

## Hancock County Ordinance Number One

**Section 1** - Ordinance Adoption Procedure.

**Section 2** - The procedures in this ordinance shall be used by the County of Hancock for the adoption and amendment of all subsequent ordinances in this county.

**Section 3** - Two considerations before final passage. A proposed ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two (2) regular meetings of the Board of Supervisors.

A summary of the proposed ordinance will be published at least fifteen (15) days prior to its first consideration, and copies of the full text of the ordinance will be made available at the time of publication at the office of the county auditor, and it will be noted in the publication where copies may be obtained.

A final publication of the title of the ordinance shall be published at least fifteen (15) days before the meeting for final consideration of the ordinance.

Not more than ten (10) days following the final passage of the ordinance, there will be a full and complete publication of the adopted ordinance.

**Section 4** - Amendment. An amendment to an ordinance must specifically repeal the ordinance, or the section or subsection to be amended, and must set forth in full the ordinance, section, or subsection as amended. If an ordinance is to be repealed or amended, the procedure will be the same as in enacting an ordinance.

**Section 5** - Majority Requirement. Passage of an ordinance or an amendment to an existing ordinance requires an affirmative vote or not less than a simple majority of the entire Board of Supervisors. Each board member's vote on an ordinance must be recorded in the board's official minutes.

**Section 6** - Effective Date. Upon final passage of an ordinance or an amendment to an existing ordinance and the signatures of a simple majority of the entire Board of Supervisors, the ordinance or amendment will become effective upon publication, unless a subsequent effective date is provided within the measure.

**Section 7** - Severability Clause. If some parts of this implementation ordinance or subsequent ordinance are found to be inconsistent or in conflict with state and/or federal legal principles, those parts shall not invalidate the remainder of the ordinance.

**Section 8** - Definitions. The use of all words in this and subsequent ordinances shall be determined by the definitions provided in Chapter 4, Code of Iowa, 1981 unless otherwise provided in the ordinance.

**Section 9** - Maintenance and Publication of Ordinances. In accordance with the provisions of the ordinance, the county auditor shall cause all ordinances, amendments, or summaries thereof to be published in at least one newspaper having general circulation in the county. Final copies of any ordinance or amended ordinances shall be recorded by the county recorder and made available to the public upon request. All adopted and amended ordinances shall be printed or otherwise reproduced for adequate distribution.

**Section 10** - County Ordinance Book. All adopted ordinances and amended ordinances shall be maintained in a separate book known as "Hancock County Ordinance Book." The book

shall be maintained in the offices of the Hancock County Auditor, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, and Hancock County Attorney.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1981.

Signed by Calvin Sorenson, Chairman-Board of Supervisors

Attested by Dorothy Greiman, Auditor & Secretary to the Board of Supervisors.