

NOTICE OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

On October 6, 2026 the Billings County Commission held a public hearing and adopted the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance:

- 2.3(113.1) Definition of Water Depot, Industrial Use (NEW)
- 5.1.1 (m) Permitted Use for Ag Districts (NEW)
- 5.1.2 (x) Conditional Use Permits for Ag Districts (NEW)
- 5.5.1 (m) Permitted Use for Industrial Districts (NEW)
- 6.19 Industrial Water Depots & Ponds (UPDATE/NEW)

Section 6.19 for Industrial Water Depots and Ponds is a new section proposed for the Billings County Zoning Ordinance under Article VI: Special Provisions. This section adds amendments related to oil and gas production needs in Billings County. Freshwater storage ponds and depots are used to supply water when fracking wells or other industrial uses.

The proposed amendments were recommended for approval by the Planning & Zoning Commission hearing held on Thursday, September 17, 2026.

The amendments will formally take effect thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Copies of the adopted amendments are available for inspection at the office of the Billings County Auditor, Medora, ND. The amendments are also available on the county website at <https://www.billingscountynod.gov/169/Planning-Zoning>.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.D.C.C. Section 11-33-10, any person aggrieved by any provision contained within the adopted amendment shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this notice to file with the Billings County Auditor a petition to the County Commission for a separate hearing regarding the objection. The petition must be in writing and state with specificity the grounds for objection to the adoption of the whole, or any part, of the adopted amendments to the Billings County Zoning Ordinance.

Dated at Medora this 9th day of October, 2026
Stacey Swanson, Zoning Director

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