

# ARTICLE 2

## AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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**2-101 Application:** The regulations set forth in this Article, or set forth elsewhere in these Regulations when referred to in this Article, are the regulations in the "AG" Agricultural District. The purpose of this District is to provide for a full range of agricultural activities on land used for agricultural purposes, including processing and sale of agricultural products raised on the premises; and at the same time offer protection to land used for agricultural purposes from the depreciating effect of objectionable, hazardous, incompatible and unsightly uses. The District is also intended to protect watersheds and water supplies; to protect forest and scenic areas; to conserve fish and wildlife habitat; to promote forestry; and to prevent and/or discourage untimely scattering of suburban residential, non-residential and/or more dense urban development.

In this regard, all lands used for agricultural purposes, as defined in these regulations, are and shall be exempt from any and all restrictions or limitations. No administrative interpretation shall be made that results in any restriction or stipulation on land used for agricultural purposes as herein defined; provided, however that consistent with state law, new agricultural buildings shall be subject to floodplain regulations and to setback requirements on that part of agricultural lands fronting on designated major roads and highways. Any proposal for change of land used for agricultural purposes to nonagricultural uses shall be subject to the requirements of these Regulations.

**2-102 Use Regulations:** In District "AG", no building, structure, land or premises shall be used and no building or structure shall be hereafter erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or altered, except for one or more of the following uses:

1. Agricultural purposes.
2. Grain storage structures for the farm operator, but not a commercial grain storage facility.
3. Wellhead stations, well separators, tank batteries or other similar above ground facilities used merely for distribution, transmission or temporary storage of oil or natural gas.
4. Oil and/or gas well drilling operations, and temporary on-site storage of oil and gas field-related equipment and supplies, but not a junk yard.
5. Single-family dwellings.
6. Railroad rights-of-way, including a strip of land with tracks and auxiliary facilities for track operations, but not including passenger stations, freight terminals, switching and classification yards, repair shops, roundhouses, powerhouses, interlocking towers, and fueling, sanding and watering stations.

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7. The creation of up to one (1) additional lot on lands used for agricultural purposes shall be permitted without requiring a rezoning, including those divisions of agricultural lands because of mortgage or lending requirements; provided said additional lot is created in conformance with the requirements of the Geary County Subdivision Regulations.

**2-103 Performance Standards:** The Performance Standards for permitted uses are contained in Article 9 of these Regulations.

**2-104 Parking Regulations:** The Parking Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 10 of these Regulations.

**2-105 Off-Street Loading Regulations:** The Off-Street Loading Regulations for permitted uses are contained in Article 11 of these Regulations.

**2-106 Sign Regulations:** The Sign Regulations are contained in Article 12 of these Regulations.

**2-107 Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** Except for those lots created under the agricultural lot split provisions of the Geary County Subdivision Regulations, in the "AG" Agricultural District, the minimum dimensions of yards required along designated major roads and highways in Geary County shall be as follows:

1. **Lot Area:** Every lot shall be a minimum of 40 acres. A lot described as a quarter/quarter (i.e. 1/4 of 1/4 of a section) shall be deemed to meet the lot size requirements even though said lot may net less than a full 40 acres. The lot size shall not apply to those lots created through an approved Agricultural Lot Split in accordance with the Geary County Subdivision Regulations and which are subject to the Agricultural Lot Split Agreement filed with the Geary County Register of Deeds as provided therein.
2. **Lot Dimensions:** The minimum width of a lot shall be 660 feet. The minimum depth of a lot shall be 660 feet. There shall not be a lot depth to lot width ratio greater than 4:1 (i.e. the depth of the lot cannot be greater than 4 times the width of the lot). In the event of unusual lot configurations, the Zoning Administrator shall determine whether the lot dimensions meet the spirit and intent of this requirement.
3. **Front Yard:** The depth of the front yard shall be 70 feet from the centerline of the right-of-way or 30 feet from the front property line, whichever is greater.
4. **Side Yard:** The depth of the side yard shall be at least 30 feet.
5. **Rear Yard:** The depth of the rear yard shall be at least 30 feet.

The Area and Bulk Regulations are also set forth in the chart of Article 13. Said chart, and all notations and requirements shown therein, shall have the same force and effect as if all the notations and requirements were fully set forth or described herein.

**2-108 Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations:** The Supplementary Height, Area and Bulk Regulations are contained in Article 14 of these Regulations.

**2-109 Supplementary Use Regulations:** The Supplementary Use Regulations, including permitted Conditional Uses and Accessory Uses, are contained in Article 15 of these Regulations.

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