the proposed *urban development*.

Policy 5.1.7

The County will oppose new *urban development* or development authorized pursuant to a municipal annexation agreement that is located more than one and one half miles from a municipality's corporate limit unless the Champaign County Board determines that the development is otherwise consistent with the LRMP, and that such extraordinary exercise of extra-territorial jurisdiction is in the interest of the County as a whole.

Policy 5.1.8

The County will support legislative initiatives or intergovernmental agreements which specify that property subject to annexation agreements will continue to be under the ordinances, control, and jurisdiction of the County until such time that the property is actually annexed, except that within 1-1/2 miles of the corporate limit of a municipality with an adopted comprehensive land use plan, the subdivision ordinance of the municipality shall apply.

Policy 5.1.9

The County will encourage any new *discretionary development* that is located within municipal extra-territorial jurisdiction areas and subject to an annexation agreement (but which is expected to remain in the unincorporated area) to undergo a coordinated municipal and County review process, with the municipality considering any *discretionary development* approval from the County that would otherwise be necessary without the annexation agreement.

Objective 5.2 Natural Resources Stewardship

When new *urban development* is proposed, Champaign County will encourage that such development demonstrates good stewardship of natural resources.

Policy 5.2.1

The County will encourage the reuse and redevelopment of older and vacant properties within *urban land* when feasible.

Policy 5.2 2

The County will:

- a. ensure that *urban development* proposed on *best prime farmland* is efficiently designed in order to avoid unnecessary conversion of such farmland; and
- b. encourage, when possible, other jurisdictions to ensure that *urban development* proposed on *best prime farmland* is efficiently designed in order to avoid unnecessary conversion of such farmland.

Policy 5.2.3

The County will:

- a. require that proposed new *urban development* results in no more than minimal disturbance to areas with significant natural environmental quality; and



- b. encourage, when possible, other jurisdictions to require that proposed new *urban development* results in no more than minimal disturbance to areas with significant natural environmental quality.

Objective 5.3 Adequate Public Infrastructure and Services

Champaign County will oppose proposed new *urban development* unless adequate utilities, infrastructure, and *public services* are provided.

Policy 5.3.1

The County will:

- a. require that proposed new *urban development* in unincorporated areas is sufficiently served by available *public services* and without undue public expense; and
- b. encourage, when possible, other jurisdictions to require that proposed new *urban development* is sufficiently served by available *public services* and without undue public expense.

Policy 5.3.2

The County will:

- a. require that proposed new *urban development*, with proposed improvements, will be adequately served by *public infrastructure*, and that related needed improvements to *public infrastructure* are made without undue public expense; and
- b. encourage, when possible, other jurisdictions to require that proposed new *urban development*, with proposed improvements, will be adequately served by *public infrastructure*, and that related needed improvements to *public infrastructure* are made without undue public expense.

Policy 5.3.3

The County will encourage a regional cooperative approach to identifying and assessing the incremental costs of public utilities and services imposed by new development.

Goal 6 Public Health and Public Safety

Champaign County will ensure protection of the public health and public safety in land resource management decisions.

Goal 6 Objectives

Objective 6.1 Protect Public Health and Safety

Champaign County will seek to ensure that *rural* development does not endanger public health or safety.

Objective 6.2 Public Assembly Land Uses

Champaign County will seek to ensure that public assembly, dependent population, and multifamily land uses provide safe and secure environments for their occupants.

Objective 6.3 Development Standards

Champaign County will seek to ensure that all new non-agricultural construction in the unincorporated area will comply with a building code by 2015.

Objective 6.4 Countywide Waste Management Plan

Champaign County will develop an updated Champaign County Waste Management Plan by 2015 to address the re-use, recycling, and safe disposal of wastes including: landscape waste; agricultural waste; construction/demolition debris; hazardous waste; medical waste; and municipal solid waste.

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Goal 6 Objectives and Policies

Objective 6.1 Protect Public Health and Safety

Champaign County will seek to ensure that development in unincorporated areas of the County does not endanger public health or safety.

Policy 6.1.1

The County will establish minimum lot location and dimension requirements for all new *rural* residential development that provide ample and appropriate areas for onsite wastewater and septic systems.

Policy 6.1.2

The County will ensure that the proposed wastewater disposal and treatment systems of *discretionary development* will not endanger public health, create nuisance conditions for adjacent uses, or negatively impact surface or groundwater quality.

Policy 6.1.3

The County will seek to prevent nuisances created by light and glare and will endeavor to limit excessive night lighting, and to preserve clear views of the night sky throughout as much of the County as possible.

Policy 6.1.4

The County will seek to abate blight and to prevent and rectify improper dumping.

Objective 6.2 Public Assembly Land Uses

Champaign County will seek to ensure that public assembly, dependent population, and multifamily land uses provide safe and secure environments for their occupants.

Policy 6.2.1 The County will require public assembly, dependent population, and multifamily premises built, significantly renovated, or established after 2010 to comply with the Office of State Fire Marshal life safety regulations or equivalent.

Policy 6.2.2 The County will require Champaign County Liquor Licensee premises to comply with the Office of State Fire Marshal life safety regulations or equivalent by 2015.

Policy 6.2.3 The County will require Champaign County Recreation and Entertainment Licensee premises to comply with the Office of State Fire Marshal life safety regulations or equivalent by 2015.

Objective 6.3 Development Standards

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Goal 7 Transportation

Champaign County will coordinate land use decisions in the unincorporated area with the existing and planned transportation infrastructure and services.

Goal 7 Objectives

Objective 7.1 Traffic Impact Analyses

Champaign County will consider traffic impact in all land use decisions and coordinate efforts with other agencies when warranted.

Objective 7.2 Countywide Transportation System

Champaign County will strive to attain a countywide transportation network including a variety of transportation modes which will provide rapid, safe, and economical movement of people and goods.

Goal 7 Objectives and Policies

Objective 7.1 Traffic Impact Analyses

Champaign County will consider traffic impact in all land use decisions and coordinate efforts with other agencies when warranted.

Policy 7.1.1

The County will include traffic impact analyses in *discretionary review* development proposals with significant traffic generation.

Objective 7.2 Countywide Transportation System

Champaign County will strive to attain a countywide transportation network including a variety of transportation modes which will provide rapid, safe, and economical movement of people and goods.

Policy 7.2.1

The County will encourage development of a multi-jurisdictional countywide transportation plan that is consistent with the LRMP.

