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In 2022 the town adopted the Taft Corners Form Based Code Overlay District., the implementation of a 2+ year planning and outreach effort culminating in a Vision Plan for Taft Corners. The Vision Plan was created by the Residents of Williston led by the Planning Commission, with the assistance of the Consultant Team, Town Staff, and Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC). The principal author of the Form Based Code is Geoff Ferrell. The consultant team included Keith Covington, Justin Falango, Anita Morrison, Rick Chellman, Paul Dreher, Peter Hudson, and Steve Price. The town especially acknowledges the assistance of CCRPC Senior Planner Taylor Newton, who shepherded the project from initial planning to adoption. Planning Director Matt Boulanger, AICP and Senior Planner Emily Heymann, AICP led the planning staff efforts on the Vision Plan and Draft Code. Other town staff including Senior Planner Melinda Scott, AICP; Director of Public Works Bruce Hoar; Stormwater Coordinator Christine Dougherty, and Town Manager Erik Wells had valuable contributions. Members of the Williston Planning Commission including Chapin Kaynor, Meghan Cope, Alex Daley, Cate Lamar, Shayla Livingston, Jill Pardini, Ron Bomer and Ellie Beckett all contributed immensely to the development of the Form Based Code through many months of meetings, careful review of the Code and thoughtful discussion. Members of the Selectboard including Chair Terry McCaig, Ted Kenney, Jeff Fehrs, Gordon St Hilaire and Greta D'Agnostino, spent much time reading, reviewing, and discussing the Code. Their leadership was invaluable.

Note to the reader: Beginning with the version adopted on January 21, 2013, this bylaw has been paginated by chapter to facilitate more efficient updating and revision. The pages in Chapter 1, for example, are labeled 1-2, 1-2, 1-3... If you are unsure if you have the most current version of this document, please contact the staff at Williston Planning.

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Administrative forms are not adopted. They are prepared by the Administrator, as authorized by WDB 4.3.6. A complete set is provided with copies of this bylaw, but please be certain you have the current version before filing any of these forms.

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--- Application Checklists ---

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