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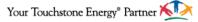




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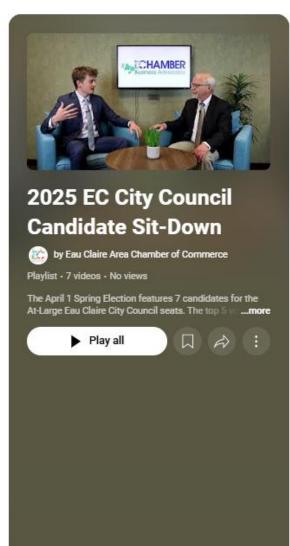
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2025 Spring Election – April 1

- Wisconsin Supreme Court
- Superintendent of Public Instruction
- District III State Appeals Court
- Eau Claire County Circuit Court Branch 2
- City Councils, Town Boards, School Boards **Eau Claire City Council**
 - 5 At Large Seats, 7 Candidates (3 incumbents)







2025 Eau Claire City Council Candidate Sit-Down Episode #1: Charlie Johnson

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE SIT-DOWN



2025 Eau Claire City Council At-Large Election

March 12, 2025

When: Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, polls open 7:00am - 8:00pm. Find your voting location at myvote.wi. There will also be in-person absentee voting in your municipal clerk's office on weekdays, March 18 - March 30, 2025.

What It's About: There are seven candidates for five open At-Large Eau Claire City Council seats, including incumbents Charlie Johnson, Larry Mboga, and Joshua Miller; along with newcomers Nate Otto, Mary Catherine Partlow, Ethan Reed, and Philip Swanhorst. Incumbents Kate Felton and Roderick Jones are not seeking reelection. The City Council also has five district seats, which will be up again in 2027, and the City Council President, which will be on the 2026 ballot.

Click here for information about other races on the Spring ballot

The Chamber's role: Although the Chamber is active in policy issues, it is non-partisan and does not endorse political candidates. We do provide information, in the candidates' own words, to help voters make informed decisions. For the competitive Eau Claire City Council race, we are providing two resources:

1) Candidate Sit-Down Video Interviews

All seven candidates sat down for five-minute interviews with Chamber VP Governmental Affairs Scott Rogers to tell us why they're running and what their priorities would be if elected.

Click here to view the videos (Eau Claire Chamber YouTube channel)

2) Good Government Council Questionnaire

The Chamber's Good Government Council (GGC) is a subcommittee of its Governmental Affairs Committee dedicated to encouraging voter participation and providing members of the business community with non-biased information about candidates' positions on important local economic issues. Each answer was limited to 150 words.

Continue reading to see the candidates' responses...

Q1. What are your background and qualifications and, if elected, what will be your top three priorities during your term on the City Council?

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Nominations now open through April 30:

- Small Business of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Emerging Business

- Resilient Business
- Young Professionals Best Place to Work





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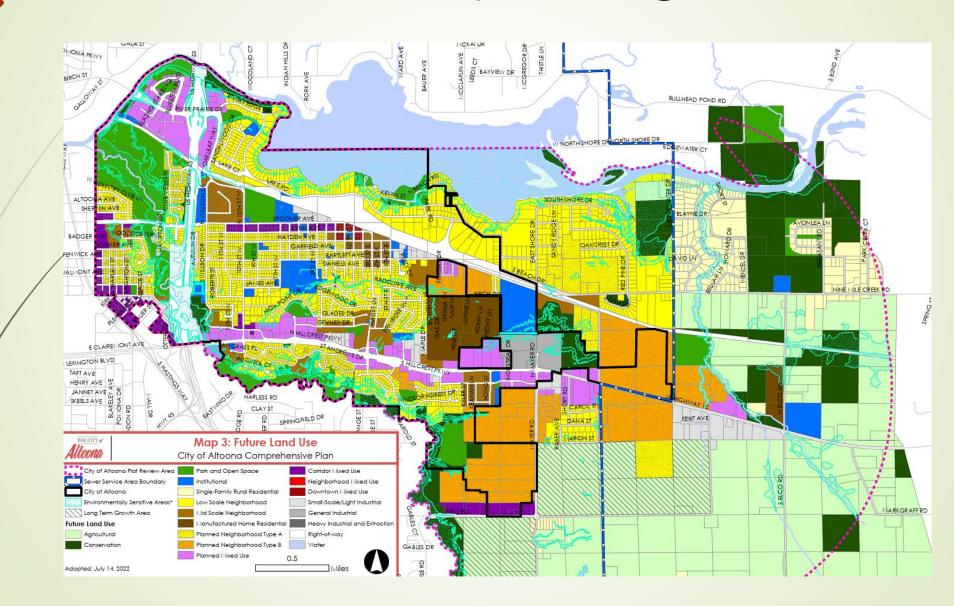
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Goals - Implement Comprehensive Plan



