

Section 11

MINERAL RESOURCE REGULATIONS

11.1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Purpose and Intent

- (1) To protect and administer mineral resource areas in such a manner as to permit the extraction and exploration of minerals therefrom, unless extraction and exploration would cause significant danger to public health and safety.
- (2) To permit only development in mineral resource areas which will not interfere with the extraction and exploration of minerals.
- (3) To give preference to existing or requested uses other than mineral extraction if the economic value of the minerals present is of less value than those other uses.
- (4) To administer areas containing only sand, gravel, quarry aggregate or limestone used for construction purposes.
- (5) To prevent landslides, floods or erosion due to mineral extraction operations.
- (6) To insure that exploration and development of minerals cause the least practicable damage to the environment.

B. Applicability

These regulations apply to development in all designated or regulated mineral resource areas within this jurisdiction.

C. Non-Conforming Uses

The requirements of Section 4, "Zoning Provisions - Non-Conforming Uses and Structures", shall apply.

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11.2 USES PERMITTED

The Mineral Resource Areas, as delineated on the Minerals Resource Area Maps are classified as Proven, Probable and Possible. Uses shall be allowed under these three classifications to the extent that they are not prohibited in any particular area by an underlying zoning district and provides no structures are built until the conditions listed under General Provisions above have been met.