

City of Amarillo, Texas Zoning Ordinance Revision

Project Kick-Off

Project Background

The City of Amarillo adopted a new comprehensive plan in 2010, and is now undertaking a revision of its Zoning Ordinance and related regulations, including provisions for subdivision, manufactured homes and RV parks, landmarks and historic preservation, and airport height hazards.

The revisions will implement policies and recommendations of the *Amarillo Comprehensive Plan*, modernize and simplify the ordinance, and update regulations based on community input. The revised Zoning Ordinance will reflect current and anticipated market and neighborhood conditions and incorporate best practices for development regulation.

The City is working with White & Smith Planning and Law Group and Kendig Keast Collaborative to conduct a comprehensive review, analysis, and rewrite of the Zoning Ordinance and development-related regulations.

Opportunities for Public Input

The community will have opportunities to provide input throughout the project. Our public outreach plan includes opportunities for community members, business owners, property owners, elected and appointed officials, and other stakeholders to remain engaged and to provide input throughout this important planning effort.

The project will kick off with a series of stakeholder meetings and opportunities for the consultants to receive feedback from the public, as well as elected and appointed officials of the City. Following our June 2019 kick-off meetings, the consultants will prepare a comprehensive assessment of the City's current Zoning Ordinance, identifying areas for improvement and revision, for consideration by the City Planning and Zoning Commission.

The amendment process will begin immediately thereafter, taking place in three discrete modules: Zoning, Development Standards, and Administrative Procedures. Public input will be received on each module over the next 12-15 months. The Zoning Ordinance Revision is anticipated to take 20 months, from May 2019 through December 2020.



Questions to Consider

As you think about providing input into the Zoning Ordinance Revision, consider the following questions:

- » Is the Zoning Ordinance easy to use? If not, why?
- » Are there ways the Zoning Ordinance could be revised to be more user-friendly?
- » Are there Comprehensive Plan policies that are important to prioritize for code implementation?
- » Are you concerned about any particular land uses in the City?
- » Are you concerned about the quality of new development? The costs of new development?
- » How can the zoning regulations better respond to the needs of neighborhoods, the general public, and applicants?
- » What are 3 aspects of high quality design for new development or redevelopment?
- » Does development review effectively engage the public? Are the City's zoning processes efficient?
- » Is the process transparent? How can we better communicate with the public? With applicants?

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