



MEDIA RELEASE

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COMMUNITY INVITED TO RECODE KNOXVILLE COMMUNITY MEETINGS

A series of meetings for the Recode Knoxville zoning code update will be held throughout August and into the fall.

An overview of the changes made to the first draft will be given, as well as a tutorial on how to access and comment on the draft zoning map.

The meetings will be held in various parts of the city to provide several opportunities for interested community members to attend.

MPC is working with the Knoxville Area Urban League, SEED, and Centro Hispano to help gather input on the update from underrepresented sectors of the city. The upcoming meetings are being hosted in partnership with these organizations, as well as the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods.

In addition to the seven scheduled community meetings, the Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting is also open to the public:

Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 2: 10-11:30 a.m.
Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main St.

Recode Community Meeting – East

Thursday, Aug. 9: 6-8 p.m.
Hosted by Centro Hispano, Knoxville Area Urban League, and SEED
Burlington Branch Library, 4614 Asheville Highway

Recode Community Meeting – West

Monday, Aug. 20: 6-7 p.m.
Hosted by the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods
Deane Hill Recreation Center, 7414 Deane Hill Drive

Recode Community Meeting – West

Thursday, Aug. 23: 6-7 p.m.
Hosted by City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods
Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike

Recode Community Meeting – Central City

Wednesday, Aug. 29: 6-7 p.m.

Hosted by City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods
Central United Methodist Church, 210 Third Ave.

Recode Community Meeting – North

Thursday, Aug. 30: 6-7 p.m.

Hosted by City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods
Church of the Good Shepherd, 5409 Jacksboro Pike

Recode Community Meeting – South

Monday, Sept. 10: 6-8 p.m.

Hosted by Centro Hispano, Knoxville Area Urban League, and SEED
South Knoxville Community Center, 522 Maryville Pike

Recode Community Meeting – East

Tuesday, Oct. 16: 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Hosted by Centro Hispano, Knoxville Area Urban League, and SEED
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Highway

“Both the second draft and a draft zoning map will be available in early August, and we encourage residents to review these documents to see how the changes affect them,” said Gerald Green, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission. “Anyone with comments and questions should get engaged in the process now. The code will be revised once more from input received and a final draft will be presented to Knoxville City Council before the end of the year.”

Knoxville's zoning code hasn't undergone a thorough review in nearly 60 years, and this update will allow the City to adopt modern standards. It also will help protect and enhance Knoxville's sense of place over the next few decades.

Knox County is projected to add 170,000 residents by 2040, and this update of the City's zoning ordinance will help prepare the community for that growth by striking a balance between protecting historic characteristics of neighborhoods and creating standards that encourage dynamic growth. It will encourage investment, protect valued community assets, and support connectivity among people and places.

For more information, please contact MPC staff at recode@knoxmpc.org. You can also sign up to receive updates on the project at www.recodeknoxville.com.

Anyone needing a disability accommodation to attend the community meetings or Stakeholder Advisory Committee meeting should contact the City's ADA Coordinator, Stephanie Cook, at scook@knoxvilletn.gov or 865-215-2034. For an English interpreter, contact the City Law Department at 865-215-2050.

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