

Planning Commission Study Session

Item 2. Zoning Code Update Overview

November 17, 2021



Zoning Code Update Orientation

Agenda:

- **1.** Structure of the updated Zoning Code
- 2. How to use (and review) the Zoning Code
- **3.** Working with the proposed Code



Zoning Code Update Structure of the Code

- Article 1 Enactment
- Article 2 Zones and Development Standards
- Article 3 Site Planning
- Article 4 Standards for Specific Land Uses
- Article 5 Nonconformities
- Article 6 Permit Processing
- Article 7 Zoning Code Administration
- Article 8 Definitions



Zoning Code Update

Refinements to the structure of the Code

- All similar districts are contained within one chapter of the new code
- Permitted and conditional uses are presented in tabular format instead of in list format
- Relevant allowed uses are all found in one chapter



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- So, look at four districts to understand one.



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Ingredients of the Zoning Code

- Definitions
- Intent Statements
- Allowed (and Conditional) Uses
- Development Standards
- Permit processes, decision-makers and appeals
- Non-conforming uses
- Permit expirations and revocations



Zoning Code Update Reviewing the Zoning Code

- Does the intent statement describe the purpose of the district?
- Is the use enumerated? Are there uses that need to be added?
- Is the use defined?
- Are the development standards clear?
- Given the proposed location, what's the permit process?
- If it's a discretionary permit, what are the required findings?
- Are there any exceptions to the development standards?



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Reviewing the Zoning Code

• Questions?



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