



Village of Mukwonago

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Sign Code and Zoning Code Update Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the sign code and zoning code need to be updated?

- The original zoning code and sign code were written decades ago and have been amended many times over the years. The codes are now outdated and do not always reflect best zoning and planning practices. Further, the codes don't fully implement the goals and objectives in the Village's recently updated Comprehensive Plan.

Will the entire code change or will some parts of the code remain the same?

- Those parts of the existing codes that work well will be carried forward. Those parts that need revisions will be tweaked to create a better outcome. And finally, the new codes will incorporate new provisions to respond to new and emerging opportunities.

Will the codes look different and be easier to use and understand?

- When completed, the zoning code and sign code will look and feel different. They will be more user-friendly.
 - They will be readable and understandable.
 - Restructure and reformat so its easier to use.
 - Write will be simple and clear.
 - Incorporate photos and other graphics for easy understanding.
 - Eliminate internal inconsistencies.
 - Eliminate legalese and vague language.

How long will this project take?

Our goal is to have a working draft for formal review this fall (2021) and adoption by the end of the year / early 2021.

What will the new code address?

- Update, streamline, and clarify development review procedures.
- Look at new types of land uses
- Evaluate potentially effects of the pandemic on retail businesses.
- Expand housing options
- Incorporate zoning best practices
- Promote the downtown core

How extensive will the changes to the codes be?

To recap, we are not looking to change the basic development standards for the vast majority of the village. We have a solid foundation – we are looking to tweak parts that aren’t working well and add new parts to address new and emerging opportunities.

Our overriding goal is to implement the Village’s adopted comprehensive plan.

- Keep what’s working
- Make minor revisions to other parts
- Add new things when necessary

When will there be an open house?

Village staff and the Plan Commission are working with a consultant to do this work. Once the Plan Commission has a working draft of the new code, we will conduct an open house. That way you can get the information you need in a one-on-one setting.

When will there be a Public Hearing?

Once we have final draft, we will conduct a public hearing to gather formal public input.

If I have additional questions, who can I contact?

If you have any questions about this project, we would like to hear from you. Please contact John Fellows, Community Planner, Interim Economic Development Director at 262.363.6420 x 2111 or email him at jfellows@villageofmukwonago.com