



SPRINGFIELD
DEVELOPMENT CODE
UPDATE PROJECT



Community Survey Results

Over this past summer, we conducted broad community engagement for Phase 1 - Housing and Phase 2 - Employment Lands of the Development Code Update Project through a virtual open house and online survey.

We asked for community feedback and input to help us ensure that the changes proposed to the Springfield Development Code are easy to understand, more streamlined, and support development. Additionally, to help us implement changes that fit Springfield in response to the new state required middle housing laws (HB 2001) that will need to be incorporated into the City's housing code language.

Overall, the proposed changes will help achieve the purpose of the Development Code Update Project to change the Springfield Development Code to support efficient, timely, and clear development review. And, to have the updated Development Code support Springfield's economic development priorities and honor Springfield's home town feel now and in the future. Thank you to those that filled out the survey!

As part of our broader community engagement, we have heard some confusion around what this project will change in the Springfield Development Code and what it will not. We want to provide some clarity on what the project is changing and not changing to the Springfield Development Code.

What is Changing as part of the project

- Permitted Uses – Most residential housing types (duplex, triplex, fourplex, cottage cluster housing, and townhomes) would be allowed in all residential zones, however development of new single-unit homes would not be allowed in

- medium or high density zones (MDR and HDR, proposed R-2 and R-3)
- Additionally, employment land uses will be revised to focus on broad categories of uses rather than detailed lists of specific uses. Bed & Breakfast, Boarding House Facilities will be replaced with Short Term Rental to include various categories of residential rental facilities
- Development Standards – Height limits, setbacks, lot coverage, parking, etc.
- Lot size – Proposed to be reduced to achieve planned density
- Remove Solar Setback Standards

What's Not Changing as part of the project

- Application/Permit fees
- System Development Charges (SDCs)
- Building Code requirements
- Fire Code requirements
- Infrastructure Improvement standards
- Storm water requirements; and
- Wetland and Floodplain standards.

You can view the full results, proposed changes, Frequently Asked Questions, two Fact Sheets and more on the project website at <https://bit.ly/DevCodeUpdate>.

Go to Project Webpage

Upcoming Joint Public Hearing

Based on input to date from the project Technical Advisory Committee, the broader community, the Springfield Planning Commission, and the Springfield City Council, staff has prepared draft proposed changes that are ready for review.

A joint public hearing of the Springfield Planning Commission and Lane County Planning Commission will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 via Zoom to consider amendments to the Springfield Development Code. The joint Planning Commissions will hold a work session on this topic starting at 6:00 pm on the same date. Public comments will be taken during the public hearing but not be taken during the work session.

The City is proposing amendments to multiple sections of the Springfield Development Code. The proposed updates are intended modernize the development code and incorporate state law changes. The City of Springfield Planning case number is 811-18-000224-TYP4. The Lane County permit number is 509-PA21-5996. Lane Code Chapter 10.600-15(1) is proposed to be amended to implement the proposed changes.

The proposed amendments, applicable criteria, and Zoom link are available under the Springfield Planning Commission's January 4, 2022 meeting at springfielddoregonspeaks.org.

Documents are also available for free inspection at or by:

- Springfield Development Center within City Hall, 225 Fifth Street
- Lane County Customer Service Center, 3050 N. Delta Hwy in Eugene.
- Phone: 541.736.7135 for Springfield

- Phone: 541.682.6903 for Lane County

A staff report will be available at the Springfield Development Center and springfieldoregonspeaks.org seven days before the hearing. Additionally, copies of documents are available by request at a reasonable cost.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE OR SUBMIT COMMENTS: Written comments should be submitted to springfieldoregonspeaks.org prior to the hearing, up until 5:00 pm, on January 4, 2022 for the Planning Commissions' joint public hearing. If community members wish to make oral statements or provide verbal testimony it must be given at the joint public hearing.

[Go to SpringfieldOregonSpeaks](http://springfieldoregonspeaks.org)

Recursos en español

Parte de la información del proyecto está disponible en español en el sitio web del proyecto, incluidas las preguntas frecuentes y dos hojas informativas. Además, los detalles de la audiencia pública y cómo proporcionar comentarios están disponibles. Otros documentos del proyecto pueden estar disponibles en español a pedido.

[Realice la encuesta aquí](#)

Help Others Stay Informed

Forward this email to other community members you know who may like to provide input by participating in the virtual open house and survey, and be informed in the future about the Development Code Update Project. They can use the button below to sign up to receive these email updates automatically!

[Sign Up on E-Update List](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- 6:00 pm on January 4, 2022 - Joint Planning Commission Work Session.
- 7:00 pm on January 4, 2022 - Joint Planning Commission Public Hearing

The meeting agenda packet including the staff report will be available seven days prior to the meeting date [here](#).

[Go to SpringfieldOregonSpeaks](http://springfieldoregonspeaks.org)

Project Contact

If you have any questions please get in touch with me. Also, please send this project information on to anyone that you know of that might be interested.

Thank you. We look forward to working with you on this project.

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Visit the [project web page](#).
[Sign up on the project's interested parties list](#).

Project Purpose and Objectives

The established project purpose and objectives were developed in conjunction with the Springfield City Council and Planning Commission and approved as part of the Community Engagement Plan for the project.

The Purpose of the Development Code Update Project is to change the Springfield Development Code to support efficient, timely, and clear development review. The updated Development Code will support Springfield's economic development priorities and will honor Springfield's home town feel now and in the future.

The Project objectives are to:

1. Enable quick review of development applications.
2. Provide easy to understand code language presented in a clear and user-friendly format.
3. Provide a straight-forward processing path to development decisions.
4. Support/further economic development in all sectors.
5. Protect and enhance the beauty of our city to boost or stabilize property values, encourage investment, and improve the image of the community.
6. Comply with mandatory regulatory requirements including implementation of House Bill 2001.
7. Implement the City's adopted policies.



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