



How to Protect Your Community and Home Make your Views Known to the City on the Draft CodeNEXT

1. Comment Online on CodeNEXT: The City is tracking and reading online comments to the draft Code. Your online comments are important to show your community is involved and cares. **The comment deadline is June 6th**, so don't wait.

- You may comment at <https://codenext.civiccomment.org/>. You must first quickly register there.
- The easiest way to comment is to click on the CodeNEXT Table of Contents on the homepage, it takes you to the first page of CodeNEXT, and make all your comments there.
- You may also put in the search term for each issue you want to comment on, which will take you to specific CodeNEXT sections. You then may comment on each particular section.
- On this handout's other side, we identify important issues you might want to focus on, such as new zoning classes, more commercial uses in neighborhoods, decreased public participation, and a lack of an anti-displacement and gentrification policies.

2. Organizational Comments by Email or Letter: Organizations may comment on your organizational letterhead to the city by letter or email. The deadline is also June 7th.

- Send your comments to these three CodeNEXT managers:
Greg.Guernsey@austintexas.gov,
Jorge.Rousselin@austintexas.gov,
Jennifer.Todd@austintexas.gov
- Please also copy your council member, **Kathie.Tovo@austintexas.gov** and the mayor, **Steve.Adler@austintexas.gov**. They need to know you are watching and concerned.

3. Take the City Survey. Fill out the City Survey to evaluate whether the draft Code improves the 10 major issues the City identified as important.

https://austinenergy.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Lr5DqDVxkiuwPX

4. Look at the New Maps and Comment. Every property in Austin has new zoning classifications and there are sweeping changes to neighborhoods. For your current zoning and the proposed changes to you property and your neighbors', look at <http://codenext.engagingplans.org/codenext-comparison-map>. Please comment and tell the city whether you like the changes or not.



Some Possible Areas to Make Comments on CodeNEXT

Here are some important issues that you might wish to focus your comments on in CodeNEXT. The backside of this paper explains how to comment to the City.

- 1) Two Land Codes for One City.** CodeNEXT has two different zoning codes with completely separate rules—one for the urban core (transect zones) and another for specific areas of the City and suburbs (non-transect zones). This is setting up two classes of citizens.
- 2) Disregards Neighborhood Plans.** CodeNEXT does not incorporate neighborhood plans that many neighborhood residents have developed over years with the City.
- 3) Restricts Residents' Rights to Participate.** Reduces your input into zoning and land use changes, by increasing entitlements, shortening hearing deadlines, and allowing changes without council or commission review.
- 4) Increases Power of the Un-Elected City Staff.** Allows staff to make many decisions without residents being able to appeal to city council.
- 5) No Plan to Prevent Further Displacement of Non-Affluent Residents.** Increases displacement of working families and demolition of existing affordable housing by increasing land entitlements, and increasing density. No plan or tools to prevent displacement
- 6) No Study of the Consequences to Austinites.** There is no pilot project or phase-in. CodeNEXT will apply across the entire city all at once. Yet there is no in-depth analysis of the likely impacts, such as on increased taxes, growing inequity, worsened flooding, residential displacement, more traffic congestion, and enlarged infrastructure costs

YOUR COMMENTS MATTER! PLEASE MAKE THEM BEFORE JUNE 6TH

If you wish background information on these issues, please go to the resource section of www.communitynotcommodity.com.