

**ARTICLE I**

**PURPOSE AND ENACTMENT**

- 1.1 **PURPOSE.** The City of Robertsdale, Alabama, pursuant to the authority granted by Title 11, Subtitle 2, Chapter 52, Articles 1 through 4, Code of Alabama, 1975 and 1986 Cumulative Supplement, in order to promote the health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity and general welfare of the residents; to lessen congestion in the street; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, and parks, to facilitate initiation of the comprehensive plan, and other public requirements, hereby ordains and enacts into law an official Land Use and Development Ordinance in accordance with the laws of Alabama. In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this ordinance shall be:
- A. Considered as minimum requirements;
  - B. Liberally construed in favor of the governing body; and,
  - C. Deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.
- 1.2 **ENACTMENT.** An Ordinance of the City of Robertsdale, Alabama, establishing rules and regulations for zoning, platting, and subdividing land which rules and regulations define the legal authority; classify land; establish zoning districts and district requirements; prescribe procedures for plat approval; set standards and specifications for streets, utilities, and other public improvements in subdivisions; and, prescribe methods for enforcement, exceptions and amendments.
- 1.3 **TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Land Use and Development Ordinance" for the City of Robertsdale, Alabama."