



City of Newton: Department of Planning & Development


Do Zoning Proposals Reflect Your Village Center Visions?


Zoning influences economic development, housing, transportation + more

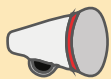
Give your input on the city's proposed updates
September 1st - October 16th

Virtual Info Session
Thursday, September 8th, 6-7pm - Register Here

Beginning September 1st, participate & give input through:

 feedback tool (online or hard-copy)

 library exhibit (at Newton Free Library or online)



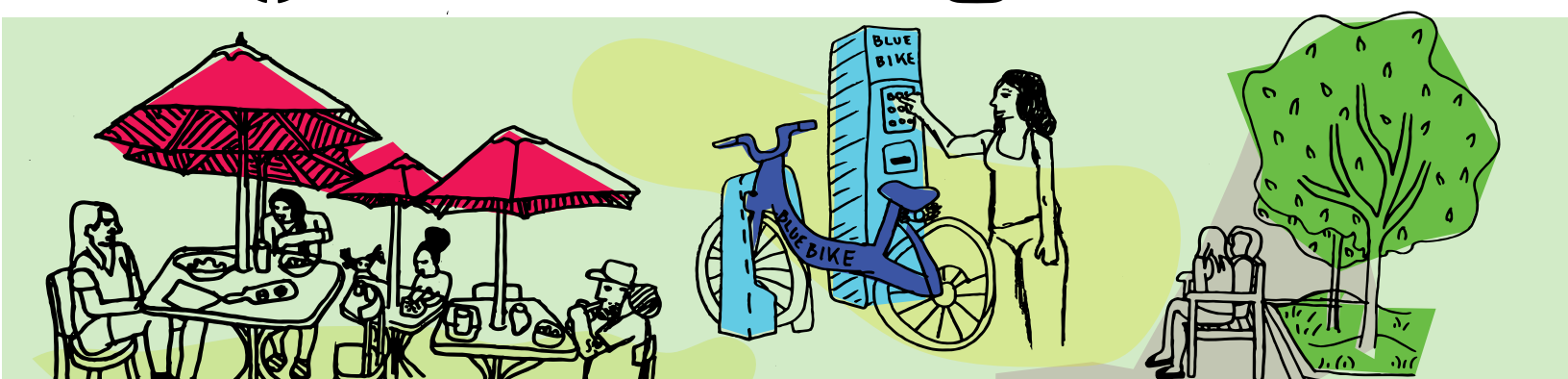
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Why is zoning important?

Zoning laws regulate how land in Newton can be developed and what kinds of new buildings are allowed. Zoning can influence 🏪 stores' and business' activity through 🚗 parking and density requirements, whether 🌿 green space or 🎨 public spaces are required in new developments, or the amount of 🏠 housing supply near 🚏 public transportation. Zoning for village centers hasn't been majorly updated for 30+ years.

What will I give input on? What will be done with it?

Last summer, the city heard what community members' envisioned for the village center's future. Based on that, the City drafted a set of updates to the zoning rules. The City seeks input on 3 questions about the updates' framework for increased density and reduced parking requirements.

Community input will be presented to Newton City council - pecifically, to the Zoning and Planning Committee (also known as ZAP). If the ZAP committee wishes to move forward with some or all of the proposed changes, it will hold a public hearing and then vote.

How will I be able to give input?

- 🗨️ Through the 'feedback tool' - through your phone, your computer, or a printed copy
- 🏠 Visit the Village Center Zoning library exhibit at Newton Free Library (open at the same hours as the library). *There will also be a virtual version of the library exhibit to 'visit'*
- 📣 Engage the rest of your community by using the Engagement Toolkit, which will have flyers and instructions on how to do your own engagement

Language Accessibility

Engagement material will be available in Chinese, Russian and Spanish.

If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City of Newton's ADA/Sec. 504 Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253.

The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089.

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For questions, contact zoningredesign@newtonma.gov

