

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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8-1-1: **LEGISLATIVE FINDING:** It is hereby found that there exist and may in the future exist within the County of Stephenson premises, dwellings, dwelling units, rooming units or parts thereof, which by reason of their structure, equipment, sanitation, maintenance, use or occupancy affect or are likely to adversely affect the public health (including the physical, mental and social well-being of persons and families), safety, and general welfare. To correct and prevent the existence of such adverse conditions and to achieve and maintain such levels of residential environmental quality as will protect and promote public health, safety and general welfare, it is further found that the establishment and enforcement of minimum housing standards are required.

8-1-2: **PURPOSES:** It is hereby declared that the purpose of these regulations is to protect, preserve and promote the physical and mental health and social well being of the people, to prevent and control incidence of communicable diseases, to regulate privately and publicly owned dwellings for the purpose of maintaining adequate sanitation and public health, and to protect the safety of the people and to promote the general welfare by legislation which shall be applicable to all dwellings now in existence or hereafter constructed. It is hereby further declared that the purpose of these regulations is to insure that the quality of housing is adequate for protection of public health, safety and general basic conditions, for safety from fire and accidents for the use and location and

amount of space for human occupancy, and responsibilities of owners, operators and occupants of dwellings; and provision for the administration and enforcement thereof.

8-1-3: **DEFINITIONS:** The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and enforcement of the provisions of this Title:

DUMP: Areas in which nonputrefactive material is permitted to be deposited.

FARM: Where farms are exempt from the provisions of this Title, they shall be defined as follows: A tract or tracts of land used in the production of food or fiber or other agricultural operations of such extent and character as generally prevail on farms and shall include farm residences, buildings, and other structures located on the farm, and being accessories to a farm operation. It shall be a farm in fact and not in name only.

GARBAGE: Any animal and vegetable matter such as that originating in houses, kitchens, restaurants and hotels, produce markets, food service and processing establishments and greenhouses.

**HEALTH
AUTHORITY:** The legally designated health administrator of Stephenson County, or his duly authorized representative, the Village President; and/or any law enforcement officer of the Village.

**LIQUID
WASTE:** Any discharge from all floor or basement drains, as well as that from other drainage fixtures.

MANURE: The excrement of all domestic animals and fowl and stable bedding.

NIGHT SOIL: Human excrement.

OFFAL: Parts of a butchered animal that are considered

inedible by human beings.

PERSON:

An individual, or a firm, partnership, company, corporation, trustee, association or any public or private entity.

PLOT OF
GROUND:

A small piece of ground.

RUBBISH:

Combustible and noncombustible waste materials, except garbage and the term shall include such as, but not limited to, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, wood excelsior, paper, ashes, tree branches, yard trimmings, furniture, tin cans, glass, crockery, masonry and other similar materials.

SANITARY
LANDFILL:

A method of disposing of garbage or rubbish by spreading and covering with earth to a depth of two feet (2') on the top surface and one foot (1') on the side of the bank.

SEWAGE:

The water-carried human wastes and other liquid wastes from residences, business buildings, industrial establishments or other places.

SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL AREA:

A sanitary landfill or a dumping site.

WELL:

Any hole or opening in the surface of the ground for the purpose of obtaining water, and also any artificial reservoir for the purpose of storing water.

WELL PIT:

A depression below the surface of the ground level immediately adjacent to a well opening.