



Mount Vernon

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City Plans Public Meeting on Zoning Code Audit

October 20 meeting will highlight effort to modernize, streamline regulations

MOUNT VERNON, October 6, 2022 – The City of Mount Vernon has embarked on a process to modernize its planning, zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure that it is ready to welcome and accommodate strategic growth that meets the goals of the City and its residents.

As part of this process, the City will have a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20 to discuss and address any questions and concerns about the audit undertaken by a consultant hired by the City to update its zoning code. All members of the public are invited. The meeting will be in Council Chambers, Mount Vernon City Hall, at 40 Public Square.

The City's zoning code ordinances are the tools the City uses to establish how land can be used, the types of housing and businesses allowed, density of development, as well as site design elements such as signage, landscaping, architecture, parking and access. At the meeting the consultant will provide an overview of a preliminary audit of the existing zoning code and identify some initial direction for change.

The audit intends to summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the existing regulations in terms of usability, organization and substantive standards, and provide options for improvement. It also includes a proposed outline for a reorganized zoning code to improve usability by staff, residents, business owners and City officials.

The zoning code audit can be found on the City's website at <https://mountvernonohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Mount-Vernon-Code-Audit-5-24-22.pdf>.

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ABOUT THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON:

The City of Mount Vernon is an innovative community with an authentic hometown feel. The City is dedicated to providing modern services with an emphasis on continual improvement, customer service and equitable laws that support our citizens and visitors, while retaining and attracting investors in our community. Home to 17,000 people, Mount Vernon is the county seat for Knox County and boasts historic buildings and districts as well as business and professional, educational and recreational opportunities through many adaptive reuses of the community's infrastructure and spaces. The City has strong ties to higher education, with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Kenyon College and Central Ohio Technical College operating satellite locations in the historic downtown. Located 40 miles northeast of Columbus, Mount Vernon is near the geographic center of Ohio and has connections all over the globe.

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