# GEORGETOWN-SCOTT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE - APPENDIX B
# FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE

## ARTICLE 1. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION, FINDINGS OF FACT, PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

### SECTION A. STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION

The Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky has in Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) 67.083, 83A.130, and 83A.140 delegated to local government units the authority to adopt regulations designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its citizenry. KRS 151.230 empowers local government to enact administrative regulations for floodplain management through Ordinance. Local Government's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it will enact as necessary, and maintain in force in those areas having flood, or flood- related erosion hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in Parts 59, 60, and 65 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations (44 CFR). Therefore, the Fiscal Court of Scott County, the City Councils of Georgetown and Stamping Ground, and the City Commission of Sadieville, Kentucky, hereby adopt the following floodplain management ordinance, as follows:

### SECTION B. FINDINGS OF FACT

1) The flood hazard areas of Scott County and the Cities of Georgetown, Sadieville, and Stamping Ground are subject to periodic inundation which result in loss of life and property, health and safety hazards, disruption of commerce and governmental services, extraordinary public expenditures for flood protection and relief, and impairment of the tax base, all which adversely affect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

2) These flood losses are caused by the cumulative effect of obstructions in floodplains causing increased flood height and velocity, and by the location in flood hazard areas of uses vulnerable to floods or hazardous to other lands which are inadequately elevated, flood-proofed, or otherwise unprotected from flood damage.

### SECTION C. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to minimize public and private loss due to flooding by provisions designed to:

1) Restrict or prohibit uses which are dangerous to health, safety, and property due to water erosion hazards, or which result in damaging increases in erosion or in flood height or velocity;

2) Require that uses vulnerable to floods, including facilities which serve such uses, be protected against flood damage at the time of initial construction;

3) Control the alteration of natural floodplains, stream channels, and natural protective barriers which accommodate or channel flood waters;

4) Control filling, grading, dredging, and other development which may increase erosion or flood damage, and;