Goals - Effectively Manage Growth



Goals - Promote Housing Construction / Improve Affordability















townhouse courtyard (attached)





small single-family detached

large single-family detached

Goals – Promote Mixed Use Development



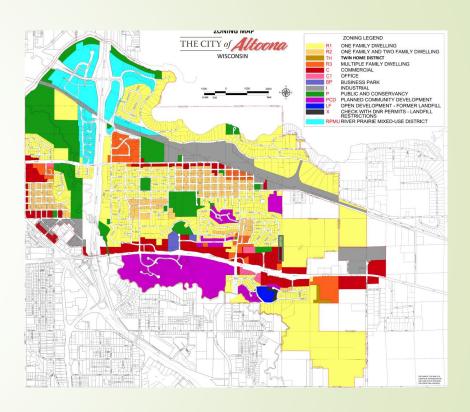
Goals - Facilitate Infill Construction



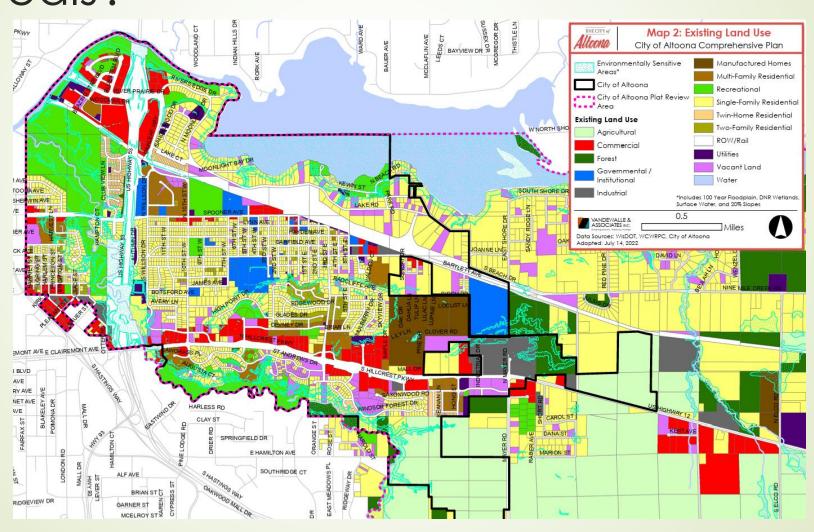
Goals - Reduce PCD Reliance







How Are We Trying to Achieve Our Goals?



Where Are We Now?

- 1. Project Initiation
- 2. Community Engagement
- 3. Existing Conditions Analysis & Preliminary Recommendations
- 4. District & Use Standards
- 5. Development & Sign Standards
- 6. / Subdivision & Zoning Procedures
- 7. Draft and Final Zoning and Development Code

Project Initiation Community **Engagement Existing Conditions Analysis** & Preliminary District & Use Standards 5 **Development & Sign Standards** 6 Subdivision Standards & **Procedures Draft & Final Zoning & Development Code**



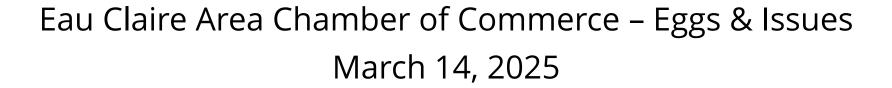
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Honoring the last 100 years and planning for the next





