

Council Planning Updates

Planning-related legislation currently in the adoption process

Upcoming
Hearing
Dates

There is no active Planning-related legislation at this time.

Planning in the National News

From Gentrification to Decline: How Neighborhoods Really Change,
published by CityLab on April 10th

When people talk about how big cities have changed over the last two decades, the word that inevitably comes up is gentrification—the influx of affluent newcomers. A transformative wave of wealth—often accompanied by displacement of lower-income neighborhood residents—has seized prominent parts of Washington, D.C., New York City, and San Francisco. But across U.S. metros, gentrification may not be the dominant type of urban change. Instead, it’s the concentration of poverty—particularly in the suburbs—that’s the type of transformation most Americans have been experiencing.

Barcelona’s superblocks are a new model for “post-car” urban living, published by Vox on April 11th

This is part four in a five-part series about the comprehensive urban plan being implemented in Barcelona, Spain, which would reclaim more than half the streets now devoted to cars for mixed-use public spaces, or “superblocks.”

Why granny flats are the housing solution everyone can love, published by The Week on April 26th

In my own neighborhood, ADUs were legalized less than a year ago. A very limited pilot program permitted construction of granny flats, carriage houses, mother-in-law apartments, and the like in a few areas of St. Paul starting in 2016 (some older properties were previously grandfathered in), but legalization only went citywide this past October. “I’ve heard from many of my constituents who are really excited about the opportunity ... for affordable housing, to create additional density, and providing housing for seniors to age in place,” said one city council member who supported new ordinance.

Environmental Planning Commission

Thursday, May 9th: Agenda unavailable at this time. Please check [this page](#) for the agenda three days prior to the meeting.

Zoning Hearing Examiner

Tuesday, May 21st: Agenda unavailable at this time. Please check [this page](#) for the agenda three days prior to the meeting.

Development Review Board

The DRB meets every Wednesday. Please check [this page](#) for the weekly agenda.

Albuquerque Development Commission

Thursday, May 16th: Agenda unavailable at this time. Please check [this page](#) for the agenda three days prior to the meeting.

Landmarks Commission

Wednesday, May 8th: Agenda unavailable at this time. Please check [this page](#) for the agenda three days prior to the meeting.

Do you have questions about something in this newsletter?

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Integrated Development Ordinance Updates

The Planning Department has begun the process for the first Annual Update of the Integrated Development Ordinance (IDO). The IDO requires that the City submit a packet of amendments to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) for consideration on an annual basis. The intent of requiring an annual update to the document is to ensure that the City's zoning regulations are always up-to-date and responsive to changing conditions in the community in addition to providing a predictable process for making changes to the document.

Upcoming IDO Public Meetings

The Planning Department will be holding Public Meetings to present, review, and take feedback on the proposed IDO amendments. The public meetings will be held by "Part" of the IDO, as follows:

Part 1 | General Provisions & Part 7 Definitions

- Wed, May 1, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 3, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Part 2 | Zone Districts & Part 3 Overlay Zones

- Wed May 8, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 10, 11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Part 4 | Use Regulations

- Thursday, May 16 6-8 p.m.
- Friday, May 17, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Part 5 | Development Standards

- Wednesday, May 22, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 24, noon – 2 p.m.

Part 6 | Administration & Enforcement (i.e. review and decision processes)

- Tuesday, May 28, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 29, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 30, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 31, 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

All meetings will all take place in the Basement Hearing Room of Plaza del Sol, 600 2nd Street NW.

The IDO requires that this packet of amendments be considered by the EPC in September of every year (detailed timeline below). The Planning Department has been collecting comments and requests from the public and City staff on how the document can be improved. It's important to note that the Planning Department's recommended changes this year will only encompass technical items that address omissions, clarify, clean up, and otherwise propose language to make for a clearer, more consistent document. Individual City Councilors will have the opportunity to propose substantive changes to the document during this process. The Planning Department will put forth substantive changes to the document in future annual updates to the IDO after the Community Planning Area Assessment process has begun.

Timeline of IDO Annual Update

May 2018 Onwards - Planning Department is collecting comments/proposed changes

April 2019 - List of proposed changes is published (see links below)

April to June - Public Meetings will be held to review the proposed changes and take further public input (see dates, left)

July - Proposed changes will be formally submitted to the EPC for consideration

September - EPC will hold the first hearing on proposed changes

Fall/Winter 2019 - Proposed changes will move from EPC (recommending body) to the City Council. Council's Land Use, Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) committee will consider the proposed changes.

Late 2019/Early 2020 - The full City Council will consider the recommendations from the LUPZ committee for review and adoption.

The ABC-Zone website hosts a great deal of information, including the proposed amendments and the public meeting schedule:

www.abc-zone.com/ido-annual-update-2019