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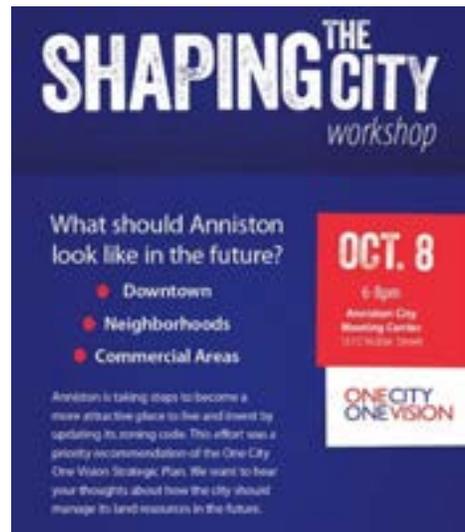
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Anniston residents invited to help with “Shaping the City”

Anniston residents will have a prime opportunity to help shape the city’s future at a “Shaping the City” workshop that will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Anniston City Meeting Center.

The purpose of the workshop is to receive input from the community as steps are taken by the city to update its zoning ordinance. Any resident who cares about the quality, character, and future management of land resources of Anniston’s downtown area, neighborhoods, and commercial areas, is invited to participate in the workshop.

“The zoning code update is one of several actions recommended in the ‘One City, One Vision’ Strategic Plan that we are currently working to implement,” said Mayor Vaughn Stewart. “An improved code would help encourage the type of development that would make Anniston a more attractive place for residents, businesses, and visitors.”



The workshop will include a brief introduction to Anniston’s zoning code and a look at the process needed to update the code. Participants will then work on a rating activity and a map-based activity individually and in small groups. The final outcome will entail a general land use strategy that depicts preferences for the appearance and locations of various types of development.

The zoning code is a legal tool for the city to control how land is used and how and where various types of development can occur in the community. The code controls the size and placement of buildings, parking areas, signs, lighting and other characteristics of development as well as the process through which a development project gets approved.

For more information on the workshop, or the city's zoning code, contact Planning and Development Services Director Toby Bennington, or Planning and Development Services Secretary Neeli Faulkner, at 256-231-7720 or at tbennington@anniston1.gov.

The City of Anniston

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston1.gov.