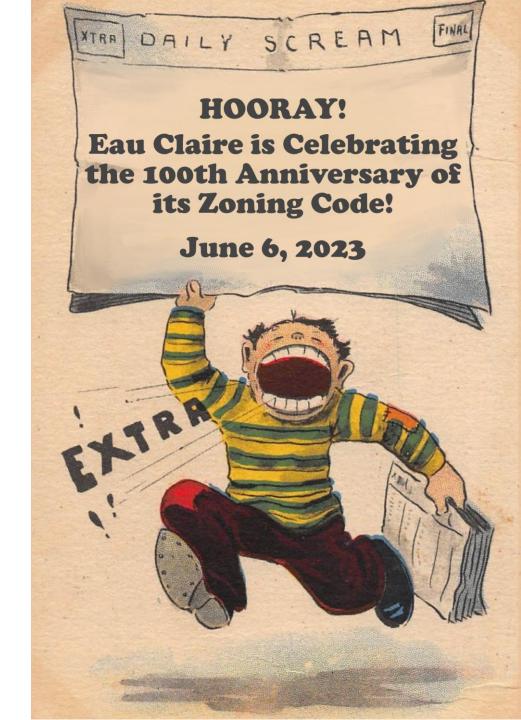
Eau Claire Zoning Timeline

1923 1952 1990

Eau Claire's first zoning code was adopted and divided the City into 5 districts. Fun fact, the entire code was only 7 pages long. This was the first major overhaul to the 1923 code and many of the City's current dimensional standards and use separations were established during this update.

The latest overhaul to the City's code occurred in 1990. A lot has changed in the past 33 years requiring the City take another holistic look at its code.





2023 Update Purpose (Goals)

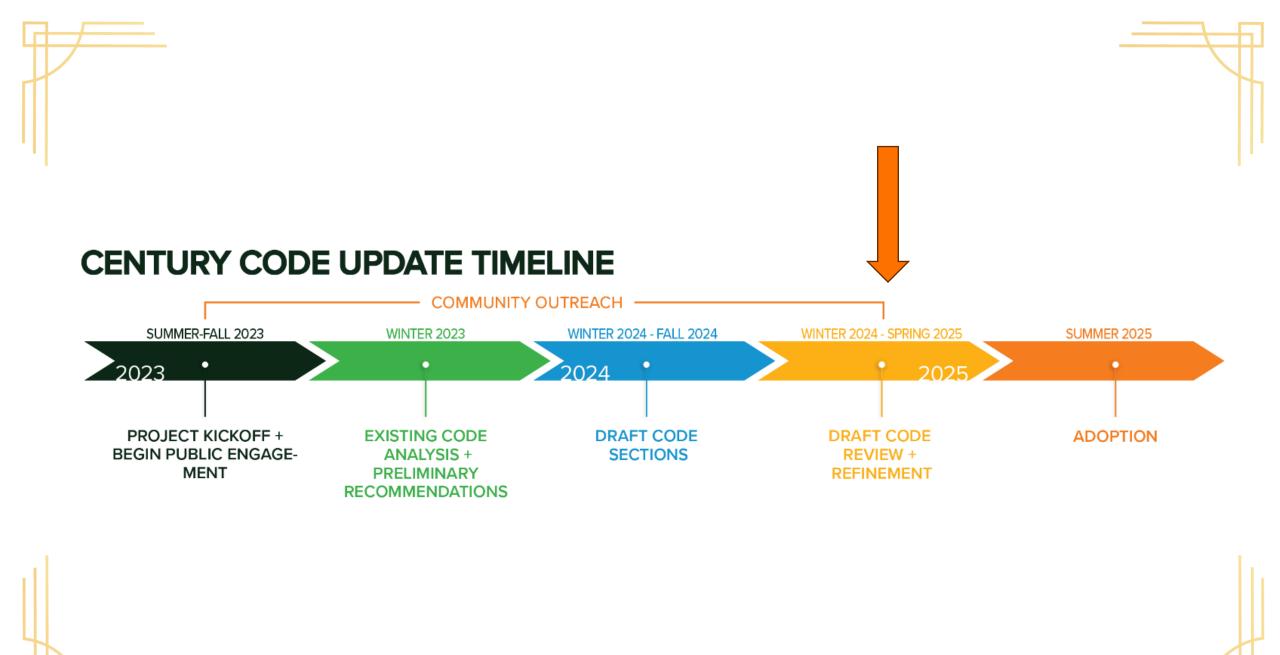
- » Undertake a public process that fairly addresses the issues and solutions and includes as many voices as possible
- » Educate with evidence-based literature/data on the need for zoning reforms and the associated co-benefits
- » Improve user-friendliness
- » Align zoning with Comprehensive Plan vision of compact and sustainable development
- » Improve development process **certainties**
- » Produce more housing supply, diversity of choices, and affordability



