## ARTICLE 2

## **INTENT AND PURPOSE**

2-101 The Governing Body of the City of Merriam has enacted these Regulations with the intent of assuring orderly development and adequate maintenance of the various lands, uses and proper signing within the City. A primary concern is the quality of life of the citizens.

Careful consideration has been given to the elements of the environment where people live and work. The best land use will be based on the public benefit rather than that of the individual property owner. This philosophy shall be the guide in matters needing adjudication by the City Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Governing Body of the City.

These Regulations for Merriam, adopted pursuant to the provisions of the Kansas Planning Laws, are intended to serve the following purposes:

To establish zoning districts within the City of Merriam;

To regulate the location and use of buildings and the uses of land within each zoning district;

2-101 To regulate the size, type, number, height and location of signs;

To regulate the use of buildings and land for agricultural, recreational, residential, commercial, industrial, conservation and other purposes;

To promote and enhance the public health, safety, morals, comfort, general welfare and aesthetics;

To conserve and protect property values throughout the City of Merriam;

To regulate the height, number of stories, size and density of buildings.