Development Code Updates

The Planning Commission and Planning Department are seeking public feedback on amendments to the Community Development Code, which are proposed for the purposes of ongoing maintenance, making the code more user-friendly, and complying with Oregon statute. Two public Discussion Drafts are available for review, and comments received by June 10 will be shared with the Planning Commission for their June 23 work session on the amendments. Additional project information can be found below, including how to comment on the Discussion Drafts.

ABOUT THE CODE UPDATE PROJECTS*

Annual Code Updates (LU 14-0014A): These amendments to the Community Development Code (CDC) are part of the City's efforts to make the regulations more useable for residents, developers and City staff by correcting errors, eliminating text ambiguities and redundancies, and clarifying code text. For project information on these amendments visit the webpage for LU 14-0014A.

May 28 **– Planning Commission Hearing**
July 29 - City Council

Staff Contact: Leslie Hamilton**, 503-675-3731**

Non-conformities and Variances (LU 14-0018): These amendments implement recommendations from the 2010 Community Development Code Audit and the 2012 Code Reorganization projects and are intended to update, streamline and simplify sections of the Development Code that allow adjustments or variances to code standards and regulate nonconforming structures and uses to make them easier to understand and administer.

June 23 – Planning Commission work session to review public comments on Discussion Draft
July 28 – Planning Commission hearing
September/October, 2014 – City Council Hearing

Staff Contact: Jessica Numanoglu, 503-635-0283

Clear and Objective Housing Standards (LU 14-0019): These amendments are proposed to bring the Code into compliance with State regulations which require an opportunity for housing to be developed under clear and objective approval standards. The State requirement is intended to reduce unnecessary costs and delays in permitting housing and the City must come into compliance as part of its Periodic Review process. The amendments address attached housing with three or more units, multi-family housing, and residential mixed-use. Detached single family homes are already permitted through a clear and objective process.

June 23 – Planning Commission work session to review public comments on Discussion Draft
August 11 – Planning Commission hearing

September/October, 2014 – City Council Hearing

Staff Contact: Sarah Selden, 503-697-6524

**** Please note the above dates have been updated since publication of the May Hello LO, and are subject to change. Please check this web page for updates.***

How to Comment on the Discussion Drafts

Public Discussion Drafts for Nonconforming and Variance Code Amendments and Clear and Objective Housing Amendments are available using the links below. The public is invited to review the draft online, or may request a copy from the Lake Oswego Planning Department, 380 A Avenue, Third Floor.

Staff encourages the public to contact them with questions, and is available to meet with citizens informally or present at community group meetings.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways, please include reference to the topic you are commenting about LU 14-0018 or LU 14-0019 as shown above.

E-mail to: Click on the appropriate staff planner listed above and the email window will automatically open.

Mail to:

City of Lake Oswego
Planning Department
P.O. Box 369
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Hand-deliver to:

City Hall, 3rd Floor Reception Desk
380 A Avenue, Lake Oswego

Please submit your comments by June 10, 2014, in order for them to be considered by the Planning Commission at their Work Session on June 23, 2014.

See Public Discussion Drafts, below, for more information on how to submit comments.

Supporting Documents

Public Discussion Draft on Nonconforming and Variance Code Amendments, 05/15/14
Public Discussion Draft on Clear and Objective Housing Amendments, 05/15/14

Web Links

Phase 2 Community Development Code Streamlining & Updates (PP 12-0007)May 15, 2014 - Informational Meeting Materials

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