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## **CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION UPDATES ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT CODE**

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. November 2, 2023** – The City of Grand Junction has created an update of its Zoning and Development Code and is seeking public comment on the final draft before presentation to the city's Planning Commission on Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023. Input on the update can be provided by signing into [EngageGJ.org](https://EngageGJ.org). The code is planned for review and adoption by City Council in December.

The city has been working to update the Zoning and Development Code to ensure its development regulations support the implementation of the One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan and further the city's efforts to reduce barriers for affordable and attainable housing. The city's Zoning and Development code promotes public health, safety, and welfare, and works to ensure that land is used in a way that provides for responsible and well-managed growth.

Key goals of the update are as follows:

1. Update the city's regulations to better reflect the key principles and policies described in the 2020 One Grand Junction Comprehensive Plan, especially those related to responsible and managed growth and creating strong neighborhoods, economic development, and promoting infill and redevelopment.
2. Achieve a higher level of efficiency, consistency, and simplicity.
3. Identify constraints and opportunities for affordable and attainable housing, consistent with those identified in the city's housing strategies, and encouraging increased housing choices.

In December of 2021, the city contracted with Clarion Associates a nationally renowned firm that specializes in land use codes to update the city's Zoning and Development Code. The process began with a Code Assessment based on review of the city's Comprehensive Plan and subarea plans, a Housing Needs Assessment and Strategy, and extensive interviews and focus groups. This information was distilled and incorporated into the code update. The update to the Zoning and Development Code was supported by an 18-member Development Code Committee (DCC) that met over the past 18 months to discuss and draft the updated code for review and recommendation by the Planning Commission followed by City Council consideration for adoption.

[Review and provide comment on the Zoning and Development Code update](https://EngageGJ.org)

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