



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Gregory I. Guernsey, AICP, Director
Planning and Zoning Department

DATE: June 16, 2017

SUBJECT: CodeNEXT Update

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the density bonus section, CodeNEXT office hours, coordination of a CodeNEXT meeting for the Spanish-speaking community, and website revisions.

Draft Density Bonus Section

The draft density bonus section of the land development code was released this morning. This draft section details the proposed density bonus programs for the City of Austin. The [density bonus section](#) can be found at codenext.civiccomment.org, and the [accompanying program overview](#) can be found on the CodeNEXT website. Comments received on the section before July 14 will be considered for the second draft of the code.

Community Meeting in Spanish

The CodeNEXT team will be hosting a CodeNEXT meeting in Spanish to share information with and gather feedback from Austin's Spanish-speaking community on the draft code text and map. This event will be held on June 28 from 7-8:30pm at the Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street.

Office Hours

CodeNEXT office hours for July and August have also been released. July and August office hours will be available in 30-minute increments, and community members will be limited to one 30-minute meeting to ensure staff is able to meet with as many community members as possible. To view the office hours schedule and to sign up for office hours, you can visit tiny.cc/codenextofficehours or call (512) 974-3583.

Website Revisions

The [CodeNEXT website](#) has been reorganized to provide an improved user experience while preserving relevant content and information. Initial changes to the site include:

- Making CodeNEXT more easily accessible on the City's main homepage as a featured initiative;
- Maintaining the most requested information on the CodeNEXT homepage, including the draft code, maps, office hours and Council questions;
- Relocating other hyperlinks from the homepage to more appropriate landing pages;
- Renaming and reorganizing landing pages to better reflect citizen needs and content;
- Adding an option under Viewpoints for people to submit position papers.

Staff will continue to monitor and make improvements to the website as additional needs are identified. For questions related to the website updates, please contact Aly Van Dyke at aly.vandyke@austintexas.gov.

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