

Zoning Code Commission and Experts Rewrite Code

In May 2007, nearly 80 percent of Philadelphia's voters approved a ballot question authorizing the creation of a Zoning Code Commission to reform and modernize the city's outdated zoning code. Since then ZCC members, staff, and consultants have worked as charged to write a code that is easy to understand, improves the city's planning process, promotes positive development, and preserves the character of Philadelphia's neighborhoods.

In order to gather input on what the city's zoning priorities should be and get feedback on draft regulations, the ZCC and its consultants conducted five rounds of public meetings, posted five online surveys, and conducted 125 interviews with code users and professional stakeholders. In addition to monthly public meetings of the Commission, there have been two public hearings at City Hall and numerous presentations to community groups and professional associations.

The ZCC voted on May 11, 2011 to send a final draft code – the Preliminary Report – to City Council. Visit <http://www.zoningmatters.org/> to view the Report and to learn more about ZCC members, staff, and consultants.