Phase 2: Code Development (Ongoing)

Code Development

The City's consultant team led by White & Smith Planning and Law Group of Kansas City, Mo., with subconsultants Kendig Keast and Vireo, are creating a code framework, overseeing public input and engagement, and will draft new codes and regulations and graphics to replace the existing Zoning and Planning Code (Chapter 59 of the

Oklahoma City Municipal Code), sign regulations (Chapter 3, Article V of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code), and the Oklahoma City Subdivision Regulations. Phase 2 is a multi-year process that includes multiple opportunities for community-wide feedback in the form of surveys, focus groups on specific topics, and workshops to continue throughout 2022 and 2023.

Prior Presentations to Watch

New Zones for Development: The first step in re-writing the City's Zoning Code is proposing new zones. While some zones will be new, others will be reorganized and renamed for easier understanding and display. The City's consultants propose new zones that relate better to the City's Comprehensive Plan for the future called plan**okc**. The Comprehensive Plan divides the City into Land Use Typology Areas (LUTAs). The LUTAs are being proposed as the basis for new zones from Rural to Downtown. Watch two presentations on how the proposed new zones would work.

New Zones Part 1   Audio

New Zones Part 2

Zoning 101: [Browse the Zoning 101 Staff Presentation](#)

Sign Regulations: The Code Update started with a revision of the City's Sign Code. (Chapter 3, Article V of the Oklahoma City Municipal Code). In the coming months, more input will be received at Boards and Commissions, including the Planning Commission and the City Council. If the City Council recommends the changes for adoption, revised sign regulations will be transferred to Chapter 59, Zoning and Planning Code.

The goals of updating the sign regulations are to create a highly graphic and user-friendly code layout, to reduce sign clutter across the City, and to improve the aesthetics of signs. Several focus groups were held in 2020 to get feedback on signs. These included the Stakeholder Advisory Team, sign industry professionals, city staff and neighborhood representatives.

[Sign Code Presentation](#)

[Draft Sign Code](#)

Survey Results

Code Update Survey 2021: Consultants and City staff conducted a survey in early Fall 2021. We heard from more than 1,300 residents. Those who answered the survey are most concerned about housing options/affordability; traffic/street conditions; more walkable areas and open/natural space; flooding and preserving existing buildings and homes.

The zoning code **can address** issues such as housing options; some issues of housing affordability (like allowed building materials, faster approval processes, and parking that affect affordability and maintaining existing homes); landscaping and open spaces; future provision of city services (like utilities and traffic); food access; tree preservation, mitigation of future nuisances; and how future subdivisions are built and maintained.

The zoning code **cannot** **directly address** issues such as existing street conditions and timing of traffic lights; all forms of homelessness/panhandling; all issues of housing affordability; public transportation availability; mitigation of existing nuisances and crime; existing subdivision street connectivity and maintenance of private streets and amenities. These issues may be addressed with other city programs.

Take the survey until Dec. 31:

OKC Downtown: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/okcdowntown

OKC Core: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/okccore

OKC Outside the Core: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/okcoutsidecore

OKC Rural: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/okcrural

Spanish: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/okcespanol

Vietnamese: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Khaosatykien

Stakeholder Advisory Team

Public Input: A Mayor-appointed Stakeholder Advisory Team meets periodically throughout the code development process to provide guidance to the Consultants on key elements and technical aspects of the code. The Team held their first meeting via Zoom on May 29, 2020. Meetings are open to the public.

Check here for agendas and meeting minutes.

Events: Consultants and City staff will hold various events throughout the project to explain Code Development and gain ongoing feedback from residents, business owners, not-for-profit organizations, neighborhoods, and officials.

Sign up here for email updates. Also email codeupdate@okc.gov to request more information.

Drafts: As the new code is developed, drafts will be released periodically for public review and comment. Check back for updates on draft releases and sign up for email updates to receive information on draft releases.