Policy 7.2.2

The County will encourage the maintenance and improvement of existing County railroad system lines and services.

Policy 7.2.3

The County will encourage the maintenance and improvement of the existing County road system, considering fiscal constraints, in order to promote agricultural production and marketing.

Policy 7.2.4

The County will seek to implement the County's Greenways and Trails Plan.

Policy 7.2.5

The County will seek to prevent establishment of incompatible *discretionary development* in areas exposed to noise and hazards of vehicular, aircraft and rail transport.

Policy 7.2.6

The County will seek to protect *public infrastructure* elements which exhibit unique scenic, cultural, or historic qualities.

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Goal 8 Natural Resources

Champaign County will strive to conserve and enhance the County's landscape and natural resources and ensure their sustainable use.

Goal 8 Objectives

Objective 8.1 Groundwater Quality and Availability

Champaign County will strive to ensure adequate and safe supplies of groundwater at reasonable cost for both human and ecological purposes.

Objective 8.2 Soil

Champaign County will strive to conserve its soil resources to provide the greatest benefit to current and future generations.

Objective 8.3 Underground Mineral and Energy Resource Extraction

Champaign County will work to ensure future access to its underground mineral and energy resources and to ensure that their extraction does not create nuisances or detract from the long-term beneficial use of the affected property.

Objective 8.4 Surface Water Protection

Champaign County will work to ensure that new development and ongoing land management practices maintain and improve surface water quality, contribute to stream channel stability, and minimize erosion and sedimentation.

Objective 8.5 Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystems

Champaign County will encourage the maintenance and enhancement of aquatic and riparian habitats.

Objective 8.6 Natural Areas and Habitat

Champaign County will encourage resource management which avoids loss or degradation of areas representative of the *pre-settlement environment* and other areas that provide habitat for native and game species.

Objective 8.7 Parks and Preserves

Champaign County will work to protect existing investments in *rural* parkland and natural area preserves and will encourage the establishment of new public *parks and preserves* and protected private lands.

Objective 8.8 Air Pollutants

Champaign County considers the atmosphere a valuable resource and will seek to minimize harmful impacts to it and work to prevent and reduce the discharge of ozone precursors, acid rain precursors, toxics, dust and aerosols that are harmful to human health.

Objective 8.9 Natural Resources Assessment System

Champaign County will, by the year 2016, adopt a natural resources specific assessment system that provides a technical framework to numerically rank land parcels based on local resource evaluation and site considerations, including: groundwater resources; soil and mineral resources; surface waters; aquatic and riparian ecosystems; natural areas; parks and preserves; known cultural resources; and air quality.

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Goal 8 Objectives and Policies

Objective 8.1 Groundwater Quality and Availability

Champaign County will strive to ensure adequate and safe supplies of groundwater at reasonable cost for both human and ecological purposes.

Policy 8.1.1

The County will not approve *discretionary development* using on-site water wells unless it can be reasonably assured that an adequate supply of water for the proposed use is available without impairing the supply to any existing well user.

Policy 8.1.2

The County will encourage regional cooperation in protecting the quality and availability of groundwater from the Mahomet Aquifer.

Policy 8.1.3

As feasible, the County will seek to ensure that withdrawals from the Mahomet Aquifer and other aquifers do not exceed the long-term sustainable yield of the aquifer including withdrawals under potential drought conditions, particularly for shallow aquifers.

Policy 8.1.4

To the extent that distinct recharge areas are identified for any aquifers, the County will work to prevent development of such areas that would significantly impair recharge to the aquifers.

Policy 8.1.5

To the extent that groundwater in the County is interconnected with surface waters, the County will work to ensure that groundwater contributions to natural surface hydrology are not disrupted by groundwater withdrawals by *discretionary development*.

Policy 8.1.6

The County will encourage the development and refinement of knowledge regarding the geology, hydrology, and other features of the County's groundwater resources.

Policy 8.1.7

The County will ensure that existing and new developments do not pollute the groundwater supply.

Policy 8.1.8

The County will protect community well heads, distinct aquifer recharge areas and other critical areas from potential sources of groundwater pollution.

Policy 8.1.9

The County will work to ensure the remediation of contaminated land or groundwater and the elimination of potential contamination pathways.

Objective 8.2 Soil

Champaign County will strive to conserve its soil resources to provide the greatest benefit to current and future generations.

**Policy 8.2.1**

The County will strive to minimize the destruction of its soil resources by non-agricultural development and will give special consideration to the protection of *best prime farmland*. *Best prime farmland* is that comprised of soils that have a Relative Value of at least 85 and includes land parcels with mixed soils that have a Land Evaluation score of 85 or greater as defined in the LESA.

Objective 8.3 Underground Mineral and Energy Resource Extraction

Champaign County will work to ensure future access to its underground mineral and energy resources and to ensure that their extraction does not create nuisances or detract from the long-term beneficial use of the affected property.

Policy 8.3.1

The County will allow expansion or establishment of underground mineral and energy resource extraction operations only if:

- a) the operation poses no significant adverse impact to existing land uses;
- b) the operation creates no significant adverse impact to surface water quality or other natural resources; and
- c) provisions are made to fully reclaim the site for a beneficial use.

Objective 8.4 Surface Water Protection

Champaign County will work to ensure that new development and ongoing land management practices maintain and improve surface water quality, contribute to stream channel stability, and minimize erosion and sedimentation.

Policy 8.4.1

The County will incorporate the recommendations of adopted watershed plans in its policies, plans, and investments and in its *discretionary review* of new development.

Policy 8.4.2

The County will require stormwater management designs and practices that provide effective site drainage, protect downstream drainage patterns, minimize impacts on adjacent properties and provide for stream flows that support healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Policy 8.4.3

The County will encourage the implementation of agricultural practices and land management that promotes good drainage while maximizing stormwater infiltration and aquifer recharge.

Policy 8.4.4

The County will ensure that point discharges including those from new development, and including surface discharging on-site wastewater systems, meet or exceed state and federal water quality standards.

Policy 8.4.5

The County will ensure that non-point discharges from new development meet or exceed state and federal water quality standards.

Policy 8.4.6

The County recognizes the importance of the drainage districts in the operation and maintenance of drainage.



Objective 8.5 Aquatic and Riparian Ecosystems

Champaign County will encourage the maintenance and enhancement of aquatic and riparian habitats.

Policy 8.5.1

For *discretionary development*, the County will require land use patterns, site design standards and land management practices that, wherever possible, preserve existing habitat, enhance degraded habitat and restore habitat.

