

## Article PREAMBLE I: PURPOSES AND AUTHORITY

### A. PURPOSES

The Purposes of the Town of Kingston Zoning, Building, and Land Use Ordinances are to lessen congestion in the streets; to secure safety from fires, panic and other dangers; to promote health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements; and to preserve the rural character of the town while permitting reasonable growth and conserving of natural resources.

### B. AUTHORITY

The Ordinance is established and governed by the law of the State of New Hampshire, Chapters 674 and 675 of the *N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated*.

### C. NON-CONFORMING USES

1. **Reconstruction of:** In the event of the damage or destruction by fire, storm, or Act of God of any building not conforming to the regulations of this ordinance, said building may be rebuilt or refurbished for its former non-conforming use provided such construction is started within a year of its damage or destruction and is completed within two years; any new structure shall, however, conform to the dimensional requirements of this ordinance and/or pre-existing dimensions of damaged or destroyed buildings, whichever is more in keeping with the spirit and intent of the ordinances.
2. **Discontinuance of:** In the event a non-conforming use is discontinued for a period of more than one year, it shall not be permitted to recommence; thereafter the property shall only be used in conformity with this ordinance.