

Bay City Code Evaluation and Update Project

The Bay City Code Evaluation and Update project began in 2020 with the objective of removing barriers to creating a vibrant community that supports various modes of transportation (vehicular, walking, biking, etc.). The purpose of the project is to amend the Bay City Development Ordinance (or “code”) to promote safe and efficient transportation, available and affordable housing, and a thriving town center. Specifically, the work supports the City’s interest to:

- Provide transportation choices (e.g., walk, bike, bus, personal vehicle)
- Create livable neighborhoods and vibrant centers
- Support economic opportunities and vitality
- Encourage enhanced land uses and safe, well-connected transportation routes
- Protect natural resources











Phase One, the Code Evaluation phase, was completed in 2021. The Final Action Plan documents the findings and community input that resulted from this work, including specific recommendations to address barriers to development in Bay City. The Final Action Plan can be found at: https://www.ci.bay-city.or.us/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_hall/project/5231/final_action_plan_040621.pdf.

The objective of the Phase Two project is to provide the City with more information and direction related to key topic areas and to implement the code amendments recommended in the Final Action Plan.


With the help of City Staff, community stakeholders, and the City’s leaders, the Project Management Team will draft new and revised zoning and development requirements. The revised Development Ordinance will be available for public review and considered for adoption at public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council, tentatively planned for late 2022.


This project is funded by a grant from the Transportation and Growth Management (TGM) Program, a joint program of the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development. The program helps governments across Oregon with skills and resources to plan long-term, sustainable growth through land use and transportation planning, consistent with other local planning goals and changing demographics. To learn more about the program's mission, goals, and objectives, see <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/TGM/Documents/mission-goals-objectives.pdf>.


Bay City Code Update Project Schedule


Tasks	2022												2023
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	
1 Project Kickoff													
2 Drafting Code Language													
3 Adoption													


KEY

Stakeholder Meetings 

Open House 

Draft Deliverable 

Final Deliverable 

PC and/or CC Meeting 

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the project?

The purpose of the Bay City Code Evaluation and Update project is to make recommended changes to the City's land use requirements, to help the City remove barriers to creating a vibrant community that supports various modes of transportation (vehicular, walking, bicycling, etc.).

Proposed modifications will help achieve a mix of building types and uses in the downtown, increase the diversity of housing types available (e.g., single-family homes, apartments, duplexes, townhouses), and improve transportation options in the City.

What will the outcome of the project be?

The project will result in the adoption of an updated Bay City Development Ordinance.

What is the purpose of a development code? Why does the Bay City Development Ordinance need to be updated?

The Bay City Development Ordinance was first adopted in 1978. The age of the document, as well as periodic modifications over the years, have resulted in a document that is not logically organized and is difficult to interpret and use. The review of the Development Ordinance in Phase One of the project helped Bay City realize that improvements could be made to reach its goals and become more walkable and bikeable.

What are some of the major changes expected?

The Development Ordinance will be organized more intuitively, with existing content being reorganized into different chapters and section headings. Important policy changes are expected to include amended parking requirements, an expansion of permitted housing types in certain zones, and siting standards (e.g., lot size, density, setbacks, etc.).

What is the project schedule?

The second phase of the project started in Spring 2022 and is expected to be completed in Winter 2022. Adoption hearings for the code amendments before the Bay City Planning Commission and City Council are expected to occur in the Winter of 2022. The adoption hearings will be announced and open to the public.

How can I be involved?

The City webpage has up-to-date information about the project.

A Community Meeting is scheduled for July 2022 where residents, business owners, and interested citizens can review the proposed changes and provide suggestions.

The public hearings at Planning Commission and City Council later in the year will also offer opportunities for public comment.

You may contact David Mattison, the City's Planner and Project Manager with any questions, comments, or concerns at City Hall, 503-377-2288, or at planningtech@ci.bay-city.or.us.

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