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## **Town Council Adopts Revised Zoning Code Update is the first major change since 1969**

After an extensive, three-year process to update the Town of Vienna's zoning code, the Vienna Town Council adopted the revised plan at its regular meeting tonight at Town Hall. The newly adopted ordinance will take effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

"This is a big moment for us tonight," said Mayor Linda Colbert as she praised the Planning and Zoning staff members who led the process. "It's pretty exciting."

"You folks have set the bar in moving forward with a good process," said Councilmember Steve Potter as he congratulated the staff on a thorough, open, community engagement process. "This was a Herculean effort, and you handled it very, very well."

The purpose of the project referred to as Code Create Vienna was to clarify, simplify, reorganize, and update key chapters of the Town code. Among other things, the update provides opportunities for residents to enhance outdoor living space to accommodate modern lifestyles, requires more green space in commercial areas and gives businesses greater flexibility to explore more commercial opportunities.

Code Create Vienna was managed by the Town's Planning and Zoning Department. The project included a multifaceted public engagement process to gather input from residents and businesses, and it involved more than 40 meetings with the Town Council and the Planning Commission. To assist in the effort, the Town retained ZoneCo, a land use planning consultant, to lead a team that included YARD & Company, specialists in public engagement and urban design, and Nelson Nygaard, an internationally recognized transportation firm.

To learn more about the recently adopted zoning and subdivision code, visit [www.viennava.gov/codeupdates](http://www.viennava.gov/codeupdates).

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