



Community Development Quarterly Newsletter

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NEW BUILDING OFFICIAL ANNOUNCED

Steve Holder has been assigned to the Brookhaven project by CAA, the city's building and permitting services provider, as Program Manager/Building Official. Steve brings multiple years of Building Code and customer service experience to the city. He has previously served as the Building Official for Forsyth County, the City of Tucker, and the City of Dawsonville. He currently serves as the president of Metro Atlanta Inspectors Association and is a Board Member of the Building Officials Association of Georgia.

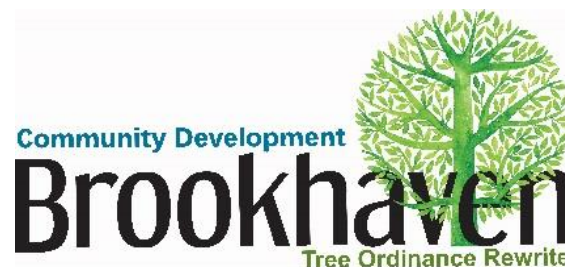


CITY CENTRE MASTER PLAN PROJECT SCHEDULE

Following a first round of public input meetings on Dec. 3, the City of Brookhaven has launched a project website for City Centre Vision 2021 at <https://sycamore.mysocialpinpoint.com/brookhaven>. Residents can visit the interactive website to view a project timeline and download information packets including a preliminary market study, existing conditions, and crash data analysis. The next round of public engagement is anticipated to begin in summer 2021.

TREE ORDINANCE REWRITE PROJECT SCHEDULE

The department will be completing a comprehensive rewrite of the city's tree ordinance. Following initial public meetings, the department released a draft of the rewrite on April 14, 2021 and held a final set of public engagement meetings on April 22, 2021. Meeting details and other information can be found on the project website can be found here: <https://brookhavenga.mysocialpinpoint.com/tree-ordinance-rewrite?preview=true>. The department anticipates presenting the rewrite to the City Council for Adoption in June.



AVERAGE FRONT YARD SETBACK UPDATES

In July 2020, the Planning Commission received public comment via e-mail regarding the implementation of the contextual setback standard which was adopted as part of the 2018 zoning ordinance rewrite in contrast to the average front yard setback standard required under the prior code. Subsequently, the department gave the Commission presentations on the prior and existing codes and the group completed site visits to review some example properties.

Based on all of the information discussed, the Commission determined that there was consensus among its members to request that City Council consider reverting the ordinance to the prior average front yard setback standard entirely or to provide a stepped approach where the standard would be reinstated with the ability for administrative variance approval with neighboring property owner support or full variance review by the Board of Appeals where neighbor support was not obtained. The City Council then directed that the department prepare an amendment in consideration of the Planning Commission's recommendations.

The proposed amendment was heard in late 2020 and was presented for adoption by the City Council at its February 9, 2021 meeting. A copy of the final ordinance can be found here:

https://library.municode.com/ga/brookhaven/ordinances/code_of_ordinances?nodetd=1069777.

GATEWAY SOUTH CHARACTER AREA PROJECT SCHEDULE

Following the annexation of land area into the City south of Interstate 85, the City Council determined that review and citizen input on the vision statements, policies, and recommendations related to this area of the city was necessary. A request for proposal was issued and a contract was awarded to VHB to facilitate a Character Area Update. The draft study was released in December 2020 and was reviewed for

adoption by the City Council and Planning Commission in January 2021. The final study can be found here:

<https://www.brookhavenga.gov/commdev/page/gateway-south-character-area-vision>.



FEE SCHEDULE UPDATES

Annually, the department presents general fee schedule updates to the City Council to align with industry standards or code changes completed during the prior year. The department presented the most recent fee schedule update to the City Council at its January 12, 2021 meeting. The fee changes were posted at city hall and on the city website on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 making the effective date Monday, February 28, 2021. The adopted fee schedule can be found here:

https://www.brookhavenga.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/community_development/page/2021/cob_community_development_fee_schedule_effective022821.pdf.

REPORT A PROBLEM

Have an issue or problem to report or a work order to submit? Inquiries can be submitted through the city's [Brookhaven Connect](#) system, by e-mail at code@brookhavenga.gov, or by phone at 404-637-0500.



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Have Division specific questions? Please contact the Divisions as follows:

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