Policy 8.5.2

The County will require in its *discretionary review* that new development cause no more than minimal disturbance to the stream corridor environment.

Policy 8.5.3

The County will encourage the preservation and voluntary restoration of wetlands and a net increase in wetland habitat acreage.

Policy 8.5.4

The County will support efforts to control and eliminate invasive species.

Policy 8.5.5

The County will promote drainage system maintenance practices that provide for effective drainage, promote channel stability, minimize erosion and sedimentation, minimize ditch maintenance costs and, when feasible, support healthy aquatic ecosystems.

Objective 8.6 Natural Areas and Habitat

Champaign County will encourage resource management which avoids loss or degradation of areas representative of the *pre-settlement environment* and other areas that provide habitat for native and game species.

Policy 8.6.1

The County will encourage educational programs to promote sound environmental stewardship practices among private landowners.

Policy 8.6.2

- a. For new development, the County will require land use patterns, site design standards and land management practices to minimize the disturbance of existing areas that provide habitat for native and game species, or to mitigate the impacts of unavoidable disturbance to such areas.
- b. With regard to *by-right development* on *good zoning lots*, or the expansion thereof, the County will not require new zoning regulations to preserve or maintain existing onsite areas that provide habitat for native and game species, or new zoning regulations that require mitigation of impacts of disturbance to such onsite areas.

Policy 8.6.3

For *discretionary development*, the County will use the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory and other scientific sources of information to identify priority areas for protection or which offer the potential for restoration, preservation, or enhancement.

Policy 8.6.4

The County will require implementation of IDNR recommendations for *discretionary development* sites that contain endangered or threatened species, and will seek to ensure that recommended management practices are maintained on such sites.

**Policy 8.6.5**

The County will continue to allow the reservation and establishment of private and public hunting grounds where conflicts with surrounding land uses can be minimized.

Policy 8.6.6

The County will encourage the purchase, donation, or transfer of development rights and the like, by public and private entities, of significant natural areas and habitat for native and game species for the purpose of preservation.

Objective 8.7 Parks and Preserves

Champaign County will work to protect existing investments in *rural* parkland and natural area preserves and will encourage the establishment of new public parks and preserves and protected private lands.

Policy 8.7.1

The County will require that the location, site design and land management of *discretionary development* minimize disturbance of the natural quality, habitat value and aesthetic character of existing public and private parks and preserves.

Policy 8.7.2

The County will strive to attract alternative funding sources that assist in the establishment and maintenance of parks and preserves in the County.

Policy 8.7.3

The County will require that *discretionary development* provide a reasonable contribution to support development of parks and preserves.

Policy 8.7.4

The County will encourage the establishment of public-private partnerships to conserve woodlands and other significant areas of natural environmental quality in Champaign County.

Policy 8.7.5

The County will implement, where possible, incentives to encourage land development and management practices that preserve, enhance natural areas, wildlife habitat and/or opportunities for hunting and other recreational uses on private land.

Policy 8.7.6 The County will support public outreach and education regarding site-specific natural resource management guidelines that landowners may voluntarily adopt.

Objective 8.8 Air Pollutants

Champaign County considers the atmosphere a valuable resource and will seek to minimize harmful impacts to it and work to prevent and reduce the discharge of ozone precursors, acid rain precursors, toxics, dust and aerosols that are harmful to human health.

Policy 8.8.1 The County will require compliance with all applicable Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Illinois Pollution Control Board standards for air quality when relevant in *discretionary review* development.

Policy 8.8.2 In reviewing proposed *discretionary development*, the County will identify existing sources of air pollutants and will avoid locating sensitive land uses where occupants will be affected by such discharges.



Objective 8.9 Natural Resources Assessment System

Champaign County will, by the year 2016, adopt a natural resources specific assessment system that provides a technical framework to numerically rank land parcels based on local resource evaluation and site considerations, including: groundwater resources; soil and mineral resources; surface waters; aquatic and riparian ecosystems; natural areas; parks and preserves; known cultural resources; and air quality.

Goal 9 Energy Conservation

Champaign County will encourage energy conservation, efficiency, and the use of renewable energy sources.

Goal 9 Objectives

Objective 9.1 Reduce Greenhouse Gases

Champaign County will seek to reduce the discharge of greenhouse gases.

Objective 9.2 Energy Efficient Buildings

Champaign County will encourage energy efficient building design standards.

Objective 9.3 Land Use and Transportation Policies

Champaign County will encourage land use and transportation planning policies that maximize energy conservation and efficiency.

Objective 9.4 Reuse and Recycling

Champaign County will promote efficient resource use and re-use and recycling of potentially recyclable materials.

Objective 9.5 Renewable Energy Sources

Champaign County will encourage the development and use of renewable energy sources where appropriate and compatible with existing land uses.

Goal 9 Objectives and Policies

Objective 9.1 Reduce Greenhouse Gases

Champaign County will seek to reduce the discharge of greenhouse gases.

Policy 9.1.1

The County will promote land use patterns, site design standards and land management practices that minimize the discharge of greenhouse gases.

Policy 9.1.2

The County will promote energy efficient building design standards.

Policy 9.1.3

The County will strive to minimize the discharge of greenhouse gases from its own facilities and operations.

Objective 9.2 Energy Efficient Buildings

Champaign County will encourage energy efficient building design standards.

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**Policy 9.2.1**

The County will enforce the Illinois Energy Efficient Commercial Building Act (20 ILCS 3125/1).

Policy 9.2.2

The County will strive to incorporate and utilize energy efficient building design in its own facilities.

Objective 9.3 Land Use and Transportation Policies

Champaign County will encourage land use and transportation planning policies that maximize energy conservation and efficiency.

Objective 9.4 Reuse and Recycling

Champaign County will promote efficient resource use and re-use and recycling of potentially recyclable materials.

Objective 9.5 Renewable Energy Sources

Champaign County will encourage the development and use of renewable energy sources where appropriate and compatible with existing land uses.

Goal 10 Cultural Amenities

Champaign County will promote the development and preservation of cultural amenities that contribute to a high quality of life for its citizens.

Goal 10 Objective**Objective 10.1 Cultural Amenities**

Champaign County will encourage the development and maintenance of cultural, educational, recreational, and other amenities that contribute to the quality of life of its citizens.

Goal 10 Objectives and Policy**Objective 10.1 Cultural Amenities**

Champaign County will encourage the development and maintenance of cultural, educational, recreational, and other amenities that contribute to the quality of life of its citizens.

