The Board of Commissioners is honored to present the Josephine County Code. The Code is a comprehensive, easily searchable compilation of Josephine County's laws. From this day forward, the Code will serve as the exclusive, up to date locus for all county level laws.

The Code is a living document that can be changed only by passing new county ordinances or state statutes. Ordinances can be passed by either the Board of County Commissioners or by the voters. The Code also contains the County Charter, though the Charter can be changed only by the voters through the initiative process. As new county ordinances and state statutes go into effect, the Code will be routinely updated by its publisher to reflect the current status of the law. The legislative source for most sections is included in order to easily identify how and when changes to the law occurred.

The Code is organized using a 3-factor decimal numbering system which identifies Titles, Chapters, and Sections. The Table of Contents includes several Titles that are being reserved for future use. Additionally, a complete subject matter index is included for Titles 1 through 19. The index cross-references terms with sections and is keyed to the numbers described above.

The Board deeply appreciates the commitment and pride that County personnel poured into this project, which was years in the making. In particular we are specifically grateful to Legal Administrator Patricia Ellison, who was utterly essential to the completion of the Code. Through that massive effort, the citizens of Josephine County can know with clarity and certainty the laws which govern their community.

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