

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 public hearing was held on Feb. 10, 2020. The public hearing draft of the guidelines is available below. This draft considers public comments received on the first and second drafts and refines earlier language. The City provided briefings on the draft guidelines to the Planning Commission on October 7 and 21, November 4 and 18, and December 2, 2019.

How to comment

The public comment period for this proposal is now closed.

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 [Public Hearing Draft Design Guidelines](#)

 Related Code Amendments

 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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