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## ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE OPEN HOUSES

**AUGUST 9, 2022**

The City of Watertown will host two Open Houses as a part of the citizen participation outreach for its update to the Zoning Ordinance. The City *strongly* encourages its residents to take advantage of this opportunity to speak with staff and the consulting team on the draft ordinance before it is finalized.

The re-write of the Zoning Ordinance marks the first time it has been completely updated since it was first adopted in 1959. The updated Ordinance will make it easier for residents and developers to do work in the City. Additionally, updating the Zoning will be the main tool to implement the City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan.

The open houses are designed to be “drop in” style events, with attendees able to spend as much or as little time as they like at the event. The format is relaxed and informal giving plenty of time to review the displays and provide input. City staff and consulting team will be available for one-on-one questions as well.

The City has retained Elan Planning & Design to lead a team of consultants in the planning process for the Zoning Ordinance Re-Write. The consultant team, City Planning Department Staff, and a Zoning Update Steering Committee have been closely working together. Please come share your input and ideas to help shape the future of our city.

The schedule of events is as follows:

### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022**

**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.:** Flower Memorial Library  
South Reading Room

**4–6 p.m.:** City Hall  
First Floor Lobby

For further information or questions, please contact the Planning Department at (315) 785-7741.