

Zoning Ordinance Survey Delaware County, IA 2021

Thank you for participating in the Delaware County Zoning Ordinance Survey. The purpose of this survey is to obtain public input on zoning issues which generally affect residents and property owners in rural Delaware County. The Delaware County Board of Supervisors will use your responses to guide the development of a county zoning ordinance. All completed surveys can be hand delivered, mailed, or emailed by July 1, 2021 to:

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Information about the Delaware County Zoning Ordinance project and an online version of this survey is available at <https://ecia.org/DelawareZoning/survey/>.

Why is Delaware County conducting this survey?

The Delaware County Board of Supervisors has determined that a zoning ordinance is needed to implement the vision outlined in the County's comprehensive plan and to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the people in the county. The Board will use public input to help develop a zoning ordinance that meets the county's current and future land use needs.

What is the County's comprehensive plan?

The plan presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect growth and development of the county. The plan lays out policy statements regarding land use and how and where public investments should be made.

What is a zoning ordinance?

- The zoning ordinance is the county's primary tool for implementing its comprehensive plan.
- The general purpose of a zoning ordinance is to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the people in a community.
- If adopted, the proposed zoning ordinance would become a section of Delaware County's Code and would regulate the development of buildings, activities, and land use in the rural (unincorporated) areas of the county.
- Zoning determines what use you can have on a property such as a house or business. It determines how high a building can be or how far away from the street it should be.
- Farms and agricultural activities generally are exempt from zoning in the state of Iowa.

How does zoning help communities?

- Zoning protects property owners from harmful or undesirable uses on adjacent property.
 - Zoning provides orderly development of land for residents, farms, and businesses.
 - Zoning prevents objections to normal and necessary farming operations.
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Participants

1. How would you describe yourself? Please check all categories that apply to you.
 - Residential property owner
 - Renter
 - Business Owner
 - Commercial property owner
 - Builder
 - Farmer
 - Land developer
 - Other (please specify) _____
2. Where do you live?
 - In rural (unincorporated) Delaware County
 - Within the city limits of a community in Delaware County
 - Other (please specify) _____
3. If you live in rural Delaware County, how many years have you lived here?
 - 2 Years or Less
 - 3-5 Years
 - 6-9 Years
 - 10 Years or More
 - I do not live in rural Delaware County

Comprehensive Plan

Adopted in 2012, the Delaware County Comprehensive Plan presents a vision for the future, with long-range goals and objectives for all activities that affect growth and development of the county. The plan lays out policy statements regarding land use and how and where public investments should be made.

4. How familiar are you with the Delaware County Comprehensive Plan?
 - Extremely familiar
 - Moderately familiar
 - Somewhat familiar
 - Slightly familiar
 - Not at all familiar
5. Do you agree with the Plan's Vision Statement? *Delaware County envisions a community that encourages healthy active living, promotes economic development and the preservation of agricultural land.*
 - Strongly Agree
 - Agree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly Disagree
 - Don't know
6. Please think for a moment about what you want the county to focus on in the future. Rank the following Comprehensive Plan categories from 1 to 6. *1 is the most important and 6 is the least important.*
 - _____ Economic Development
 - _____ Housing
 - _____ Public Infrastructure and Utilities
 - _____ Transportation
 - _____ Land Use and Zoning
 - _____ Recreation

Zoning Ordinance

A zoning ordinance implements the comprehensive plan's vision by regulating development of buildings, activities and land use to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the people in a community.

7. How familiar are you with a zoning ordinance?
- Extremely familiar
 - Moderately familiar
 - Somewhat familiar
 - Slightly familiar
 - Not at all familiar
8. How much experience do you have working with a zoning ordinance?
- A great deal
 - A Lot
 - A moderate amount
 - A little
 - None at all
9. How do you feel about Delaware County adopting a zoning ordinance?
- Very comfortable
 - Somewhat comfortable
 - Somewhat uncomfortable
 - Very uncomfortable
 - Uncertain

Growth and Development Priorities

10. Which types of land uses would you like to see **MORE** of in Delaware County? Check all that apply.
- Large-lot residential (one acre or more lots)
 - Suburban residential (quarter acre to half acre lots)
 - Small-lot residential (5,000 to 10,000 square foot lots)
 - High-density residential (e.g., condominiums, townhomes, apartments)
 - Office
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Mixed-use activity areas (two or more uses on a site; e.g., residential, office and retail uses)
 - Park/open space
 - Agricultural
 - Other (please specify)
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11. Which types of land uses would you like to see **LESS** of in Delaware County? Check all that apply.
- Large-lot residential (one acre or more lots)
 - Suburban residential (quarter acre to half acre lots)
 - Small-lot residential (5,000 to 10,000 square foot lots)
 - High-density residential (e.g., condominiums, townhomes, apartments)
 - Office
 - Commercial
 - Industrial
 - Mixed-use activity areas (two or more uses on a site; e.g., residential, office and retail uses)
 - Park/open space
 - Agricultural
 - Other (please specify)
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Demographic Information

Please tell us a little about yourself. Your answers will help us understand how different groups of people feel about the directions Delaware County might take. Your information will remain confidential.

- 12. What is your gender?
 - Male
 - Female
 - Other _____
- 13. Which of the following categories includes your total annual household income before taxes?
 - 0 - \$24,999
 - \$25,000 - \$49,999
 - \$50,000 – \$74,999
 - \$75,000 – \$99,999
 - \$100,000 – \$124,999
 - \$125,000 - \$149,999
 - \$150,000 - \$199,999
 - \$200,000 or more
- 14. What is the highest level of formal education that you have completed?
 - Less than high school
 - High school diploma or GED certificate
 - Some college or technical school (no degree)
 - Associate’s Degree
 - Bachelor’s Degree
 - Graduate, Professional or doctorate degree
- 15. Do you own a business in Delaware County?
 - Yes
 - No
- 16. Which of the following categories includes your age?
 - 18 or younger
 - 19 to 24
 - 25 to 34
 - 35 to 44
 - 45 to 54
 - 55 to 64
 - 65 or older
- 17. Please select the option below that best reflects your current work situation.
 - Work in Delaware County
 - Work outside of Delaware County
 - Work from home
 - Retired
 - Student
 - Unemployed
 - Other _____
- 18. Which race/ethnicity best describes you?
 - White or Caucasian
 - Black or African American
 - Hispanic or Latino
 - Asian or Asian American
 - American Indian or Alaska Native
 - Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - Another Race
- 19. Do you have any children under age 18 living at home?
 - Yes
 - No

Comments

20. Thank you for participating in our survey. Please provide us with any additional comments on the proposed Delaware County Zoning Ordinance or the survey questions.

Please return your completed survey to the Delaware County Board of Supervisors by July 1, 2021.