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City Invites Residents to Take Zoning Code Survey

Feedback sought as City undertakes audit to update its zoning regulations

MOUNT VERNON, October 21, 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 is working with a zoning consultant to assess the need for changes to its existing zoning code. It's also seeking input on how residents and business owners would like those regulations revised to address their ongoing needs and concerns, and is asking the public to take a survey to share their thoughts about suggested revisions and any other significant issues or concerns. The survey, which only takes a few minutes to complete, can be found [at this link](#).

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.

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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