

ARTICLE 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 Introduction

The proper regulation of the use of certain structures, lands and water, only through the use of the zoning districts contained within this ordinance, is neither feasible nor adequate. Therefore, the following restrictions and regulations, which shall be applied in addition to the district regulations, are necessary to accomplish the intent of this ordinance.

2.2 Jurisdiction

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply to all structures, land, water, and air within the jurisdiction of the Town of Belville, North Carolina.

2.3 Application of District Regulations

The regulations set by this ordinance within each district shall be minimum regulations and shall apply uniformly to each class or kind of structure or land, except as hereinafter provided.

1. No building, structure, or land shall hereafter be used or occupied, and no building or structure or part thereof shall hereafter be erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved, or structurally altered except in conformity with all of the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located.
2. No building or other structure shall hereafter be erected or altered:
 - a. To exceed the height or bulk:
 - b. To accommodate or house a greater number of families:
 - c. To occupy a greater percentage of lot area;
 - d. To have narrower or smaller rear yards, front yards, side yards, or other open spaces than herein required, or in any other manner be contrary to the provisions of this ordinance.
3. No part of a yard, or other open space required about or in connection with any building for the purpose of complying with this ordinance, shall be included as part of a yard, or open space similarly required for any other building.

4. No yard or lot existing at the time of passage of this ordinance shall be reduced in dimension or area below the minimum requirements set forth herein. Yards or lots created after the effective date of this ordinance shall meet at least the minimum requirements established by this ordinance.

2.4 Provision for Official Zoning Map

Official Zoning Map - The Town of Belville is hereby divided into zones, or districts as shown on the Official Zoning Map which, together with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this ordinance. The Official Zoning Map shall be identified by the signature of the Mayor of the Town of Belville, attested by the Town Clerk, and bearing the seal of the Town. No changes of any nature shall be made on the Official Zoning Map or matter shown thereon except in conformity with the procedures set forth in this ordinance. Regardless of the existence of copies of the Official Zoning Map, which may from time to time be made or published, the Official Zoning Map located in the Town of Belville city hall shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of land and water areas, buildings, and other structures in the town. The original zoning map and all future changes to the map shall be approved by the Belville Board of Commissioners and the map shall be prepared by a registered professional engineer or land surveyor at the direction of the town planner. The town planner shall ensure the accuracy of the zoning map once it is revised, forward zoning information to Brunswick County GIS and ensure the accuracy of zoning data reported by Brunswick County GIS. The town clerk shall provide for recording of the certified zoning map and all future changes to the map with the Brunswick County Registrar of Deeds and keep the updated zoning map on file in the office of the town clerk. In the absence of a town planner, all responsibility shall fall to the town clerk.

2.5 Replacement of Official Zoning Map

In the event that the Official Zoning Map becomes damaged, destroyed, lost, or difficult to interpret because of the nature or number of changes and additions, the Board of Commissioners may by resolution adopt a new Official Zoning Map, which shall supersede the prior Official Zoning Map. The new Official Zoning Map may correct drafting or other errors or omissions in the prior Official Zoning Map, but no such correction shall have the effect of amending the original Official Zoning Map. The new Official Zoning Map shall be identified by the signature of the Mayor of the Town of Belville, attested by the Town Clerk, and bearing the seal of the Town of Belville. Unless the prior Official Zoning Map has been lost, or

has been totally destroyed, the prior map or any significant parts thereof remaining shall be preserved, together with all available records pertaining to its adoption or amendment. All such corrections shall be made by a registered professional engineer or land surveyor.

2.6 Computation of Time: – In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this Ordinance, the day of the act, event or publication after which the designated period of time begins to run is not to be included. The last day of the period so computed is to be included, unless it is a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday. When the prescribed or allowed period of time is less than seven (7) days, then intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays shall be excluded in the computation.

