

**RESOLUTION 2026-PC-05**  
**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-05, the Certified Proposal to Amend the Starke County Zoning Ordinance Regarding Ordinance 2018-0305 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**.

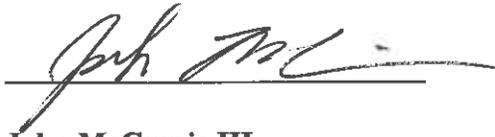
**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE STARKE COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026.**

**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 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING COMMISSIONERS' ORDINANCE NO. 2018-0305 REGARDING THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Starke County adopted Ordinance No. 2018-0305 on March 5, 2018, establishing the position of Code Enforcement Officer and assigning that position to the Starke County Plan Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Starke County has since reorganized the Planning, Zoning, and Building functions into a unified Planning and Building Department under the direction of the Director of Planning and Building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Starke County Plan Commission has established by rule a Secretary position within the Planning and Building Department to perform administrative and code-enforcement functions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to conform Ordinance 2018-0305 to the current departmental structure while preserving all enforcement authority and oversight

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

## SECTION 1 — TITLE AMENDMENT

Commissioners' Ordinance No. 2018-0305 is hereby amended so that every reference to the "Code Enforcement Officer" shall be replaced with "Secretary of the Planning and Building Department" (hereafter referred to as "Secretary").

## SECTION 2 — CONTINUATION OF DUTIES

The Secretary shall perform all code-enforcement, compliance, inspection, nuisance-enforcement, and regulatory-enforcement duties previously assigned to the Code Enforcement Officer under Ordinance 2018-0305, including but not limited to zoning enforcement, nuisance enforcement, building-related compliance, notice of violation issuance, inspections and follow-up, and coordination with the Director of Planning and Building.

No authority or duty created by Ordinance 2018-0305 is repealed or diminished by this amendment.

## SECTION 3 — SUPERVISION AND CONTROL

All authority previously granted to the Starke County Plan Commission to supervise, manage, assign duties to, and direct the Code Enforcement Officer under Ordinance 2018-0305 shall continue to apply to the Secretary.

The Secretary shall operate within the Planning and Building Department under the supervision of the Director of Planning and Building, subject to the policies and oversight of the Starke County Plan Commission.

## **SECTION 4 — CONTINUITY OF EMPLOYMENT**

This Ordinance shall not be construed to terminate or create any employment contract. Any person serving as Code Enforcement Officer immediately prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall be deemed to hold the position of Secretary of the Planning and Building Department.

## **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: Charles Chesak 3-2-2026  
Charles Chesak  
Member

By: Donny Binkley 3/2/26  
Donny Binkley  
Member

ATTEST:

Michaelene Houston  
Michaelene Houston  
Starke County Auditor

