



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

The Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2) are designed to guide and focus growth in a way that will support economic competitiveness, improve residents' quality of life and provide environmental benefits throughout the City of Columbus. C2P2 is comprised of four elements: Guiding Principles; Design Guidelines; Land Use Policies; and Land Use Plans.

C2P2 provides the benefits of consistent, predictable, up-to-date policies citywide and a process to ensure that communities across the city have equal consideration for planning and design policy. City staff will work with civic leaders and community stakeholders to implement C2P2, including continued regular updates with public engagement to build consensus and maintain current policies citywide. The City will then work with individual communities to develop area specific Land Use Plans to be used in conjunction with the Guiding Principles, Design Guidelines, and Land Use Policies. When all four elements of C2P2 are adopted for an area it is called "complete adoption".

Area commissions and major civic associations also have the opportunity to support "early adoption" of the C2P2 Design Guidelines for their individual communities. Early adoption allows areas to use the Design Guidelines with existing adopted area plan recommendations for development review until such time that an area specific Land Use Plan can be prepared. If there is a conflict between an existing plan recommendation and C2P2 Design Guidelines, the more current policies will apply. As the C2P2 Guiding Principles are updated, the adopted updates will automatically apply within areas of early adoption.

The Far South Columbus Area Commission voted on March 5, 2020 to support early adoption of C2P2 Design Guidelines. This ordinance recognizes this support and authorizes use of the Design Guidelines for reviewing development proposals and related issues within the Far South Columbus Area Commission boundary.

The Columbus Development Commission voted at their June 14, 2018 meeting to recommend that City Council approve the use of the Design Guidelines element of the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies in any community that supports "early adoption."

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION: Approval.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

To approve the use of the Design Guidelines element of the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2) for reviewing development proposals and related issues within the boundary of the Far South Columbus Area Commission.

WHEREAS, the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies (C2P2) were adopted by City Council in 2018 to serve as a basis for engaging civic leaders and community stakeholders in developing planning policies and to guide the next generation of growth and development in Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies are comprised of four elements: Guiding Principles, Design Guidelines, Land Use Policies, and Land Use Plans for specific areas; and

WHEREAS, C2P2 provides the benefits of consistent, predictable, up-to-date policies citywide and a process to ensure that communities across the city have equal consideration for planning and design policy; and

WHEREAS, community engagement is a key component of C2P2, and input will be sought at both a citywide and neighborhood level based on the need and type of update proposed; and

WHEREAS, area commissions and major civic associations have the opportunity to support Early Adoption of the C2P2 Design Guidelines for their individual communities, which allows areas to use the Design Guidelines with existing adopted area plan recommendations for development review until such time that an area specific Land Use Plan can be prepared for the area; and

WHEREAS, the Far South Columbus Area Commission voted to support early adoption of the C2P2 Design Guidelines on March 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS; after public notice, a public hearing was held on June 14, 2018 at which the Columbus Development Commission voted to recommend that City Council approve the use of the Design Guidelines element of the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies in any community that supports “early adoption;” **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

SECTION 1. That the Design Guidelines element of the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies are hereby adopted as a guide for development review and related issues within the boundary of the Far South Columbus Area Commission.

SECTION 2. That through early adoption, C2P2 Design Guidelines will be used with existing adopted area plan recommendations. If there is a conflict between an existing plan recommendation and C2P2 Design Guidelines the more current policies will apply.

SECTION 3. That the Department of Development is directed to monitor the use of the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies, and to present to City Council any amendments necessary to keep policies updated and current.

SECTION 4. That the Columbus Citywide Planning Policies shall be kept on file in the Department of Development, Planning Division.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.