



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



through the

feedback tool (online or hard-copy)  
library exhibit (Newton Free Library or online)



Learn more at a Virtual Info Session

Thursday, September 8th, 6-7pm - [Register here](#)

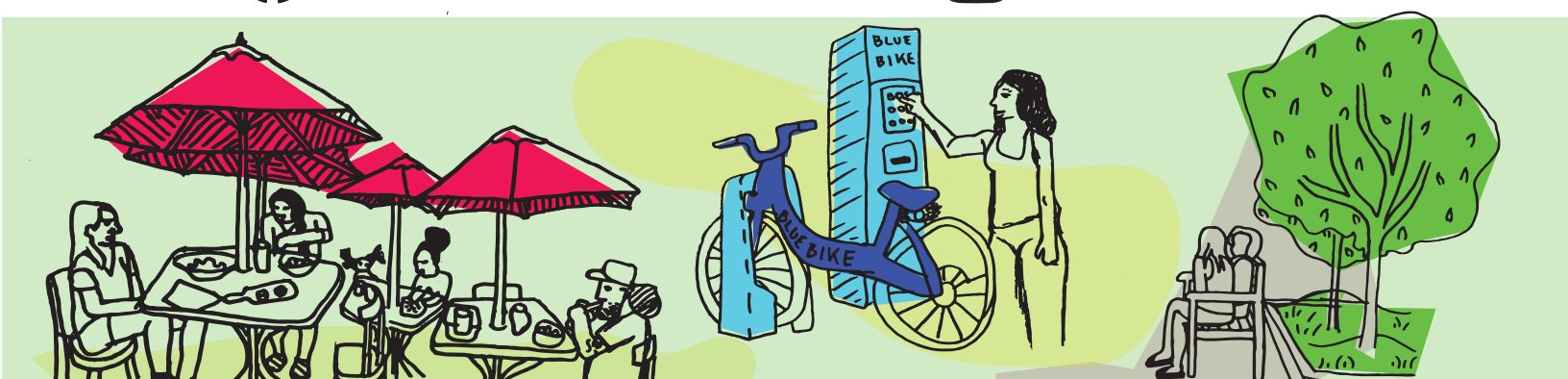
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Why is zoning important?

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 (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' - using 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 with engagement tools listed on the website
- 🌻 Participate in an equitable focus groups for younger people (15-24 and 25-35), people with disabilities, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous & People of Color), and renters. Dates are still being confirmed - [click here to fill out the interest form and receive notifications of scheduling.](#)

Language Accessibility

Engagement material can be available in another language besides English upon request.

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

