

Legislation Text

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Adoption of the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Action:

Adopt the Plan Policy section of the Final Recommended Draft Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

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Explanation

- On October 31, 2020, the City of Charlotte released a draft Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan) for public review and comment.
- The Plan includes the Vision and Growth Framework for implementation of the city's goals into a living document that integrates community input and best practices that will guide the city's decision-making and investment in both the near and long term.
- This Plan addresses how the built environment can better reflect and advance community values around topics like equity, transportation, quality of life, economic development, jobs, affordable housing, health, safety, and sustainability.
- The Plan contains three sections: The Plan Policy, the Implementation Strategy, and the Manuals and Metrics.
 - The Plan Policy is considered the main body of the Plan and includes the Plan's 10 Goals, supporting objectives, projects, programs, and introduces ten Place Types that set aspirational direction for how development will contribute to creating complete communities across the city.
 - The Implementation Strategy provides actions for the policies, projects, and programs; strategies for integration with other Plans; a framework for Community Area Plans and mapping; guidance for the Unified Development Ordinance, recommendations for Capital Improvement Projects, and how to track progress.
 - The Manuals and Metrics provide more detail and background on the Equitable Growth Framework's metrics and methodology, as well as more detailed guidance for the aspirational aspects of the ten Place Types. The Place Types Manual also provides guidance for Place Type Mapping and a community process for reviewing recommended Place Type designations.

Background

- In the Winter 2018 to Spring 2019, the first phase of the Comprehensive Plan development process began with a focus on Charlotte's history, existing conditions, and community vision and values.
- The second phase (Summer 2019 - Fall 2019) focused on growth strategies; examining the implication of concentrating future growth along corridors, in and around major activity centers, or in and around neighborhood nodes.
- The third phase (Winter 2019 - Fall 2020) focused on the development of policies, projects, and programs around the city's future growth strategies and overall vision. During this phase, the community, and particularly the Plan Ambassadors and Strategic Advisors, weighed in on the ten main goals and objectives that form the policy framework, the data and conclusions

from the Equitable Growth Framework, and the ten Place Types.

- In the fourth phase, (Fall 2020 - Spring 2021) the Executive Summary and draft Plan Policy was released in October 2020 and reviewed by the Charlotte City Council and the community. During this six-month review process, feedback was collected in a variety of ways from many voices throughout Charlotte.
- City Council held a public hearing on the Plan on March 22, 2021.
- After additional engagement with Council and the community, a second revised recommended draft was released on May 20, 2021, to reflect community and Council feedback on the initial draft Plan.
- On June 15, 2021, the Planning Committee of the Planning Commission unanimously recommended (7-0) adoption of the Plan Policy section of the Final Recommended Draft Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- Additional information can be found at: <https://www.cltfuture2040plan.com/>.

Attachment(s)

Final Recommended Draft Plan Policy

Resolution of the Charlotte City Council Adopting the Charlotte Future 2040 Comprehensive Plan