

2009 Zoning Amendment Project

In February, the Planning Division began a project to revise various sections of the Zoning Ordinance to help clarify regulations, implement sustainability goals, promote progressive planning regulations and provide predictability to the process for applicants and citizens.

The project includes focusing on the following types of regulations;

- Zoning Amendment Standards
- Notification and Appeals
- Purpose Statements for Zoning Districts
- Conditional Use Standards
- Non-Conforming / Non-complying standards
- Conditional Building and Site Design Review standards
- Special Exceptions
- Planned Development regulations
- Zoning Map Changes
- Tables of Permitted and Conditional Uses and Definition of Uses
- Off-Street Parking regulations and policies

One way the Planning Division is obtaining public input is through a Task Force of individuals who represent business, community councils, City boards and commissions, citizens interested in planning issues and those who have taken projects through the planning process. On February 9, 2009 the Task Force held its first meeting to give feedback to the Planning Division relating to Zoning Amendment Standards and Notification and Appeals regulations. This group will continue to meet to review the other topics through June, 2009.

Another way the Planning Division is obtaining public input is through the Planning Division's monthly open houses. These open houses are held on the third Thursday of the Month from 4:30-6:00 P.M. on the first floor of the City & County Building. The February Open House included review of the Zoning Amendment Standards, Notification and Appeals regulations, and the initial input on revisions to the Purpose Statements of the zoning districts.

Information regarding this project is also located on the Planning Division Website at www.slcgov/CED/planning.com. Individuals can review proposed amendments as they are prepared and send comments to the Planning Division through this site.

In March the focus for the project will be on revisions to the Purpose Statements of the zoning districts. The importance of the Purpose Statements is that they give the reasoning and "purpose" of the zoning district and help distinguish one zone from another. They are used by planners and decision makers in making zoning interpretations and in determining whether a development project request is consistent with the zoning district in which it will be located.

The Planning Commission is tentatively scheduled to hold a public hearing on the Zoning Amendment Criteria and Noticing and Appeals regulation amendments in March.

If you would like more information about this project or if you would like to be placed on the notification list for the Open Houses and Planning Commission public hearings please contact Cheri Coffey, Planning Manager at (801) 535-6188 or via e-mail at cheri.coffey@slcgov.com.