

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Title

This UDO shall be known and may be cited as the “Moore County Unified Development Ordinance”, and may be referred to as “this UDO,” “this Ordinance,” and the like.

1.2 Authority

The provisions of this Ordinance are adopted under authority of the General Statutes of North Carolina, with particular reference to Chapter 153A. If for any reason one or more sections or provisions of this Ordinance are held invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of the Ordinance.

1.3 Purpose

This ordinance seeks to promote orderly development relative to a comprehensive plan of land use and population density. The same seeks to promote public health, safety, morals, and general welfare; protect development from natural hazards; protect the integrity of watersheds within the county; and in so doing, regulate the location and use of buildings and land, not inconsistent with NCGS 153A-341.

1.4 Jurisdiction

Except as otherwise expressly stated, this Ordinance applies to the unincorporated area of Moore County, to the extent of the law, including but not limited to NCGS 153A-320 and 160A-360. This Ordinance shall in no way regulate bona-fide farms (NCGS 153A-340).

1.5 Conflict

It is not intended by this Ordinance to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any easements, covenants, or other agreements between parties; provided, however, that where this Ordinance imposes a greater restriction, in any way, the provisions of this Ordinance shall govern. Moore County does not enforce private agreements. Wherever the provisions of this Ordinance conflicts with the provisions contained in any other local, State, or Federal regulation, the more restrictive provisions shall govern.