Policy 10.1.1

The County will work to identify historic structures, places and landscapes in the County.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT

873-AT-17

**FINDING OF FACT
AND FINAL DETERMINATION**

**of
Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals**

Final Determination: ***{RECOMMEND ENACTMENT/RECOMMEND DENIAL}***

Date: ***{June 15, 2017}***

Petitioner: **Zoning Administrator**

Request: Part A. **Amend Sections 7.1.1 and 7.1.2 to require a Special Use Permit for any Neighborhood Home Occupation or Rural Home Occupation that exceeds and/or does not meet the other requirements of Section 7.1.1 or Section 7.1.2 provided that the Home Occupation is not a prohibited Home Occupation under paragraph 7.1.1.I. or 7.1.2J. and specify that the residential use shall remain the principal use on the property and the dwelling on the subject property shall remain the principal building.**

Part B. **Amend Section 7.1.1 to authorize “minor auto repair” as a Neighborhood Home Occupation subject to a Special Use Permit when located more than 1.5 miles from a municipality that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation and subject to several standard conditions including but not limited to a condition that the minor auto repair shall be conducted inside a building and a condition that the total building area occupied by the minor auto repair shall not exceed 1,500 square feet or more than 150% of the dwelling unit area, whichever is greater.**

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT**FINDING OF FACT**

From the documents of record and the testimony and exhibits received at the public hearing conducted on **June 15, 2017**, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County finds that:

1. The petitioner is the Zoning Administrator.
2. The proposed amendment is intended to update the requirements for NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATIONS and RURAL HOME OCCUPATIONS in the Zoning Ordinance.
3. Municipalities with zoning and townships with planning commissions have protest rights on all text amendments and they are notified of such cases.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

4. The proposed amendment is attached to this Finding of Fact as it will appear in the Zoning Ordinance.

GENERALLY REGARDING THE LRMP GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES

5. The *Champaign County Land Resource Management Plan* (LRMP) was adopted by the County Board on April 22, 2010. The LRMP Goals, Objectives, and Policies were drafted through an inclusive and public process that produced a set of ten goals, 42 objectives, and 100 policies, which are currently the only guidance for amendments to the *Champaign County Zoning Ordinance*, as follows:
 - A. The Purpose Statement of the LRMP Goals, Objectives, and Policies is as follows:

“It is the purpose of this plan to encourage municipalities and the County to protect the land, air, water, natural resources and environment of the County and to encourage the use of such resources in a manner which is socially and economically desirable. The Goals, Objectives and Policies necessary to achieve this purpose are as follows:”
 - B. The LRMP defines Goals, Objectives, and Policies as follows:
 - (1) Goal: an ideal future condition to which the community aspires
 - (2) Objective: a tangible, measurable outcome leading to the achievement of a goal
 - (3) Policy: a statement of actions or requirements judged to be necessary to achieve goals and objectives
 - C. The Background given with the LRMP Goals, Objectives, and Policies further states, “Three documents, the *County Land Use Goals and Policies* adopted in 1977, and two sets of *Land Use Regulatory Policies*, dated 2001 and 2005, were built upon, updated, and consolidated into the LRMP Goals, Objectives and Policies.

REGARDING LRMP GOALS

6. LRMP Goal 1 is entitled “Planning and Public Involvement” and states that as follows:

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Champaign County will attain a system of land resource management planning built on broad public involvement that supports effective decision making by the County.

Goal 1 has 4 objectives and 4 policies. The proposed amendment *WILL NOT IMPEDE* the achievement of Goal 1.

7. LRMP Goal 2 is entitled “Governmental Coordination” and states as follows:

Champaign County will collaboratively formulate land resource and development policy with other units of government in areas of overlapping land use planning jurisdiction.

Goal 2 has two objectives and three policies. The proposed amendment *WILL NOT IMPEDE* the achievement of Goal 2.

8. LRMP Goal 3 is entitled “Prosperity” and states as follows:

Champaign County will encourage economic growth and development to ensure prosperity for its residents and the region.

Goal 3 has three objectives and no policies. The proposed amendment *WILL NOT IMPEDE* the achievement of Goal 3.

9. LRMP Goal 4 is entitled “Agriculture” and states as follows:

Champaign County will protect the long term viability of agriculture in Champaign County and its land resource base.

Goal 4 has 9 objectives and 22 policies. The proposed amendment *WILL NOT IMPEDE* the achievement of Goal 4.

10. LRMP Goal 5 is entitled “Urban Land Use” and states as follows:

Champaign County will encourage urban development that is compact and contiguous to existing cities, villages, and existing unincorporated settlements.

Goal 5 has 3 objectives and 15 policies. The proposed amendment is *NOT RELEVANT* to Goal 5 in general.

11. LRMP Goal 6 is entitled “Public Health and Safety” and states as follows:

Champaign County will ensure protection of the public health and public safety in land resource management decisions.

Goal 6 has 4 objectives and 7 policies. Policies 6.1.1, 6.1.2, and Objectives 6.2, 6.3, and 6.4 and their subsidiary policies are not relevant to the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment will *HELP ACHIEVE* Goal 6 for the following reasons:

- A. Objective 6.1 states, “**Champaign County will seek to ensure that development in unincorporated areas of the County does not endanger public health or safety.**”

The proposed amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** Objective 6.1 for the following reasons:

- (1) Policy 6.1.3. states, **“The County will seek to prevent nuisances created by light and glare and will endeavor to limit excessive night lighting, and to preserve clear views of the night sky throughout as much of the County as possible.”**

The proposed amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** Policy 6.1.3 for the following reasons:

- a. For MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR as a Neighborhood Home Occupation:
- (a) A Special Use Permit is required, which must comply with the standard conditions for lighting established in Section 6.1.2.
 - (b) All repair must be done inside a building.
 - (c) No repair can be conducted between 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m.
- b. For MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR as a Rural Home Occupation:
- (a) A Special Use Permit is required, which must comply with the standard conditions for lighting established in Section 6.1.2.
 - (b) Existing Section 7.1.2 M establishes exterior lighting requirements for Rural Home Occupations.
- (2) Policy 6.1.4. states, **“The County will seek to abate blight and to prevent and rectify improper dumping.”**

The proposed amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** Policy 6.1.4, because proposed paragraph 7.1.1 M(9) states, “Disposal of used liquids and hazardous materials and used parts must be documented to be in conformance with all relevant state and federal regulations and best management practices must be as approved in the SPECIAL USE Permit.”

