2.1 ZONING MAP ATLAS. The City of Owensboro, City of Whitesville, and Daviess County are hereby divided into zones and districts as provided herein and as shown on the Zoning Map Atlas dated March 1980, and as transferred to electronic format on the Owensboro/Daviess County Geographic Information System consortium (ODCGIS). This transfer of zoning districts to electronic format was completed December 2008. The ODCGIS version of the original Zoning Map Atlas, which together with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Map Atlas dated March 1980 shall be retired and the ODCGIS Zoning Map Atlas shall be the official record of zoning status of all land in the City and County and be available in the office of the OMPC and shall be known herein as the “Zoning Map.” Although every effort has been made to accurately transfer zoning districts from the physical maps to the ODCGIS system, the retired Zoning Map Atlas shall be kept on file in the office of the OMPC, noted prominently with its retirement date, and used only for historical reference to clarify any discrepancies that may be noted in the use of the ODCGIS Zoning Map Atlas.

2.2 ZONING MAP ATLAS AMENDMENTS. Amendments to the Zoning Map Atlas changing the zoning status of an area shall be promptly posted on the appropriate layer of the ODCGIS Zoning Map Atlas by the OMPC. Each amendment shall be identified in an attribute table with the date of the OMPC public hearing and other information related to the zoning map amendment.

2.3 RULES FOR INTERPRETATION OF ZONE AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of zones and districts as shown on the ODCGIS Zoning Map Atlas, the following rules shall apply:

2.31. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerlines of streets, highways, or alleys shall be construed to follow such centerlines;

2.32. Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lines;

2.33. Boundaries indicated as approximately following city limits shall be construed as following such city limits;

2.34. Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks;

2.35. Boundaries indicated as following shore lines shall be construed to follow such shore lines, and in the event of change in the shore line, shall be construed as moving with the actual shore line; boundaries indicated as approximately following the center line of streams, rivers, canals, lakes, or other bodies of water shall be construed to follow such center lines;

2.36. Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features indicated in Sections 2.41 through 2.45 hereinabove shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the ODCGIS Zoning Map Atlas shall be determined by measurement along the zoning boundary on the map;

2.37. Where a zone or district boundary line divides a lot which was in single ownership at the time of passage of this ordinance, the Board of Adjustment may permit, as a conditional use, the extension of the regulations for either portion of the lot not to exceed fifty (50) feet beyond the zone or district line into the remaining portion of the lot.

2.39. Where the above stated rules do not indicate the exact location of the zone or district boundaries, then said boundaries shall be determined by appeal before the Board of Adjustment as provided by Section 7.4 hereinbelow.

2.4 ZONING STATUS NOT AFFECTED BY ANNEXATION. All territory which may hereafter be annexed by the City of Owensboro or the City of Whitesville shall remain in its existing zone or district until otherwise changed as provided by Section 6.6 hereinbelow.