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CROW WING COUNTY SETS DATE TO REVIEW ZONING ORDINANCE REVISIONS

The Crow Wing County Land Services Department has scheduled a public hearing for the review of the proposed zoning ordinance on February 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the County Board Room on the third floor of the Historic Courthouse at 326 Laurel Street Brainerd, MN 56401.

More than 100 comments were received during the 60 day comment period. The County Board opened the 30 day comment period on October 19, 2010 and on November 16, 2010 extended the comment period to December 20, 2010. County staff have compiled and analyzed the public comments, responded to each one, and have forwarded a report to the Planning Commission based on the public comments received. This report is available at www.co.crow-wing.mn.us.

The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on the proposed ordinance revision to the County Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Six areas have been identified through the public comment process and are summarized in the table below:

Current Ordinance	Original Ordinance Revision	Ordinance Revision Based on Public Comment
Impervious limits of: 15% - SR2, RR2.5, RR5, GS, AG 25% - SR1	1st 500 feet (Shoreland Protection Zone) Impervious limit of 15% with an increase to 20% with an engineered plan 2nd 500 feet (Shoreland Buffer Zone) Impervious limit of 20%	1st 500 feet (Shoreland Protection Zone) 0 - 15% impervious - No stormwater plan 15% - 20% impervious - stormwater plan 20% - 25% impervious - stormwater plan and buffer 2nd 500 feet (Shoreland Buffer Zone) 25% impervious limit with BMP's
General Development lake lot 20,000 square feet	30,000 square feet on new created lots	30,000 square feet on new created lots
No vegetation requirements for buffers	Require a 10 foot shoreline buffer on all riparian permits	Require a 25 foot shoreline buffer on Natural Environment lakes. No buffer required for GD RD lakes except where impervious coverage exceeds 20%. Also required for variances and CUP's,
Nonconformities may be maintained, rebuilt and do not lose their status as legal nonconformities	Nonconformities may be maintained, rebuilt and do not lose their status as legal nonconformities	Strengthen language to make clear nonconformities may be maintained and rebuilt and do not lose their status as legal nonconformities.
One time 50% expansion of nonconforming structures	Eliminate the provision	Phase out the 50% expansion over four years. Maximum of 500 ft ² for total expansion
Septic System Setbacks GD Lake - 50 feet RD Lake- 75 feet NE Lake- 150 feet	Septic Systems shall meet building setbacks GD Lake - 75 feet RD Lake- 100 feet NE Lake- 150 feet	Septic Systems shall meet building setbacks GD Lake - 75 feet RD Lake- 100 feet NE Lake- 150 feet

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