ARTICLE III
PURPOSE

It is now and has been the policy of the Town Council of the Town of Laurel Park to maintain the town as a predominantly residential area; and whereas it is now the desire and purpose of the Town Council to provide for the continued orderly development of Laurel Park, the zoning regulations and districts as herein set forth have been made in accordance with the Land Use Plan adopted by the Town Council in March, 1988, and hereafter amended, for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, and the general welfare of the Town of Laurel Park. The ordinance is designed to lessen congestion in the streets, to help secure safety from fire, crime, and other dangers, to provide adequate light and air, to help prevent the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population, to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water and sewer services, and other public requirements. The ordinance has been made with reasonable consideration for the unique residential setting and the long-range goal of enhancing the value of existing property and encouraging the most appropriate use of the land throughout the town, thereby promoting the general welfare of all citizens.

The ordinance is established for the purpose of regulating the uses of buildings, structures, and land for trade, industry, commerce, residence, recreation, public activities, or other purposes; regulating the size of yards, courts, and other spaces; regulating the location, height, bulk, and size of buildings and other structures; regulating the density and distribution of boundaries thereof; defining certain terms used herein; providing for the method of administration, amendment, and enforcement; providing penalties for violations; providing for a board of adjustment, and defining the duties and powers of said board; repealing conflicting ordinances; and for other purposes.