

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

IN AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2008
PART I – ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION,
CHAPTER 18 – Comprehensive Plan

Ordinance No. 2025-01

Passed:

Hillary V. Lima, *Council President*

Approved:

Daniel O. Parrillo, *Town Manager*

The Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. The Town of Coventry Code of Ordinance, Part I Administrative Legislation is hereby amended by amending the following Chapter and Sections:

Chapter 18 – Comprehensive Plan

§ 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.

~~[H] 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.

48 **§ 18-3. Amendments.**

49 The Comprehensive Plan or portion thereof may be modified or amended by the Town Council
50 following a public hearing. At least thirty (30) ~~30~~ days prior to the date of such public hearing,
51 such modification or amendment shall be referred to the Planning Commission for an advisory
52 opinion. Failure of the Planning Commission to forward a recommendation to the Town Council
53 within this thirty-day (30) period shall be deemed an approval of the modification or
54 amendment by the Planning Commission. The affirmative vote of ~~at least 3/5 of the members~~ a
55 majority of the Town Council shall be necessary to enact any modification or amendment to the
56 Comprehensive Plan or element thereof where the Planning Commission has rendered an adverse
57 decision.

58 **§ 18-4. Review and revision.**

59 The Comprehensive Plan shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission every five (5) years
60 and revisions and amendments shall be made where necessary.

61 **§ 18-5. Notice.**

62 Where a public hearing is required pursuant to the Regulations, the following requirements shall
63 apply:

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

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Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and final adoption.

Positive Endorsement:

Negative Endorsement: (Attach reasons)

Town Solicitor

Date

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Date

Introduced by/Pursuant to: Council President Hillary V. Lima at the request of the Executive

Referred to/for: Planning Commission on February 19, 2025

First Reading on _____, 2025

Public Hearing on _____, 2025