2023 Update Purpose (Goals)

- » Lessen pressure on **sprawl** and **environmental and habitat degradation**
- » Lower carbon emissions of development and transportation in support of goal for city-wide carbon neutrality by 2050
- » Take a more active role in city planning
- » Produce better site and building design
- » Produce more complete streets and neighborhoods with housing choices, commercial and jobs within walkable distance
- » Reduce exclusionary zoning practices





Stakeholder Engagement

- » Stakeholder communications/ meetings/interviews/presentations
- » Community open houses
- » 11 ZPAC meetings
- » 11 Zoning Technical Advisory mtgs.
- » Input from boards, committees, and commissions
- » Community survey, social media marketing
- » Website (educational materials, videos, draft content, comment portal)
- » Neighborhood meetings, tours, workshop



Explore Proposed Zoning District and Map Changes

Eau Claire is considering updates to its zoning districts and map. Explore the interactive StoryMap below to learn more and provide feedback. Click here to review the draft Land Development Ordinance chapters that provide more detail about the types of development and uses that are proposed to be allowed in each district.

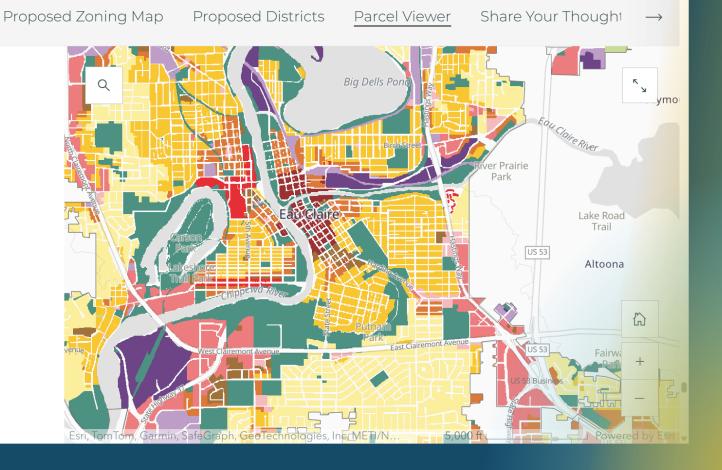
Parcel Viewer

Introduction

Now that you have a better understanding of the proposed changes to the City's zoning districts, you are likely wondering if they will impact your property.

Current Zoning Map

To find out, either click the magnifying glass symbol in the top left to search your address *or* click on the button with the + symbol in the lower right hand



Land Development Ordinance (LDO)

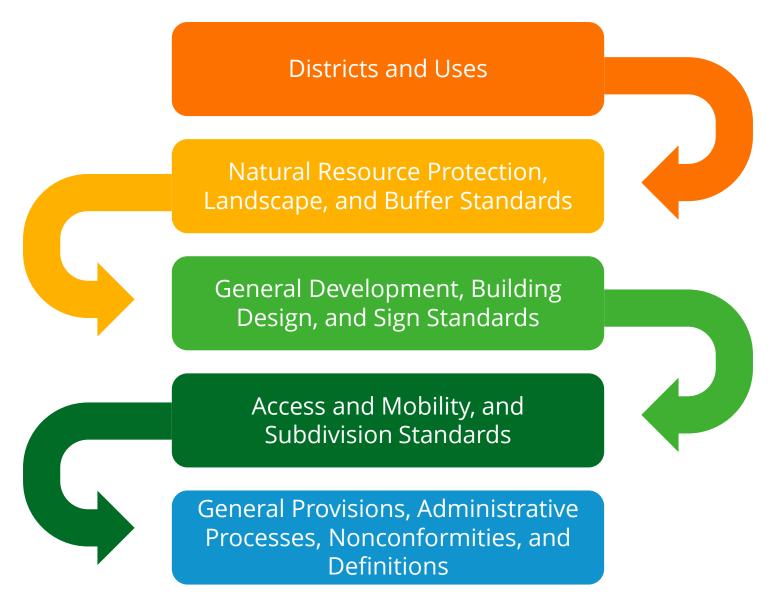
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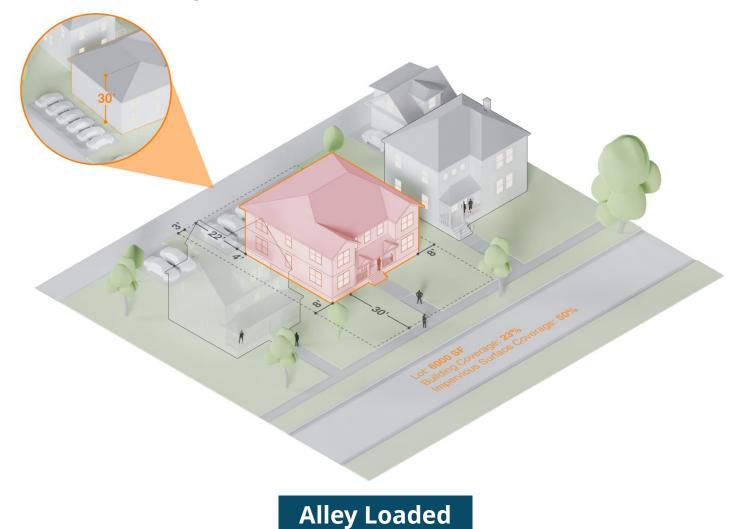
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Stormwater
& Erosion
Control

