



## Miscellaneous Provisions

Village of St. Charles hereby ordains these regulations for the use of land and structures within the village.

### **SECTION 101. SHORT TITLE.**

This chapter shall be known as the St. Charles Village Zoning Ordinance.

### **SECTION 102. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES.**

It is the general purpose of this chapter to promote the public safety, health, morals, convenience and general welfare. To accomplish this purpose, the chapter will address the following objectives.

1. Guide the use and development of land, buildings and natural resources according to their suitability for particular activities.
2. Protect the community's quality of life and enhance the social and economic stability of the village.
3. Reduce congestion on public streets and highways and facilitate safe and convenient access to buildings and land uses.
4. Guide efforts to provide public services, such as water supply, sewers, storm drainage, waste disposal, transportation, education, recreation and public safety.
5. Establish standards to guide physical development of each zoning district and of the village as a whole, and provide for enforcement of such standards.
6. Educate citizens and public officials about their shared responsibilities for wise use of community resources.
7. Strive to balance one property owner's right to the peaceful use and enjoyment of his or her parcel with the rights of neighboring property owners to the peaceful use and enjoyment of theirs.

**SECTION 103. INTERPRETATION.**

1. The provisions of this chapter shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted to promote public health, safety, comfort, convenience and general welfare. This chapter is not intended to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing provisions of law or ordinance. Nor is it intended to overturn any previously approved or adopted rules, regulations or permits which relate to the use of land or buildings. Nor is this chapter intended to interfere with, abrogate or annul any lawful easements, covenants or other agreements.
2. Where this chapter imposes a greater restriction upon the use of land or buildings than is imposed by other laws or ordinances, or by rules, regulations, permits, easements, covenants or agreements that may be in force, the provisions of this chapter shall control. Where provisions of any other ordinance or regulation of the village impose stricter requirements for the use of land or buildings, the provisions of the other ordinance or regulation shall govern.

**SECTION 104. SEVERABILITY.**

It is the legislative intent that this chapter be liberally construed and should any provision or section of this chapter be held unconstitutional or invalid, such ruling shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of the chapter. It is intended that this chapter shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part thereof.

**SECTION 105. REPEAL.**

The existing zoning regulations of the village, as amended, are hereby repealed. However, such repeal shall not abate any action now pending under or by virtue of the ordinance herein repealed. Nor shall such repeal discontinue, abate, modify or alter any penalty accrued or to occur. Nor shall it affect the rights of any person, firm or corporation. Nor shall such repeal waive any right of the village under any section or provision of the ordinance hereunder repealed that was existing at the time of the passage and effective date of this chapter.

**SECTION 106. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance was adopted by the Village of St. Charles Council on April 11, 2007 and shall take effect seven (7) days after publication, as required by PA 110 of 2006, as amended.

Secs. 26-7--26-25. Reserved.