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CODE INTERPRETATION

CODE SECTION: 20.50.020

ISSUE: Calculating allowable density

DECISION:

When calculating allowable density, the square footage is divided by 43,560, which is the square footage of an acre. Rounding should not be carried out at this point,* in order to have as accurate a measurement as possible (*take to at least seven digits).

For example: a lot size of 10,760 is zoned R-6. $10,760 \text{ divided by } 43,560 \text{ (acre)} = .2470156$ acres. This figure would not be rounded up to .25, it would remain .2470156, times 6 = 1.4820936 dwelling units. The final rounding is just as outlined in the code; the fraction .4820936 is less than .50, so you round the whole number down to 1 dwelling unit.

Director Approval Date: December 31, 2001 by Tim Stewart