

## **Zoning Ordinance Update: Questions & Answers**

### **Is the City interested in consolidating its regulations into a Unified Development Ordinance?**

No, we are not interested in a UDO. The subdivision regulations have been recently updated and, given that North Kansas City is largely built-out, we do not have a great deal of subdivision activity.

### **What is the budget for this project?**

This project was included in this year's budget as a capital project with a \$125,000 budget. The final budget for the project will be negotiated with the chosen firm.

### **Are sign regulations intended to be included in the new Zoning Ordinance?**

Staff looks forward to getting guidance from the selected consultant on whether to include sign regulations in the new Zoning Ordinance. They are currently in Chapter 15, which has often proven to be convenient for the purposes of making amendments.

### **Regarding the Zoning Framework, does that document include all the work we expect for the ordinance update?**

The purpose of the Zoning Framework was to identify the major issues that need to be addressed in modernizing the current Zoning Ordinance and suggest ways that the Zoning Ordinance could support implementation of the new Master Plan. Staff expects that, as we begin to work on updating the Zoning Ordinance, other issues will be identified and uncovered.

### **What is the connection between this project and the Armour Road Complete Street Plan?**

There is no direct connection between these projects.

### **Who are the members of the selection committee?**

The selection committee will be the Community Development Director, the Assistant City Administrator, and a planning commissioner.

### **Is there a need for specific sub-consultants, such as engineers?**

Staff does not have a reason to believe there is a need for an engineer as a sub-consultant on this project. However, we leave the composition of a consulting team up to the consultants.

### **What are the biggest issues with the current Zoning Ordinance?**

Aside from the issues identified in the Zoning Framework, one need is for updated development and design standards, such as landscaping and parking. While the community appreciates the flexibility of the current ordinance in dealing with parking, staff believes that the parking

standards might need to be updated for modern development. There are also a variety of conflicts to be found in the existing ordinance, some of which relate to the permitted and prohibited uses. The Burlington Corridor Overlay District needs to be converted to a standard district rather than an overlay.

**What about graphics?**

We feel that graphics are helpful to illustrate standards and graphics are included in the current ordinance. We have no set expectations about the use of graphics in the updated ordinance and look forward to guidance from our consultant for this project.

**What's most important to be covered with the 20 page limit on submittals?**

The RFQ indicates that responses will be evaluated on experience with drafting and updating zoning ordinances, expertise and experience of personnel, recent references, and the quality and completeness of the submission. We would recommend emphasis on the general statement describing the consultant's understanding of or philosophical approach to zoning ordinances and experience with similar communities.

**How many firms will be chosen for interviews?**

The number of firms chosen for an interview will depend on the number of responses to the RFQ.

**What is the involvement of the city attorney in this project?**

We do not expect the city attorney to be heavily involved in this project, as he does not have any expertise in zoning matters.