

# TITLE 9

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### CHAPTER 902

#### **PLAN MONITORING AND AMENDMENT CODE**

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#### **902.010 Title**

This Chapter, LCC 902.010 to 901.999, shall be known and may be cited as the “Linn County *Plan* Monitoring and Amendment Code” or simply as the “*Plan* Monitoring and Amendment Code.”

[Adopted 80-335 eff 9/2/80; amd 99-190 eff 5/19/99]

#### **902.020 Background and summary of issues**

Even though a comprehensive plan is written and adopted the planning process is still not complete. In order to maintain the relevancy of a plan and implementing ordinances, it is necessary to evaluate the success of the documents in meeting identified short and long-range planning needs. It is by definition, the function of a comprehensive plan to address wide ranging concerns such as the best use of air, land, and water resources as well as the delivery of public services. When public needs and desires change, when

development occurs at a different rate than predicted, and when corrections in a plan are needed, the plan needs to be revised. The Geographic Information System (GIS) has provided the public with access to many useful maps. These maps and accompanying data sets allow the public, staff and decision makers the opportunity to analyze many land use planning variables. Throughout the plan, many policies call for information updates: for example, the completed soil survey will better identify agricultural lands; 2000 Census data will provide accurate counts on housing and population; and an inventory of aggregate resources will identify resource locations. The collection and use of new data will be fundamental to the ongoing plan monitoring process.

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#### **902.200 *Comprehensive Plan* amendments**

LCC Chapter 921 (Administration of the Development Code) provides criteria and procedures for amending of the *Comprehensive Plan*. With a completed, revised *Plan* it is necessary to provide an opportunity for the public to petition to amend the *Plan* to account for changing needs and desires prior to the *Plan* update period. The purpose of the amendment process is to allow a property owner or group of owners to apply for a change of designation or policies in order to pursue land development options. The application and hearing procedures are spelled out in the ordinance.

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#### **902.300 *Plan* monitoring and amendment goals**

(A) Maintain the relevancy of the *Plan* in meeting short and long-range planning needs.

(B) Maintain the data base with current information.

(C) Provide opportunities for amending the *Comprehensive Plan* and policies.

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#### **902.400 *Plan* monitoring and amendment policies**

(A) The policies for *Plan* monitoring and amendment are set forth in subsection (B) of this section.

(B) *Policies.*

(1) The *Plan* and implementation measures will be reviewed and updated every three years after adoption and a public statement issued by the board of commissioners on whether any significant revisions will be necessary. If amendments to the *Plan* or Land Development Code are required then the planning commission will hold public hearings and make a recommendation to the board of commissioners as to what revisions may be necessary.

(2) Planning staff will prepare *Plan* update information for the planning commission, and board of commissioners. Items to be considered include the accuracy and completeness of background data, the effectiveness of the *Plan* map and policies in meeting planning concerns and public needs, and the application of implementing measures and other items mandated in policies. In preparation for the *Plan* update, planning staff will prepare a yearly summary of development activity, growth patterns, population trends, and the overall administration of the *Comprehensive Plan*. This summary will be presented to the planning commission, and board of commissioners for their review and evaluation.

(3) The county will continue the *Comprehensive Plan* Amendment provisions to provide a process for the public to amend the *Plan*.

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- #1 95-026 §? eff 2/1/95<sup>1</sup>
  - #2 95-398 §? eff 8/16/95<sup>2</sup>
  - #3 95-449 §? eff 12/13/95<sup>3</sup>
  - #4 95-456 §? eff 12/13/95<sup>4</sup>
  - #5 99-190 §? eff 5/19/99
  - #6 01-627 §1 eff 11/20/01
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<sup>1</sup>Articles rewritten and replaced: "Transportation" section of the "Community Facilities and Development Element."

<sup>2</sup>Articles rewritten and replaced: "Introduction" and "Background and Summary Issues" in "Citizen Involvement" section.

<sup>3</sup>Articles rewritten and replaced: "Transportation" section of the "Community Facilities and Development Element."

<sup>4</sup>Articles rewritten and replaced: "Urbanization."