

TOWN OF COVENTRY

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY, ENTITLED "Comprehensive Plan"

Ordinance No. 2024-X

Passed:

Hillary V. Lima, Council President

Approved:

Daniel O. Parrillo, Town Manager

It is Ordained by the Town of Coventry Town Council as follows:

Note: Words set as ~~strikeover~~ are to be deleted from the ordinance; words set in underline/bold are to be added to the ordinance.

§ 18-1. Preparation and adoption by Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission shall prepare and adopt a Comprehensive Plan for the future development of the Town [H]. Such plan shall, among other things, show the proposed arrangement of land uses; transportation facilities; public facilities; utility systems; deteriorating neighborhoods planned for rehabilitation, redevelopment or renewal; and natural resources and historic sites to be preserved. The Planning Commission may hold public hearings on the Comprehensive Plan or elements thereof. The Planning Commission shall adopt the Comprehensive Plan or elements thereof as a guide to Planning Commission actions related to the features contained in the plan.

[1] Editor's Note: The current Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Coventry is on file in the Town offices.

§ 18-2. Adoption by Town Council.

The Town Council may, by the affirmative vote of 3/5 the majority of its membership and following a public hearing, adopt a Comprehensive Plan or any portion thereof previously adopted by the Planning Commission and recommended to the Town Council by the Planning Commission. Adoption of such a Comprehensive Plan or portion thereof by the Town Council shall bind the Council to such plan or portion thereof in any future actions related to features in the plan.

40 **§ 18-3. Amendments.**

41 The Comprehensive Plan or portion thereof may be modified or amended by the Town Council  
 42 following a public hearing. At least 30 days prior to the date of such public hearing, such  
 43 modification or amendment shall be referred to the Planning Commission for an advisory opinion.  
 44 Failure of the Planning Commission to forward a recommendation to the Town Council within  
 45 this thirty-day period shall be deemed an approval of the modification or amendment by the  
 46 Planning Commission. The affirmative vote of ~~at least 3/5 of the members~~ **a majority** of the Town  
 47 Council shall be necessary to enact any modification or amendment to the Comprehensive Plan  
 48 or element thereof where the Planning Commission has rendered an adverse decision.

49 **§ 18-4. Review and revision.**

50 The Comprehensive Plan shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission every five years and  
 51 revisions and amendments shall be made where necessary.

52 **§ 18-5. Notice.**

53 **Where a public hearing is required pursuant to the Regulations, the following requirements**  
 54 **shall apply;**

- 55 A. **Prior to the adoption of, or amendment to, the Comprehensive Plan, notice shall be**  
 56 **given of the public hearing by publication of notice in a newspaper of local**  
 57 **circulation at least once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks prior to the date**  
 58 **of the hearing, which may include the week in which the hearing is being held, at**  
 59 **which hearing opportunity shall be given to all persons interested to be heard.**
- 60 B. **The same notice shall be posted in the Town Clerk's office and one other municipal**  
 61 **building and the Town must make the notice accessible on the home page of the**  
 62 **Town's website at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.**
- 63 C. **Notice shall be mailed to the Statewide Planning Program of the Department of**  
 64 **Administration at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing.**
- 65 D. **The notice shall:**
- 66 (1) **Specify the place of the hearing and date and time of its commencement;**
- 67 (2) **Indicate that the adoption of, or amendment to, the Comprehensive Plan is**  
 68 **under consideration;**
- 69 (3) **Contain a statement of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan**  
 70 **that may be printed once in its entirety, or alternatively may be summarized**  
 71 **and describe the matter under consideration;**
- 72 (4) **Advise those interested where and when a copy of the matter under**  
 73 **consideration may be obtained or examined and copied; and**
- 74 (5) **State that the plan or amendment may be altered or amended prior to the close**  
 75 **of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study**

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**or because of the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for comment in the course of the hearing.**