



Zoning Redesign: Village Centers

The City of Newton's project to redesign the zoning code

Village Center Overlay District (VCOD) Zoning

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One story buildings on Beacon Street in Newton Centre. Under proposed VC Zoning Version 2.0 these would be part of overlay district Village Center 2 (VC2).

VCOD Urban Design and Economic Feasibility Analysis for MRT Zone June 12 at ZAP

The Multi-Residence Transit (MRT) zone facilitates new small-scale multi-family buildings similar in size to the surrounding residential neighborhoods and the preservation of existing homes through conversion to multiple units. Consultants, Utile and Landwise, will present financial feasibility and urban form studies at ZAP's next regularly scheduled meeting on June 12 at 7:00pm.

VCOD Briefing with Full City Council June 20 at 6:00 PM

While this work has been happening at the City Council Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) and out in the community since 2021, a full briefing is scheduled on June 20 at

6:00pm for Councilors, and the public, who may not have had the opportunity to engage with the VCOD proposal. This hybrid meeting will provide a broad overview of what the VCOD is, how it functions, and why it is necessary to achieve the City's goals and objectives. You may attend in-person at Newton City Hall, Room 207, or on Zoom: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/89993630269>

City Council Zoning and Planning Public Hearing June 26 on Version 2.0 Village Center Zoning Maps Meeting

The Planning Department presented the zoning text for the VCOD Version 2.0 maps during the May 8th ZAP meeting. During the meeting, ZAP scheduled a public hearing for June 26 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be hybrid, in-person at Newton City Hall, Room 207, and on Zoom: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/84222707047>

Planning staff mailed postcard notices to property owners and occupants within the proposed VCOD, immediate abutters, and abutters of abutters.

You can view thereport from the May ZAP meeting [here](#), and watch the meeting [here](#).

New Info Sheets for Details on VCOD

Want to learn how the VCOD zoning will help achieve our city-wide goals of increasing housing options, supporting local businesses, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, encouraging safe and accessible transit opportunities, and creating more affordable housing options? Explore the newly released "Info Sheets" broken down by topic. You can find them all on the Planning Department website: www.newtonma.gov/zoningredesign/vc



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