

RESOLUTION 2026-PC-04
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-04, the Certified Proposal to Amend the Starke County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Ordinance 2010-15 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**.

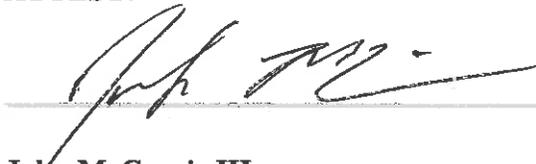
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.

STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION



Mike VanDeMark
Plan Commission Chair

ATTEST:



John McCurrie III
Plan Commission Secretary

STARKE COUNTY ORDINANCE 2026- 07

****AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2010-15,**

THE STARKE COUNTY BUILDING CODE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Starke County, Indiana adopted **Ordinance No. 2010-15** establishing the Starke County Building Code and Building Department; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2010-15 defines the **Building Commissioner** as the **Planning and Zoning Administrator/Building Commissioner** appointed by the **Starke County Plan Commission**; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2006-25, as amended, now designates that office as the **Starke County Director of Planning and Zoning**; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to align the Building Code with the updated title while preserving all existing authority and structure;

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

SECTION 1 — TITLE CONFORMING AMENDMENT

Ordinance No. 2010-15 is hereby amended so that:

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

SECTION 2 — PRESERVATION OF PLAN COMMISSION AUTHORITY

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to alter or transfer:

- the authority of the **Starke County Plan Commission** to appoint the **Building Commissioner**;
- the authority of the **Building Commissioner** to enforce the Indiana Building Codes;
- the authority to issue or revoke permits, conduct inspections, issue stop-work orders, or grant certificates of occupancy.

All such authority shall continue to be exercised as provided in **Ordinance No. 2010-15**.

SECTION 3 — DUAL-HAT AUTHORITY

The Building Commissioner may also serve as the **Starke County Director of Planning and Building**, and the same individual may lawfully hold both offices.

SECTION 4 — SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions.

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: [Signature] 2-2-2026
Mike VanDeMark
President, Board of Commissioners

By: [Signature] 3-2-2026
Charles Chesak
Member

By: [Signature] 3/2/26
Donny Binkley
Member

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Michaelene Houston
Starke County Auditor