12. LRMP Goal 7 is entitled “Transportation” and states as follows:

Champaign County will coordinate land use decisions in the unincorporated area with the existing and planned transportation infrastructure and services.

Goal 7 has 2 objectives and 7 policies. The proposed amendment **WILL NOT IMPEDE** the achievement of Goal 7.

13. LRMP Goal 8 is entitled “Natural Resources” and states as follows:

Champaign County will strive to conserve and enhance the County’s landscape and natural resources and ensure their sustainable use.

Goal 8 has 9 objectives and 36 policies. The proposed amendment **WILL NOT IMPEDE** the achievement of Goal 8.

14. LRMP Goal 9 is entitled “Energy Conservation” and states as follows:

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Champaign County will encourage energy conservation, efficiency, and the use of renewable energy sources.

Goal 9 has 5 objectives and 5 policies. The proposed amendment **WILL NOT IMPEDE** the achievement of Goal 9.

15. LRMP Goal 10 is entitled “Cultural Amenities” and states as follows:

Champaign County will promote the development and preservation of cultural amenities that contribute to a high quality of life for its citizens.

Goal 10 has 1 objective and 1 policy. Goal 10 is **NOT RELEVANT** to the proposed amendment in general.

REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

16. The proposed amendment will **HELP ACHIEVE** the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance as established in Section 2 of the Ordinance for the following reasons:

- A. Paragraph 2.0 (a) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to secure adequate light, pure air, and safety from fire and other dangers.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- B. Paragraph 2.0 (b) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to conserve the value of land, BUILDINGS, and STRUCTURES throughout the COUNTY.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- C. Paragraph 2.0 (c) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to lessen and avoid congestion in the public STREETS.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- D. Paragraph 2.0 (d) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to lessen and avoid hazards to persons and damage to property resulting from the accumulation of runoff of storm or flood waters.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- E. Paragraph 2.0 (e) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to promote the public health, safety, comfort, morals, and general welfare.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- F. Paragraph 2.0 (f) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to regulate and limit the height and bulk of BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES hereafter to be erected.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- G. Paragraph 2.0 (g) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to establish, regulate, and limit the building or setback lines on or along any street, trafficway, drive or parkway.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- H. Paragraph 2.0 (h) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to regulate and limit the intensity of the use of LOT areas, and regulating and determining the area of open spaces within and surrounding BUILDINGS and STRUCTURES.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- I. Paragraph 2.0 (i) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to classify, regulate, and restrict the location of trades and industries and the location of BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, and land designed for specified industrial, residential, and other land USES.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- J. Paragraph 2.0 (j) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to divide the entire County into DISTRICTS of such number, shape, area, and such different classes according to the USE of land, BUILDINGS, and STRUCTURES, intensity of the USE of LOT area, area of open spaces, and other classification as may be deemed best suited to carry out the purpose of the ordinance.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- K. Paragraph 2.0 (k) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to fix regulations and standards to which BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, or USES therein shall conform.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- L. Paragraph 2.0 (l) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to prohibit USES, BUILDINGS, or STRUCTURES incompatible with the character of such DISTRICTS.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

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- M. Paragraph 2.0 (m) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to prevent additions to and alteration or remodeling of existing BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, or USES in such a way as to avoid the restrictions and limitations lawfully imposed under this ordinance.

The proposed amendment is consistent with this purpose.

- N. Paragraph 2.0 (n) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to protect the most productive agricultural lands from haphazard and unplanned intrusions of urban USES.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- O. Paragraph 2.0 (o) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to protect natural features such as forested areas and watercourses.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- P. Paragraph 2.0 (p) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to encourage the compact development of urban areas to minimize the cost of development of public utilities and public transportation facilities.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- Q. Paragraph 2.0 (q) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to encourage the preservation of agricultural belts surrounding urban areas, to retain the agricultural nature of the County, and the individual character of existing communities.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

- R. Paragraph 2.0 (r) of the Ordinance states that one purpose of the zoning regulations and standards that have been adopted and established is to provide for the safe and efficient development of renewable energy sources in those parts of the COUNTY that are most suited to their development.

The proposed amendment is not directly related to this purpose.

17. The proposed text amendment **WILL** improve the text of the Zoning Ordinance because it **WILL** provide:
- A. A classification under which MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR can occur as a HOME OCCUPATION while establishing minimum requirements that ensure the purposes of the Zoning Ordinance will be met.
 - B. Continuity with adjacent communities' regulations for MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR.
 - C. A means to regulate an activity for which there is a demand and that is already occurring without authorization in various locations.

SUMMARY FINDING OF FACT

From the documents of record and the testimony and exhibits received at the public hearing conducted on **June 15, 2017**, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County finds that:

1. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment ***IS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE*** the Land Resource Management Plan because:
 - A. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment will ***HELP ACHIEVE*** LRMP Goal 6.
 - B. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment ***WILL NOT IMPEDE*** the achievement of LRMP Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9.
 - C. The proposed Zoning Ordinance text amendment is ***NOT RELEVANT*** to LRMP Goals 5 and 10.
2. The proposed text amendment ***WILL*** improve the Zoning Ordinance because it will:
 - A. ***HELP ACHIEVE*** the purpose of the Zoning Ordinance (see Item 16).
 - B. ***IMPROVE*** the text of the Zoning Ordinance (see Item 17).

DOCUMENTS OF RECORD

1. Memo to the Environment and Land Use Committee dated March 7, 2017, with attachments:
 - A City of Urbana Zoning Requirements for Minor Auto Repair Home Occupation dated March 8, 2017
 - B Strikeout Version of Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance dated March 8, 2017

2. Preliminary Memorandum dated June 7, 2017, with attachments:
 - A Memo to the Environment and Land Use Committee dated March 7, 2017, with attachments:
 - City of Urbana Zoning Requirements for Minor Auto Repair Home Occupation dated March 8, 2017
 - Strikeout Version of Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance dated March 8, 2017

 - B LRMP Land Use Goals, Objectives, and Policies

 - C Draft Finding of Fact, Summary Finding of Fact and Final Determination, including updated Strikeout Version of Proposed Text Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance dated June 15, 2017

FINAL DETERMINATION

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 9.2 of the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance, the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County determines that:

The Zoning Ordinance Amendment requested in **Case 873-AT-17** should ***{BE ENACTED / NOT BE ENACTED}*** by the County Board in the form attached hereto.

