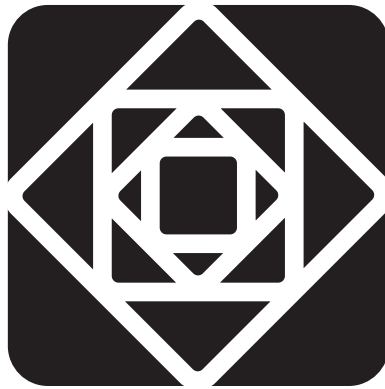


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PREFACE

To the Citizens of Portland:

I am proud to present this new zoning code for the city of Portland. In all of Portland's history, the city has had only two zoning codes, one adopted in 1924 and the other in 1959. The 1959 code has served us well, but over time it has become outdated and burdened by amendments. The new code is the product of a major four-year effort. This product is the result of substantial work from the citizens of Portland, business groups, the Planning Commission, the staff of the Bureau of Planning, and other agencies. During the process, the city Council, Planning Commission, and the Bureau of Planning held over 150 public meetings and hearings to hear public comments and review the new zoning code. Over 300 people testified before the Planning Commission and City Council and many, many letters have been received and considered. The creation of this document has truly been a public effort.

The new zoning code will result in a substantial improvement in the city's land use regulations to serve us into the twenty-first century. The code will also improve the implementation of the goals and policies of the city's Comprehensive Plan. The document is shorter and easier to read and understand than the present code. The regulations address the land use issues of today and prepare us for the growth of the future. The goal of providing certainty in regulations is balanced with the benefits of flexibility.

The improvements contained in the new zoning code represent a positive step forward in land use regulation and growth management in Portland. The code will be a major factor in shaping the future vision and direction for our city. On behalf of the entire City Council, I wish to thank all the citizens in Portland who have worked so hard and given so much to develop this document.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Earl Blumenauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Earl Blumenauer
Commissioner of Public Works

