



Mount Vernon

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City Seeks Public Comment on Zoning Code Update

Revisions to be presented at Municipal Planning Commission meetings

MOUNT VERNON, May 8, 2024 – The first major update to the City’s Zoning Code since the 1990s has been proposed, and is now going to be presented to the public over the next several weeks for its review and comment.

In late 2022, Mount Vernon embarked on a process to modernize its planning, zoning and subdivision regulations to ensure that the City 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 worked with a zoning consultant to assess the need for changes to its existing Zoning Code.

The full draft of the revised Zoning Code has now been posted on the [City’s website](#), and will be formally presented at a meeting of the Municipal Planning Commission on Thursday, May 9, 2024, in Council Chambers, City Hall.

In addition to that public meeting, [comment from residents is being sought online](#) through noon on May 31, 2024. There will then be a special Municipal Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, June 6, 2024, in Council Chambers, to review the Zoning Code revision and the comments submitted online.

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.

More specifically, some of the many purposes of the City’s Zoning Code are to:

- Implement the City of Mount Vernon Comprehensive Plan and other policies or plans adopted or approved by the City as they relate to the development of land.
- Encourage and facilitate orderly, efficient and appropriate growth and development.
- Facilitate development of land uses according to a comprehensive design that ensures the availability of and provision for adequate traffic capacity, water and sewer service, schools, public parklands and other such public facilities.

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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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