The foregoing is an accurate and complete record of the Findings and Determination of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Champaign County.

SIGNED:

Eric Thorsland, Chair
Champaign County Zoning Board of Appeals

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Date

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Existing Zoning Ordinance text to be removed is indicated with strike-out and gray highlighting (“~~text to be removed~~”).

Text proposed to be added to the Zoning Ordinance is indicated with underlining and yellow highlighting (“text to be added”).

7.1.1 NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATIONS as defined in Section 3, are permitted as an ACCESSORY USE subject to the following standards:

- A. No more than one employee, in addition to family members, shall be present on the premises at any one time. No employees shall be present on the premises earlier than 8:00 a.m. or later than 6:00 p.m.
- B. All business activities shall be conducted entirely indoors, and limited to the DWELLING and no more than one ACCESSORY BUILDING located on the LOT. The DWELLING or ACCESSORY BUILDING shall not be modified and no DISPLAY or activity shall be conducted that would indicate from the exterior that it is being used for any purpose other than that of a residential DWELLING or residential ACCESSORY BUILDING.
- C. No SIGN other than a name plate not more than two square feet in area shall be permitted.
- D. No storage of volatile liquids, flammable gases, hazardous materials, or explosives shall be permitted except as might be kept for normal household use in typical household quantities.
- E. No more than three patrons, clients, congregants, or similar persons may be present on the premises at one time except:
 - i. up to 12 children may be present in day care homes;
 - ii. up to 12 clients, patients or other congregants may be present for religious services, group counselling, or similar purposes not more than three times in any seven day period nor more than twice in one day; and
 - iii. up to 12 patrons may be present at sales parties, open houses or similar events not more than once in any 30 day period;
 - iv. up to eight guests in no more than four guest rooms may be present at one time in a bed and breakfast establishment.
- F. No patrons, clients, or other congregants shall be present on the premises earlier than 9:00 a.m. nor later than 10:00 p.m. except that day care recipients may be present as early as 6:30 a.m.
- G. Processes employed shall not create odor, dust, noise, gas, smoke, or vibration discernable at the property line other than of such a nature, quantity, intensity,

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duration, or time of occurrence customarily associated with the exclusive residential use of a similar DWELLING.

- H. Deliveries by truck shall be limited to no more than an average of one per week and a maximum of two in any given week for trucks no larger than a standard commercial delivery truck. Deliveries by semi-trailer trucks are prohibited.
- I. Prohibited NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION Activities shall include:
- i. ~~automobile and truck repair~~ **MAJOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR;**
 - ii. **MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR within 1½ miles from a municipality or village that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation and/ or MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR conducted more than 1½ miles from a municipality or village that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation but without the approval required by Section 7.1.1M;**
 - iii. salvage, recycling and solid waste hauling;
 - iv. sale of articles not produced on the premises except as provided in Section 7.1.1Eiii or as such sales are incidental to the provision of a service.
 - v. sales of guns and ammunition provided that a Gun Dealers License is obtained from the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and sales are made by appointment only subject to the limitations of Section 7.1.1E.
- J. Outdoor STORAGE or DISPLAY is prohibited.
- K. No more than one commercial vehicle less than or equal to 36,000 pounds gross vehicle weight and no more than 25 feet in length shall be permitted on LOTS located in a residential zoning district as part of the NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION.
- L. A NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION that exceeds any of the standards in paragraphs 7.1.1 A. through K. may be authorized by SPECIAL USE Permit provided as follows:**
- (1) The USE is not a prohibited activity in paragraph 7.1.1I.**
 - (2) The DWELLING on the subject property shall remain the principal USE and the PRINCIPAL BUILDING on the property and the HOME OCCUPATION shall always be an ACCESSORY USE and any building devoted to the HOME OCCUPATION shall be an ACCESSORY BUILDING.**
- M. MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR may be authorized as a Special Use Permit when located more than 1½ miles from a municipality or village that prohibits “minor auto repair” as a home occupation, subject to the following standard conditions which may be waived as authorized in Section 6.1 and Section 9.1.11 except that paragraph 7.1.1M.(7) shall be subject to variance as authorized in Section 9.1.9:**

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- (1) All MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR shall be conducted inside a building.
- (2) No MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR shall be conducted and no customers shall be on the property between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. except that vehicles may be dropped off for repair as early as 6:30 a.m.
- (3) No parking shall be occur within a public right of way.
- (4) No more than two resident vehicles and two customer vehicles may be parked outdoors on the property at any one time.
- (5) Any vehicle parked outdoors on the property must be intact and have a valid license.
- (6) No more than one inoperable vehicle may be parked outdoors on the property at any one time and no vehicle shall leak hazardous materials onto the surface of the ground or onto a paved surface.
- (7) All vehicles parked outdoors on the property must be at least 10 feet from a FRONT LOT LINE and at least 5 feet from a SIDE or REAR LOT LINE and shall be parked on a surface other than bare ground. This requirement is subject to a variance as authorized in Section 9.1.9.
- (8) Storage and/ or use of volatile liquids and hazardous materials in excess of that for normal household use in typical household quantities must be as approved in the SPECIAL USE Permit.
- (9) Disposal of used liquids and hazardous materials and used parts must be documented to be in conformance with all relevant state and federal regulations and best management practices must be as approved in the SPECIAL USE Permit.
- (10) Floor drains are prohibited in new buildings proposed to be used for MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR unless installed with an oil separator inspected and approved by the State Plumbing Inspector. Floor drains in existing buildings proposed to be used for MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR shall be blocked off or outfitted with an oil separator that is inspected and approved by the State Plumbing Inspector.
- (11) The ACCESSORY BUILDING AREA occupied by the MINOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR (including, if applicable, any area for a service counter and waiting area, repair area, material storage, vehicle storage, etc.) shall not exceed 1,500 square feet or more than 150% of the PRINCIPAL BUILDING AREA, whichever is greater, and shall be indicated on a floor plan drawing which shall be part of the approved site plan.

EN. All NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATIONS shall be registered with the Department of Planning and Zoning on forms prepared by the Zoning

Administrator and any NEIGHBORHOOD HOME OCCUPATION authorized by SPECIAL USE Permit shall be required to obtain a Zoning Use Permit in accordance with Section 9.1.2 prior to operation. The fee for the Zoning Use Permit shall be the same as the fee for RURAL HOME OCCUPATION.

