

## League of Women Voters of Anchorage

### ***Position: PLANNING AND ZONING***

#### Statement of Position

The League of Women Voters of Anchorage supports comprehensive planning and effective implementation of a plan aimed at quality growth and development and compatible with the following position statements:

#### Advance Planning:

1. Support coordinated advanced planning for transportation systems, schools, and other community facilities within the Municipality.
2. Recognition of the need for mass transportation facilities.

#### Planning Implementation and Administration:

3. Support a Municipal zoning ordinance including a zoning map based on comprehensive planning.
4. Support a Municipal building code.
5. Support legislative and administrative measures that would prevent frequent reconsideration of zoning in one area.
6. Support an official map as a means of reserving rights-of-way for future public use.
7. Support advanced planning and citizen involvement in the decision-making process with regard to school site acquisition.

#### Residential Development:

8. Encourage provision of adequate parks, playgrounds and open spaces, distributed so that people living in all areas of the Municipality will have easy access to such facilities.
9. Support required dedication as a method of providing parks and open spaces for the Anchorage community.
10. Support requirements in subdivision regulations for preservation of natural features such as waterfronts, hillsides, trees, and other scenic features.
11. Outside Sewer Improvement Districts, encourage sufficient separation of residences to prevent well contamination and other hazards.
12. Support requirements for different levels of improvements based on subdivision density.
13. Support some minimum level of improvements for all subdivisions.
14. Encourage acreage or large lot zoning to provide some areas for rural living in the Municipality.
15. Support limited access to subdivisions from adjoining arterial streets.
16. Support and encourage provision for sidewalks, walkways, and other facilities for pedestrian traffic.
17. Support and encourage provision for lanes for bicycles, horses, and snowmobiles in some areas of the municipality.
18. Support provisions in subdivision regulations calling for flood plain controls.
19. Support provisions in subdivision regulations calling for planned unit developments (PUDs).
20. Encourage Municipal standards for mobile home courts to include requirements for parks and playgrounds, landscaping, hard surface roads and other measures that would substantially improved the appearance and environmental quality of mobile home courts.

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Community Appearance:

21. Support measures that reduce or eliminate exposed wires and utility poles.
22. Encourage and support preservation and planting of trees on private properties in the Municipality.
23. Support adoption and enforcement of an ordinance establishing basic regulation or signs in the municipality.
24. Downtown and other commercial developments where shoppers walk from store to store, encourage adequate circulation patterns and pedestrian facilities through the use of malls, covered arcades, small parks and other means.
25. Discourage excessive and mislocated strip zoning along major highways.
26. Coordinate provisions of adequate traffic facilities with development of major traffic generators such as shopping centers.

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