

Community Open House Notice

Proposed Downtown Gladstone Zoning Code Amendments

Date: Wednesday, June 29, 2022

• Time: 5:30 – 7:30 PM

• Location: Gladstone Senior Center, 1050 Portland Avenue, Gladstone, Oregon

• Format: Open House, with display stations where attendees can learn about different elements of the proposed zoning code amendments

Property owners, business owners, and all residents of Gladstone and other interested parties are encouraged to attend an **Open House** on Wednesday, June 29, 2022, to learn about and provide input on proposed amendments to the Gladstone Zoning Code affecting properties along and near Portland Avenue.

In 2017, the City of Gladstone adopted the *Downtown Revitalization Plan*, which is intended to serve as a framework for actions that the City intends to undertake, to promote a thriving, mixed-use downtown Gladstone. The 2017 Plan calls for physical improvements (including making Portland Avenue a more pedestrian-friendly corridor; and the reconstruction of the Trolley Bridge connecting Gladstone to Oregon City). The Plan also identifies a series of revisions to development regulations, with the intent of better accommodating medium density, mixed-use development, including new buildings with ground-floor shops and restaurants with housing on upper floors.

At the Open House on June 29th, attendees will be able to learn about the proposed code changes, focused on a new *Downtown Overlay Zone* which will establish special regulations related to such topics as:

- Possible reductions in parking requirements
- Consideration of building height and allowed density, especially for housing and mixed-use development
- Requirements affecting the design and use of ground-floor spaces, encouraging shops and other active uses and discouraging street-facing parking
- Building design features which complements the existing built environment within the Corridor, and reinforces a traditional "Main Street" character

The local planning firm MIG has drafted the proposed Downtown Overlay Zone, and representatives from MIG as well as City staff will be available to answer questions and solicit input at the Open House.

The Planning Commission will also be discussing these code amendments at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM, with a formal hearing and action on July 19, 2022.

For more information about this project, the Open House, or future City hearings, please go to https://www.ci.gladstone.or.us/administration/project/downtown-revitalization-plan-code-amendments or contact John Southgate at john@johnsouthgatecounsulting.com