



Mount Vernon

An Innovative Community; Authentically Hometown

First Draft of City Zoning Code Update Made Public

Part one of code revisions can be found on City's website

MOUNT VERNON, April 13, 2023 – 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 that process, the City conducted a zoning code audit in 2022. Based on the audit, the City has made available the first part of proposed revisions to the zoning code available to the public. The document can be found on the City's website at <https://mountvernonohio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Mount-Vernon-Code-PARTIAL-DRAFT-2-23-23-CLEAN.pdf>.

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 2022 audit summarized the strengths and weaknesses of the existing regulations in terms of usability, organization and substantive standards, and provided options for improvement. It also included a proposed outline for a reorganized zoning code to improve usability by staff, residents, business owners and City officials. The first partial draft of revisions builds upon the recommendations from the audit with actual modifications to the City's zoning code.

The City continues to work with Compass Point Planning to draft and propose changes to the existing zoning code. City staff will continue to work with the consultant in early May and will provide further updates. Public comments on this first draft can be emailed to pc@mountvernonohio.org.

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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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