

Downtown Design Guidelines



What are design guidelines?

Design guidelines are regulations applied to development projects. They intend for projects to upgrade physical attractiveness; be compatible with neighbors; promote safety, security and livability; be environmentally responsible; and promote health and pedestrian activity.

What is the City doing?

The City is updating the design guidelines for downtown Olympia. This action was recommended in the [Downtown Strategy](#) to simplify the organization, promote a more urban design quality and be compatible with the Downtown Strategy's character areas.

What's happening now?

The second draft of the guidelines is now available below. This draft considers public comments received on the first draft and refines earlier language. The City will provide briefings on the draft guidelines to the Planning Commission on October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, and December 2, 2019. People are invited to attend these briefings to learn more about the proposed guidelines.

How to comment

You may provide comments using the button below or in-person at the public hearing, which will likely be scheduled in early 2020. Depending on the extent of the comments received, a third draft may be issued prior to the public hearing.

DRAFT Design Guidelines

 Introduction

 Site Planning

 Site Elements & Design

 Building Design (Coming soon)

 Comment on the Draft Guidelines

Summary Handouts

 Major Changes

 Historic Properties

 View Protection

 Residential Open Space

 Street Front Requirements

 Design Guideline Basics

 Development Codes Overview

 Other Topics & How They Are Addressed

Questions?

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