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City of Sweetwater

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City of Sweetwater to Update Zoning Land Use Ordinance

Sweetwater, Texas – Beginning in December 2023, the City of Sweetwater will work to update the Zoning Land Use Ordinance. This is a lengthy process that has not been done comprehensively since the 1950s.

The City of Sweetwater will work with Kending Keast Collaborative and community stakeholders to modernize the City's Zoning Code. An updated zoning code will allow for organized residential and commercial development alike, with an eye toward future quality of life for new and future residents and business owners. The City of Sweetwater will work to implement zoning districts, use permissions, and provide standards for landscaping, parking, lighting, and signs. The updated code will not impact the City's property tax rate.

The process to update the Zoning Code will take just over a year, with the final adoption of the code set for February 2025.

The City of Sweetwater and Kending Keast Collaborative invites the community to attend an Open House at City Hall, 200 East Fourth Street, on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. to learn more about this process and how they can participate.