NEW
Title 17: Land
Development Ordinance

Century Code Drafting Process



Historic Neighborhoods Gentle Density Infill Visualization - Quadplex



Historic Neighborhoods Existing Gentle Density - Quadplex







Historic Neighborhoods Existing Gentle Density - Quadplex



PARCEL INFORMATION	
Street Number:	214
Street Name:	CHIPPEWA ST
Lot Size (sq ft):	10,340
Property Class:	COMMERCIAL
School Dist:	Eau Claire

VALUATION AND SALE HISTORY

2023 Land Assessment:	\$83,600
2023 Improved Assessment:	\$709,900
2023 Total Assessment:	\$793,500
Last Sale Date:	2019-06-03
Last Sale Price:	\$0
Previous Sale Date:	2017-02-17
Previous Sale Price:	\$0

BUILDING SKETCHES

Occupancy.	Story Height	Year Constructed	Building Sketch
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LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

LOT 3 CSM 3128 REC V 17 P 315 DOC 1122729 LOC IN SW 1/4 SEC 20-27-9



Infill Focused Residential District Revisions

Required Design Standards

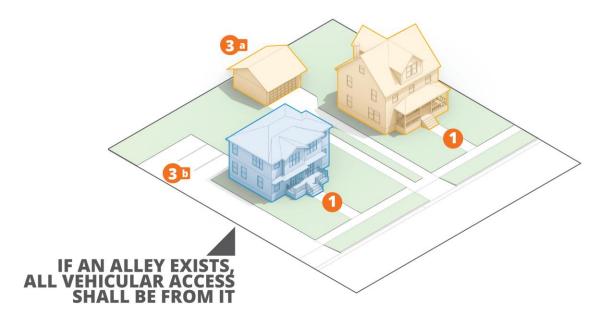
- » Orientation
- » Roof Type
- » Off-Street Parking
- » Quality Enhancements

TWO-UNIT DWELLING

- Roof Type: Hip
- Quality Enhancements: Front Porch, Roof Dormer, Bay Window

ONE-UNIT DWELLING

- Roof Type: Gable
- Quality Enhancements: Front Porch, Roof Dormer, Covered Stoop, Ribbon Driveway





Housing Supply Boosts

Land Development Ordinance Affecting Housing & Costs					
Cost Savings		Neutral		More Expensive	



- » Smaller lots & dimensional standards (setbacks)
- » Smaller Streets
- » More Housing Choices & By-right uses
- » More Live-Work options
- » Parking reductions (transit, affordable units, downtown, etc.)
- » Clearer objective standards for improved outcomes

Housing Costs & Quality of Life

Land Development Ordinance Affecting Housing & Costs					
Cost Savings		Neutral		More Expensive	



- » Building Design standards
- » Landscaping requirements
- » Tree Preservation





Next Steps

- » March April LDO Finalization
- » May 5th Last ZPAC Meeting
- » Public Open House June 17th
- » June 30th & July 21st Public Hearings

Project Website

https://eau-claire-zoning-code-rewritehlplanning.hub.arcgis.com/





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