- 7.1.2 RURAL HOME OCCUPATIONS** as defined in Section 3, are permitted as an ACCESSORY USE in any DWELLING in the AG-1, Agriculture, AG-2; Agriculture; and CR, Conservation-Recreation DISTRICTS subject to the following standards:
- A. RURAL HOME OCCUPATIONS shall not be located on lots fronting on streets located wholly within a recorded subdivision or within 500 feet of a residential zoning DISTRICT.
 - B. Non-family employees shall only be authorized subject to the following limitations:
 - 1. On lots smaller than two acres in area no more than one employee may be present on that premises and no more than one additional employee may report to the site for work performed off the premises; but
 - 2. On lots that are two acres in area or larger no more than two employees may be present on the premises and no more than three additional employees may report to the site for work performed off the premises; and
 - 3. All employees may be present and working on the premises for no more than five days within any 30 day period due to inclement weather or as necessitated by other business considerations; and
 - 4. Family members who are resident on the property while the HOME OCCUPATION is operating but who mature and subsequently move from the premises may remain active in the HOME OCCUPATION and shall not be counted as a non-resident employee as long as their participation in the HOME OCCUPATION continues.
 - C. Changes to the exterior of the DWELLING or ACCESSORY BUILDING which would indicate that it is being utilized in whole or in part for any purpose other than that of a residential or farm BUILDING are prohibited.
 - D. No more than one SIGN, not more than six square feet in area shall be permitted.
 - E. Non-farm MOTOR VEHICLES and/or licensed semitrailers and/or licensed pole trailers used and parked at any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION shall be limited as follows:
 - 1. The number of MOTOR VEHICLES and/or licensed semitrailers and/or licensed pole trailers displaying the name of the RURAL HOME OCCUPATION and/or used at any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION shall be within the limits established in this paragraph.

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2. No more than three MOTOR VEHICLES that are either a truck tractor and/or a MOTOR VEHICLE with tandem axles, both as defined by the Illinois Motor Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/1 et seq), shall be authorized and all MOTOR VEHICLE loads and weights shall conform to the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5/15-111).
3. No more than 10 MOTOR VEHICLES and/or licensed semitrailers and/or licensed pole trailers in total shall be authorized excluding patron or employee or owner personal MOTOR VEHICLES.
4. All MOTOR VEHICLES and licensed semitrailers and licensed pole trailers shall be stored in an enclosed BUILDING or parked outdoors subject to the following:
 - a. No more than one MOTOR VEHICLE that conforms to paragraph 7.1.1K. may be parked outdoors no less than five feet from a SIDE or REAR LOT LINE nor less than 10 feet from a FRONT LOT LINE; and
 - b. Outdoor parking for more than one MOTOR VEHICLE and any licensed semitrailer and any licensed pole trailer shall be at least 10 feet from any LOT LINE; and
 - c. In addition to parking spaces for MOTOR VEHICLES and/or licensed semitrailers and/or licensed pole trailers that are parked outdoors at a RURAL HOME OCCUPATION, off-street parking spaces shall also be provided in the minimum size and number required by Section 7.4 for all onsite employees and onsite patrons, subject to the following:
 - (1) No parking shall occur in the STREET RIGHT OF WAY.
 - (2) The requirements of Section 7.4 notwithstanding, all off-street parking and outside STORAGE of MOTOR VEHICLES and/or any licensed semitrailer and/or licensed pole trailer that is visible from and located with 100 feet from either a residential DISTRICT or the BUILDING RESTRICTION LINE of a lot containing a DWELLING conforming to USE, shall be subject to the following SCREEN requirements:
 - (a) Any required SCREEN shall meet the requirements of paragraph 4.3.3H.
 - (b) More than four MOTOR VEHICLES of no more than 15,000 pounds each shall be screened by a Type A SCREEN except that a Type B SCREEN may be erected along a REAR LOT LINE.

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- (c) A Type D SCREEN shall be required for more than one MOTOR VEHICLE that weighs more than 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or a combination of MOTOR VEHICLE and connected trailer that weighs more than 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or four or more licensed semitrailers and/or licensed pole trailers.
 - (3) The requirements of Section 7.4 notwithstanding, loading berths are not required for RURAL HOME OCCUPATIONS.
 - (4) The requirements of Section 7.4 notwithstanding, paragraph 7.4.1D.2. shall not be applicable to any parking at a RURAL HOME OCCUPATION.
- F. Non-farm equipment and supplemental equipment attachments that may be stored and/or used at any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION shall be limited as follows:
- 1. The number of complete pieces of equipment that are motorized or non-motorized and/or the number of supplemental equipment attachments that may be stored and/or used outdoors at a RURAL HOME OCCUPATION shall be within the limits established in this paragraph and subject to the following:
 - a. Equipment shall include any motorized or non-motorized device or implement; trailers, except for licensed semitrailers and licensed pole trailers; devices mounted on trailers and any agricultural equipment used for non-agricultural uses.
 - b. Equipment does not include MOTOR VEHICLES or licensed semitrailers or licensed pole trailers; hand tools or bench tools or tools mounted on a table or wheel barrow or similar tools.
 - c. A supplemental equipment attachment is any specialized device that attaches to equipment such as any device that attaches to a tractor by a 3-point hitch; or an extra loader bucket; or a snow blade attachment; or any similar device that attaches to either equipment or to a MOTORIZED VEHICLE.
 - d. There is no limit to the number of complete pieces of equipment or the number of supplemental equipment attachments that may be kept stored inside or used inside a BUILDING but at no time may the number of complete pieces of equipment or the number of supplemental equipment attachments that may be kept in outdoor STORAGE and/or used outdoors exceed the limits of paragraphs 7.1.2F.2. and 7.1.2F.3.

