

**2019 HOUSING
OPPORTUNITIES
STUDY**

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 8, 2019

Housing Opportunities Study

October 8, 2019 Public Hearing on Housing Opportunities Study

- Purpose of this public hearing is to get public input on changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to promote affordable housing.
- Staff Presentation will include:
 - Language from Mayor's Request
 - Goals of Housing Opportunities Study
 - Housing Opportunities Study Process
 - Housing Opportunities Study Timeline
 - How to Provide Input for Housing Opportunities Study

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Mayor LaToya Cantrell's Request

The City Planning Commission received a written request from Mayor LaToya Cantrell requesting the City Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing and a study to summarize opportunities for changes to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance based on the most recent amendments to the City's Master Plan.



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Placing limitations on the removal of residential units from historic two-family and multi-family structures



Explore new building types such as “tiny” houses



Use of public land for affordable housing

Placing limitations on the conversion of existing residential units to non-residential use

Adjustment and possible re-alignment of bulk and area standards city-wide



Explore the redevelopment of vacant blighted properties for affordable housing

New construction of accessory structures for and/or the conversion of accessory structures to residential use



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Goals for the Housing Opportunities Study

The staff has developed goals for the Housing Opportunities Study based on the Master Plan. The preliminary goals include:

1. Enhance character and livability for all neighborhoods

- Preserve and protect existing supply of renter- and owner-occupied housing;
- Expand affordability of current housing stock by providing opportunities for creating mixed-use, mixed-income, and transit-oriented neighborhoods.

2. Promote equity and access to opportunity

- Increase housing accessibility for current and new residents at all income levels while enforcing and promoting fair housing;
- Promote housing opportunities that reduce disparities for the most vulnerable populations, including low-income, homeless, seniors, and families with children.

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Goals for the Housing Opportunities Study, cont'd:

- 3. Reinvent housing policies and programs to support quality neighborhoods, meet the diverse housing needs of all household types, and support a range of rental and homeownership options for residents of all income levels.**
 - Remove barriers to the development of affordable housing in the CZO;
 - Utilize publicly owned land and vacant/blighted properties to increase housing opportunities;
 - Leverage private redevelopment to expand the variety of housing and create equitable access to neighborhoods with high access to opportunity.

- 4. Provide housing opportunities that are responsive to the changing housing needs of current and future residents.**
 - Encourage resilient sustainable housing design and infrastructure;
 - Promote supportive and accessible housing;
 - Ensure new housing incorporates community-building design and addresses site-specific and resident specific needs.

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Housing Opportunities Study Process

- Housing Background and Planning History
- Previous Studies
- Public Comments. The staff will:
 - hold community engagement meetings to discuss the study throughout the City in each Council District. The details of these meetings are being finalized;
 - hold meeting with advocates and other stakeholders;
 - provide comment boxes in public locations throughout the city including libraries and community centers;
 - create a dedicated webpage to compile comments;
 - disseminate information concerning public hearing dates and times through digital and non-digital formats including flyers and posters;
 - gather all public comment received and provide a summary of the issues and recommendations presented in those comments.
- Housing issues and analysis
- Recommendations

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Housing Opportunities Study Tentative Timeline

August

September

October

November

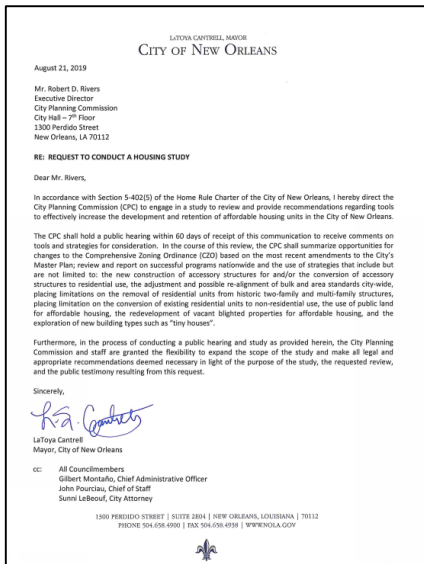
December

Aug. 21, 2019
Request by Mayor
LaToya Cantrell

Oct. 8, 2019
CPC Public
Hearing

Oct. 28, 2019
Community Meetings Begin

Oct. 1, 2019
Stakeholder Meetings Begin



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April

May

June

April 17, 2020
Draft
Recommendations
by staff

May 12, 2020
Study Released to
City Planning
Commission

May 18, 2020
Deadline for
Written
Comments

May 26, 2020
CPC Meeting
to Consider
Study

May 29, 2020
Final Study
Submitted to
Mayor Cantrell



How to Provide Input

- Submit an online comment via email to **CPC Housing Study@nola.gov**
- Mail or hand deliver your comment to the following address:
City of New Orleans
City Planning Commission
c/o Executive Director Robert Rivers
1300 Perdido Street, 7th Floor
New Orleans, LA 70112
- Attend the CPC community meeting in your Council District.
- There will also be an opportunity for public comments at the Regular City Planning Commission meeting Tuesday, **May 26, 2020 at 1:30pm**. The City Planning Commission will tentatively take action on the Housing Opportunities Study at that meeting.

May 18, 2020 at 5pm is the deadline for written comments. Written comments should be addressed to the Executive Director of the City Planning Commission. More information can be found on City Planning Commission's website (<https://nola.gov/cpc>) at the following link:

<https://www.nola.gov/city-planning/announcements/announcements/2019-housing-opportunity-study>