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Zoning Code and Map Process Update

The Public Review Drafts of the Oxford Zoning Code and Map were introduced in July. There was just over a month of public input that included posting of all information on the City Website, a public Open House at the Conference Center, three days of informational “drop in” time with Planning Staff at City Hall, and many other individually requested meetings. Planning staff collected each comment and request for modifications and prepared a response to each for consideration.

In late August the staff met with the Aldermen in three Work Sessions and discussed potential modifications to the Code and Map based on all input received. After decisions regarding those requests, changes were made and the revised version of the Code and Map were discussed with the Planning Commission at a Work Session on August 31.

After all these discussions were completed, staff made all final adjustments, substantive and technical, to the Code and Map. These, and accompanying explanatory documents, are now posted on the Website. The new documents include:

- The Public Hearing Draft of the Zoning Code
- The Public Hearing Draft of the Zoning Map
- The Guide to the Zoning Code, with notes explaining substantive changes in the Public Hearing Draft.
- A spreadsheet (with six tabbed pages) outlining all the public comments (separately for map, code, technical comments, and general questions), and staff commentary regarding them; the map and code changes considered and the decisions made regarding the requests for the Public Hearing Draft.
- Explanatory/Comparison Document outlining the differences between the current RB District, the Neighborhood Residential District, and the new “protective overlay” version Traditional Neighborhood Residential district in the Public Hearing Draft.

The next step in the process will be a second Public Open House, scheduled for **Thursday, September 21, 2017** from 4-7pm at the Conference Center. This will be a final opportunity to see the revised versions of the Code and Map, and ask any questions of the Planning staff, before the Planning Commission Public Hearing. Those who wish can also leave any comments or requests for further modifications.

The Public Hearing before the Planning Commission is now scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** at 5pm in City Hall. The Commission will likely consider the staff presentation, possibly ask staff for further information, and then take up consideration of their recommendation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at their regular October meeting.

The Planning Commission's October meeting will be on **Monday, October 9, 2017**. It is at this meeting where they are most likely to determine their recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Following that, it is anticipated that the first reading before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will be on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**.

The updated files may be found on the City's website at <http://www.oxfordms.net/land-development-code-and-zoning-map>.

Should you have any additional comments or questions, please feel free to contact us at 662.232.2305 or by email to pabarnum@oxfordms.net.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Daniel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Judy" and last name "Daniel" clearly distinguishable.

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