

## **SECTION I**

### **AUTHORITY AND PURPOSES**

#### **1.1 AUTHORITY**

This Ordinance is enacted in accordance with the authority conferred in Chapters 673, 674, 675, and 677 of the Revised Statutes Annotated and subsequent amendments thereto and is hereby adopted by the voters of the Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire in official meeting convened. The existing zoning ordinance entitled "Hopkinton New Hampshire Zoning Ordinance" adopted March 1964, and all subsequent amendments thereto is hereby amended in total and the "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire" is hereby adopted.

#### **1.2 PURPOSES**

The purposes of this Ordinance are to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton, to protect and conserve the value of property, to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town, and to promote efficiency and economy in the process of development by securing safety from fire, panic and other dangers, by providing adequate areas between buildings and various rights-of-way, by preserving the character of the Town, and by promoting good civic design and arrangements, wise and efficient expenditures of public funds, and the adequate provision of public utilities and the other public requirements, and by other means.

#### **1.3 TITLE**

This Ordinance shall be known as the "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopkinton, New Hampshire," hereinafter referred to as "this Ordinance."

#### **1.4 EFFECT IN VILLAGE PRECINCT**

This Ordinance shall not take effect in the Hopkinton Village Precinct until such time as the "Official Zoning Ordinance, Hopkinton Village, Hopkinton, New Hampshire" adopted February 1960, and all subsequent amendments thereto, are repealed by the Hopkinton Village Precinct.