

Zoning Code Fact Sheet

Palmdale Comprehensive Zoning Code Update

Project Timeline

Fall 2021

Project Understanding

Review of current Zoning Code + Stakeholder Engagement + General Plan Consistency + Identify Issues / Opportunities

Winter 2021

Zoning Code Direction

Zoning Code Audit + Zoning Map Update + Zoning Recommendations

Summer/Fall 2022

Zoning Code Preparation

Drafts of Zoning Code + Application Forms + User Manual + Stakeholder Review

Winter 2022/Spring 2023

Review + Adoption

Public Review + Hearings for Adoption

What Is A Zoning Code?

The City's Zoning Code ([Title 17 of the Palmdale Municipal Code](#)) regulates land uses within the boundaries of Palmdale. The Code establishes zoning districts (e.g., Residential, Commercial, and Industrial) that are applied to individual properties and are consistent with the General Plan land use designations. For each zone district, the Code identifies land uses that are permitted, conditionally permitted, and prohibited. It also establishes development standards such as minimum lot size, maximum building height, and the minimum distance a building must be set back from the street. Provisions for parking, landscaping, lighting, and other rules that guide the development of projects in the city are also included.

Zoning Code Overview

The City of Palmdale is undertaking a comprehensive update to its Zoning Code to help implement the vision for Palmdale 2045, the ongoing update of the City's General Plan. This project has a Fall 2021 start date and adoption is expected in Spring of 2023.

The update of the Zoning Code is intended to support the city's growth in an orderly manner and promote and protect public health, safety, peace, comfort, and the general welfare in conformance with the Palmdale 2045 General Plan. The following are objectives of the Code update:

- Comprehensively update the Zoning Code to implement the land use patterns and development framework established in the Palmdale 2045 General Plan update.
- Update the zoning map with zoning districts that implement and are consistent with the General Plan land use designations.
- Update the development regulations, processes, and procedures in the Zoning Code to be consistent with State law.
- Streamline the project approval processes to reduce the need for discretionary review.
- Incorporate and build upon significant ongoing and recently completed work on Specific Plans and multi-family design regulations.
- Create a highly illustrative Code that is easy to use and understand, is in line with best practices, and conveys the intent of the regulations.
- Re-structure the Code to be logically organized and in line with best practices.

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