

ARTICLE I - AUTHORITY AND ENACTMENT CLAUSE

The Town Council of the Town of Sparta, North Carolina, in pursuance of the authority granted by the General Statutes of North Carolina, particularly G.S. 160A, Article 19, hereby ordains and enacts into law the following Articles and Sections.

ARTICLE II - SHORT TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Sparta, North Carolina.

ARTICLE III - APPLICATION

Section 1 - Extraterritorial Jurisdiction

The provisions of this ordinance shall apply within the corporate limits of the Town of Sparta. At such time that the Town Councilmen so decide, and with proper public notice, hearings, and representation, the provisions of this ordinance shall apply within the territory beyond such corporate limits as now or hereafter fixed, from geographic boundaries for a distance not to exceed one (1) mile.

Section 2 - Bona Fide Farms Exempt

This ordinance shall in no way regulate, restrict, prohibit, or otherwise deter a bona fide farm and its related uses within the one mile area as defined in Section 1, except that any use of such property for nonfarm purposes shall be subject to such regulations.

ARTICLE IV - DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE

For the purpose of interpreting this Chapter, certain words and terms are herewith defined. The following words shall, for the purpose of this Chapter, have the meaning herein indicated.

Section 3 - Interpretation of Commonly Used Terms and Words

1. Words used in the present tense include the future tense.
2. Words used in the singular number include the plural, and words used in the plural number include the singular, unless the natural construction of the wording indicates otherwise.
3. The word "person" includes a firm, association, corporation, trust, and company as well as an individual.