

**THE DURHAM ZONING ORDINANCE
AS ADOPTED BY THE DURHAM TOWN
COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 20, 2006
LAST AMENDED DECEMBER 1, 2014**

Current language

175-3. Purpose.

The provisions of this chapter are intended to regulate the use of land for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Durham. This chapter is adopted in accordance with and in order to implement the Master Plan and other policies designed to promote the orderly growth of the Town of Durham. Among other purposes, this chapter is specifically adopted to preserve air and water quality; to conserve open space and agricultural resources; to protect natural and scenic resources from degradation; to provide for recreational needs; to protect life and property from flooding and other natural hazards; to preserve historic sites and structures; and to ensure that development is commensurate with the character and physical limitations of the land. Further, this chapter is designed to ensure that the timing, location and nature of new development takes into account the immediate and long-range financial impacts of proposed uses and enhances the achievement of the town's economic development goals.

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Proposed Revision

175-3. Purpose.

The provisions of this chapter are intended to regulate the use of land for the purpose of protecting the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Durham, **IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 674:17**. This chapter is adopted in accordance with, and in order to implement, the Master Plan and other policies designed to promote the orderly growth of the Town of Durham. Among other purposes, this chapter is specifically adopted to preserve air and water quality; to conserve open space and agricultural resources; **TO ENCOURAGE THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AND PROTECT ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**; to protect natural and scenic resources from degradation; to provide for recreational needs; to protect life and property from flooding and other natural hazards; to preserve historic sites and structures; and to ensure that development is commensurate with the character and physical limitations of the land. Further, this chapter is designed to ensure that the timing, location and nature of new development takes into account the immediate and long-range financial impacts of proposed uses and enhances the achievement of the town's economic development goals.

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