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Article I: Establishment and Purpose

Section 1 Title

Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Duluth, Minnesota, otherwise known as Ordinance Number 6.

Section 2 Repealer

This Ordinance hereby repeals and replaces Ordinance Number 5, Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Duluth, Minnesota as amended Dec. 31, 2015

Section 3 Intent and Purpose

A. Purpose. The purpose of this Ordinance is threefold.

1. To protect, preserve and enhance healthy ecosystems for future generations and recognize the interconnectedness and interdependence of humans and ecosystems. Healthy ecosystems are the basis for healthy sustainable communities.
2. To preserve and enhance ruralness and community life in the Township.
3. To strive for a balance between community needs and individual freedoms.

B. Goals. Goals of this Ordinance include the following.

1. Nurture and advocate for healthy ecosystems by recognizing, protecting, and enhancing ecosystem services. These ecosystem services include those that provide humans and nonhumans with food, fresh water, shelter, fiber, fuel, etc. and include the basic ecosystem services of nutrient recycling and soil formation necessary for the production of resources.
 - a. Recognize and support the role ecosystems serve in regulating climate, regulating and purifying water, and regulating diseases.
 - b. Recognize and support the role ecosystems play in providing aesthetic value, natural and spiritual connections, and opportunities for education and recreation.
 - c. Encourage the most appropriate use of land in the Township to support healthy ecosystems.
 - d. Regulate land use in accordance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan to support healthy ecosystems.
2. Preserve and enhance the ruralness of the Township through, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Divide the Township into zones and regulate the uses of land and placement of structures.
 - b. Encourage the most appropriate use of land in the Township.
 - c. Regulate land use in accordance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
 - d. Promote orderly development by concentrating intensive uses such as businesses, industrial uses, and denser residential areas. In predominantly rural areas integrate residential and rural uses favoring agricultural uses.
 - e. Regulate the location, height, and bulk of structures.
 - f. Regulate setbacks.
 - g. Regulate size and width of lots and other open spaces.

Section 4 Adult Uses

Adult uses are governed by Town of Duluth Zoning Ordinance Number 3A, adopted June 2006, which is supplementary to this Zoning Ordinance and is expressly incorporated herein. Zoning Ordinance 3A's length and the publishing costs associated with it have led to a decision to have it be supplementary to this Ordinance and not published herein. Copies of Zoning Ordinance Number 3A regulating adult uses can be