



City of Newton: Department of Planning & Development


# Do Zoning Proposals Reflect Your Village Center Visions?


Zoning influences economic development, housing, transportation + more

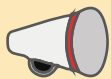
Give your input on the city's proposed updates  
September 1st - October 16th

**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)



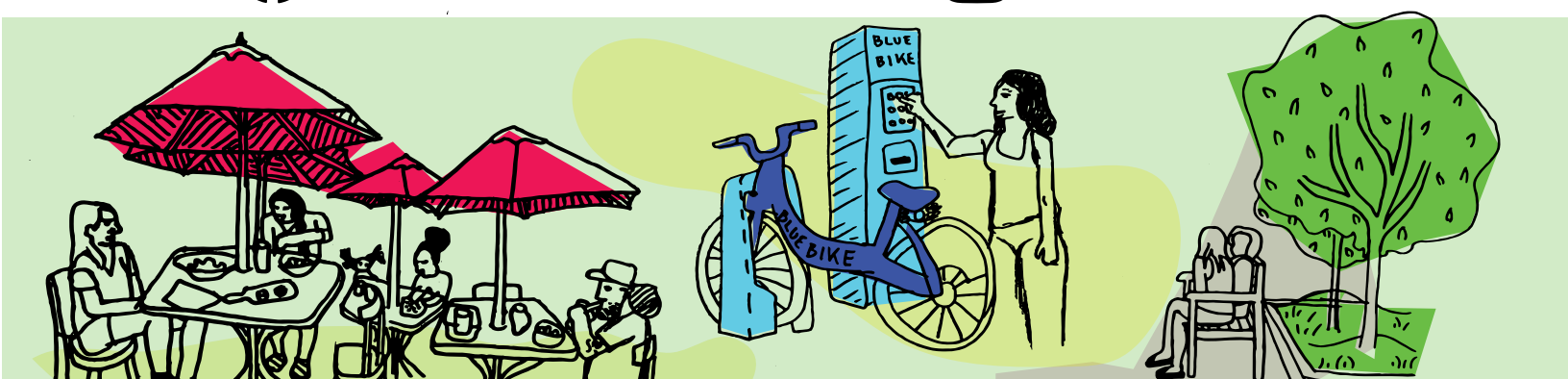
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## Why is zoning important?

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 - specifically, to the Zoning and Planning Committee (aka 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](mailto:jfairley@newtonma.gov) or (617) 796-1253.

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

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