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- e. All equipment and supplemental equipment attachments kept in outdoor STORAGE or used outdoors must be operable.
2. No more than 10 complete pieces of equipment may be kept in outdoor STORAGE and/or used outdoors subject to the following:
 - a. The number of complete pieces of equipment that may be kept in outdoor STORAGE and/or used outdoors shall be reduced by the number of MOTOR VEHICLES and/or licensed semitrailers and/or licensed pole trailers also parked or used outdoors and all other complete pieces of equipment must be kept in an enclosed BUILDING.
 - b. When equipment is on a trailer other than a semitrailer or pole trailer, the trailer and all equipment on the trailer are all counted as only one piece of equipment.
 - c. When equipment is on a trailer other than a semitrailer or pole trailer, and the trailer is connected to a MOTOR VEHICLE the entire unit shall be considered to be only one MOTOR VEHICLE.
 - d. Each piece of equipment that is on a semitrailer or pole trailer shall be considered as one piece of equipment in addition to the semitrailer or pole trailer whether or not the semitrailer or pole trailer is connected to a MOTOR VEHICLE.
 3. Supplemental equipment attachments may also be kept in outdoor STORAGE and/or used outdoors.
 4. Complete pieces of equipment and supplemental equipment attachments kept in outdoor STORAGE and/or used outdoors must be stored or used at least 10 feet from any LOT LINE and screened as required by paragraph 7.1.2K. except as follows:
 - a. Equipment and any supplemental equipment attachment carried on a MOTOR VEHICLE or on a trailer connected to a MOTOR VEHICLE, in which case the required SCREEN shall be as required in paragraph 7.1.2E.
 - b. When there is no more than two complete pieces of equipment (each weighing less than 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight), in which case no SCREEN is required unless the total number of MOTOR VEHICLES (each weighing less than 15,000 pounds gross vehicle weight) and equipment is more than four in which case the required SCREEN shall be as required by 7.1.2E.4.c.
- G. Processes employed shall not create odor, dust, noise, gas, smoke, or vibration discernable at the property line other than of such a nature, quantity, intensity, duration, or time of occurrence customarily associated with AGRICULTURE.

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- H. No storage of volatile liquid, flammable gases, hazardous material or explosives shall be permitted except as such might be kept for customary agricultural purposes in quantities and concentrations customarily found on farms.
- I. Off-street parking spaces shall be provided subject to the provisions of Section 7.4 for all employees and patrons.
- J. Prohibited RURAL HOME OCCUPATION activities shall include:
1. outdoor storage of any number of unlicensed vehicles or more than two licensed vehicles awaiting automobile or truck repair;
 2. outdoor automobile or truck repair OPERATIONS;
 3. salvage or recycling STORAGE or OPERATIONS;
 4. outdoor storage of any vehicle equipment or container used for solid waste hauling;
 5. retail sale of articles not produced on the site except grain seed sales or as such sales are incidental to the provision of a service.
- K. Outdoor sales DISPLAY shall be limited to items produced on-site, shall occupy an area no larger than 500 square feet, and shall not be permitted in required SETBACKS or the SIDE and REAR YARDS.
- L. Outdoor STORAGE used in any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION shall be limited to SIDE YARDS or the REAR YARD and shall be screened as follows:
1. Outdoor STORAGE shall not be located in any required off-street PARKING SPACES.
 2. A Type D SCREEN shall be located so as to obscure or conceal any part of any YARD used for outdoor STORAGE which is visible within 1,000 feet from any of the following circumstances:
 - a. Any point within the BUILDING RESTRICTION LINE of any lot located in any R DISTRICT or any lot occupied by a DWELLING conforming as to USE or occupied by a SCHOOL; church or temple; public park or recreational facility; public library, museum, or gallery; public fairgrounds; nursing home or hospital; recreational business use with outdoor facilities; or
 - b. Any designated urban arterial street or MAJOR STREET.

M. A RURAL HOME OCCUPATION that exceeds any of the standards in paragraphs 7.1.2 A. through M. may be authorized by SPECIAL USE Permit provided as follows:

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(1) The USE is not a prohibited activity in paragraph 7.1.2 J.

(2) The DWELLING on the subject property shall remain the principal USE and the PRINCIPAL BUILDING on the property and the HOME OCCUPATION shall always be an ACCESSORY USE and any building devoted to the HOME OCCUPATION shall be an ACCESSORY BUILDING.

MN. Any exterior lighting for Outdoor STORAGE, and/or OPERATIONS, and/or parking area, and/or a new building with exterior lighting authorized after November 21, 2013, for any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION shall be required to minimize glare from exterior lighting onto adjacent properties and roadways by the following means:

1. All exterior lighting shall be full-cutoff type lighting fixtures and shall be located and installed so as to minimize glare and light trespass onto adjacent properties. Full-cutoff means that the lighting fixture emits no light above the horizontal plane.
2. No lamp in any exterior lighting fixture shall be greater than 250 watts.
3. Locations and numbers of exterior lighting fixtures used to illuminate the RURAL HOME OCCUPATION shall be indicated on the site plan (including floor plans and building elevation).
4. The Zoning Administrator shall not approve a Zoning Use Permit without the manufacturer's documentation of the full-cutoff feature for all light fixtures.
5. The requirements of this paragraph 7.1.2M. shall only apply to lighting for any Outdoor STORAGE and/or OPERATIONS, and/or parking area, and/or building exterior that is part of a RURAL HOME OCCUPATION established after November 21, 2013 or any new Outdoor STORAGE, and/or OPERATIONS, and/or parking area, and/or building exterior that is added after November 21, 2013 to any existing RURAL HOME OCCUPATION and shall not apply to any existing Outdoor STORAGE, and/or OPERATIONS, and/or parking area, and/or building exterior that existed at any duly authorized RURAL HOME OCCUPATION on November 21, 2013.

NO. Applicability and nonconformities.

1. The requirements of paragraphs 7.1.2E. and 7.1.2F. shall apply to any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION for which an application is received after September 1, 2012, and to the expansion of any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION for which an application had been received on or before September 1, 2012.

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2. The requirements of paragraphs 7.1.2E. and 7.1.2F. and the requirements of Section 8 notwithstanding:
 - a. Any MOTOR VEHICLE or licensed trailer or piece of equipment that was included in any application for, or present and noted in any inspection thereof by the Zoning Administrator or designee, or included in any authorization of a Zoning Compliance Certificate for any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION on or before September 1, 2012, and which would have, if considered in total, exceeded the applicable limits for MOTOR VEHICLES and equipment at that time may continue to be at that RURAL HOME OCCUPATION.
 - b. Any RURAL HOME OCCUPATION that complies with subparagraph 7.1.2N.2.a. shall be authorized to have that same number and type of MOTOR VEHICLES or licensed trailers or pieces of equipment as long as it continues in business at that location and any such MOTOR VEHICLE or licensed trailer or piece of equipment may be replaced with a similar MOTOR VEHICLE or licensed trailer or piece of equipment.
- O. All RURAL HOME OCCUPATIONS shall obtain a Zoning Use Permit in accordance with Section 9.1.2 of the Champaign County Zoning Ordinance prior to operation.