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NEWS RELEASE

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County Council Approves New Land Use Bylaw

For Immediate Release – The County of Wetaskiwin is pleased to announce the approval of the new Land Use Bylaw 2024/66, replacing the previous 2017/48 Bylaw. This updated Bylaw reflects extensive community input and modernized regulations to meet the development goals of the County.

The new LUB follows the Municipal Development Plan approved in April 2023 and was developed through Council workshops, public education sessions, and stakeholder feedback.

Key Updates:

- Simplified Land Use Districts – Reduced from over 30 to 10 by consolidating similar districts.
- Two Dwelling Units – Permits up to two (2) dwelling units per lot.
- Recreational Units (RUs) – Allows up to two (2) RUs for personal use on specified residential parcels and up to four (4) RUs on larger Agricultural parcels larger than 40 acres.
- Home Occupations – Simplified to Major and Minor categories, with Minor Home Occupations exempt from Development Permits.
- Improved Decision-Making – New discretionary use and variance assessment criteria.

Other changes include reduced yard setbacks, increased exemptions for small buildings, enhanced sign regulations, and improved enforcement processes. The Bylaw has also been reformatted for clarity and ease of use.

“The new Land Use Bylaw reflects the valuable input we received from the community throughout this process. We want to thank all residents and stakeholders who participated and shared their feedback. Your contributions were essential to shaping this bylaw, and we look forward to supporting the community as we move forward with responsible growth,” said Reeve Josh Bishop.

The approved Land Use Bylaw 2024/66 is available on the County’s Website www.county.wetaskiwin.ab.ca/624/Land-Use-Bylaw or at the County Office. For more details, contact the Planning and Development Department.

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