

RESOLUTION 2026-PC-03
A RESOLUTION OF THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
CONCERNING A PROPOSAL TO AMEND TEXT OF THE STARKE
COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS: The Starke County Board of Commissioners wishes to make certain changes and amendments to the Starke County Zoning Ordinance affecting the Plan Commission, said proposal identified as 2026-PC-03; and

WHEREAS: A public hearing was held on **February 25, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** concerning this matter by the Starke County Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS: Notice was provided according to law concerning said public hearing; and

WHEREAS: The Starke County Plan Commission passes and adopts this Resolution to make the following findings and recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1. That attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is 2026-PC-03, the Certified Proposal to Amend the Starke County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Ordinance 2006-25 in addition to the establishment of a Deputy Administrative Assistant position, a Director of Planning and Building/Building Commissioner position, and Secretary position. To be effective the date approved by the Starke County Commissioners.
2. That in considering the above amendments, the Starke County Plan Commission has given due consideration:
 - o To be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;
 - o To be consistent and compatible with the development needs of the Plan Commission office and Board of Zoning Appeals;
 - o To provide for the responsible development of Starke County Government.

The Starke County Plan Commission finds that the above-stated reasons are sufficient to support the amendments as set forth above.

3. That Notice of said public hearing was provided by the Starke County Plan Commission in accordance with **IC 36-7-4-604**, via publication in *The Leader* newspaper.
4. That the Starke County Plan Commission hereby certifies and forwards this Resolution to the Starke County Board of Commissioners with a **favorable recommendation**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION

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Mike VanDeMark
Plan Commission Chair

ATTEST:

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John McCurrie III
Plan Commission Secretary

STARKE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2026-06

****AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2006-25,**

WHICH AMENDED § 3-1 OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF STARKE, INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Starke County, Indiana adopted **Ordinance No. 2006-25** on August 21, 2006, which amended **§ 3-1 of the Code of the County of Starke, Indiana (1991)** to establish and govern the Starke County Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2006-25 created the position of **Executive Director** of the Starke County Plan Commission pursuant to **Indiana Code 36-7-4-311**, and designated that officer as the **Starke County Planning and Zoning Administrator**; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to modernize and clarify the title of that office without altering its duties, authority, or chain of command;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Starke County, Indiana:

SECTION 1 — TITLE CHANGE

Ordinance No. 2006-25 is hereby amended so that:

Wherever the term “**Starke County Planning and Zoning Administrator**” appears, it shall be replaced with
“**Starke County Director of Planning and Building.**”

This change shall not alter the existence, appointment, or authority of the **Executive Director** of the Starke County Plan Commission as established under Indiana Code 36-7-4-311, but only the title by which that officer is known.

SECTION 2 — NO CHANGE TO BUILDING CODE AUTHORITY

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to alter, limit, or transfer any authority relating to the administration or enforcement of the Indiana Building Codes, including permitting, inspections, or enforcement actions, as provided in Ordinance No. 2006-25, Ordinance No. 2010-15, or other applicable ordinances of Starke County.

SECTION 3 — PRESERVATION OF PLANNING AUTHORITY

Except as expressly amended herein, **all remaining provisions of Ordinance No. 2006-25 remain in full force and effect**, including:

- the establishment of the Starke County Plan Commission;
- the appointment of an Executive Director under IC 36-7-4-311; and
- all planning and zoning powers granted by Indiana Code 36-7-4.

SECTION 4 — SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5 — EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTION

Passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Starke County, Indiana, this 2nd day of March, 2026.

By: Mike VanDeMark 3-2-2026
Mike VanDeMark
President, Board of Commissioners

By: Donny Binkley 3/2/26
Donny Binkley
Member, Board of Commissioners

By: Charles Chesak 3/2/2026
Charles Chesak
Member, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Michaelene Houston
Michaelene Houston
Starke County Auditor

