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Planning, Community and Economic Development Department

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**2017/2018 WORK PROGRAM
Completed Projects**

	Project Name	Brief Summary
1.	Short Term Vacation Rentals (PZ-2015-XX)	An ordinance amending Title 16 Chapter 16.16 Zoning Regulations, adding section 16.16.195.0 to the Town of Taos Land Use Development Code for the implementation of a Short Term Rental Overlay Zone.
2.	Definitions (PZ-2015-66)	Remove duplicate definition for Manufactured home, as well as removing size requirements for Manufactured and Mobile Home definitions. & Modify the definition of Front Yard to specify the front yard requirements for all lots provided under the LUDC and not just an interior lot.
3.	Landscaping - Xeriscaping	Modify Chapter 15.12 Landscaping to allow for commercial applications of Xeriscaping in lieu of irrigated landscaping. In addition, specify landscaping requirements for modifications and additions to existing uses.
4.	Itinerant Vendors and Food Parks (PZ-2015-75)	Modify §5.12.70 – 5.12.130 to specify that itinerant vendors must not become permanent installation, and must relocate every 60 days. In addition, provide a separate section of code within Chapter 5.12 – Itinerant Vendors, for the allowance of Multiple food vendors located on a developed property containing amenities more align with a brick and mortar structure, such as seating areas, restrooms, and water/sewer connections.
5.	Historical Overlay Extension	Extend the HOZ to include approximately 35 acres to the south of the current boundary of the HOZ.
6.	Medical Cannabis	Modify § 16.16.225 of the Town of Taos Land Use Development Code (LUDC), Medical Marijuana Facilities Overlay Zone. Amend to modify the term “marijuana” to “cannabis” and modify the provision for in-house physicians.
7.	Hotel Overlay Zone	Provide code changes that will create a Hotel Overlay Zone in all lands zoned HCPD.
8.	Temporary Motor Vehicle Sales	Chapter 16.16 of the Town of Taos Land Use Development Code (LUDC), adding new provisions for a Special Use Permit process for Temporary Motor Vehicle Sales and Events.
9.	Development Review Committee Requirements	Removed Public Hearing requirements for DRC meetings to allow for staff level meetings with applicants.



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2019/2020 Work Program Scheduled Projects			
	Project Name	Brief Summary	Status
1.	NMCID Approval for Town of Taos Building Department	Work with New Mexico Construction Industries Division to approve a Town of Taos Building Department	Legal: In Review PZ: HPC: Council:
2.	Manufactured Home/Mobile Home Park regulation standards	Modification or recreation of the design standards requirements for Manufactured Home/Mobile Home Parks	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
3.	Split-Lot Zoning	Modify zoning regulations to prohibit split-lot zoning and modify zoning map to correct current Split-Lot Zones.	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
4.	Redevelopment or Amendment of Comprehensive Plan	Comprehensive plan Update including possible timelines for implementation.	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
5.	LUDC amendments	Create a list of recommendations for amendments to LUDC for review by the legal department	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
6.	Annexation Study and Mapping	Provide a detailed inventory and report of properties adjacent to Town Boundaries to determine future annexation priorities.	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
7.	Zoning requirements for municipal governments	Town is exempt from Zoning requirements of the LUDC	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:

8.	Sign Regulations Amendments	Determine if the current sign provisions meet the intention of LUDC. Specify Historic Preservation Commission review requirements for all sign proposals in the HOZ, Specify requirement for electrical permitting for signs with electrical elements, and determine appropriateness of neon and illuminated signs within the Historic District.	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
9.	Public Notice and Application Procedure	Remove provisions stating that the applicant can require the town to issue public notice for private property	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
10.	Film Permit	Create a permitting process for individuals or organizations that are looking to film in the Town of Taos. Included process for filming permits include street closures, safety, and additional departmental review process by staff.	Legal: PZ: HPC: Council:
11.	Commercial Design Standards	Modify the existing design standards of § 16.20.030 for commercial and industrial buildings to be more stringent	Legal: PZ: Council:
12.	One Mile ETZ Overlay	Adjacent to Town Boundaries in order to determine feasibility of future extra-territorial zone. MOU with County	Legal: PZ: Council:

Future Projects

	Project Name	Brief Summary	Status
1.	Community Build Out Analysis	GIS Mapping; Develop a build out analysis that will provide guidance to possible development by determining maximum future densities based off current zoning for the Town.	Project Scoping in Progress
2.	Terrain Management, Storm Water, and Erosion Control Requirements	Reformat application intake and review for Residential and Commercial requirements for the above management plans. Confirm adherence to best management practices.	In Progress
3.	Outdoor Displays	Amend the 16.20.100 to allow for outdoor display of merchandise as long as it does not impede pedestrian walk way or sight distance, requiring a minimum of 48" of walkway space on any given pedestrian right of way.	Project Scoping in Progress
4.	TND Zoning District	Amend the LUDC to provide a zoning document that allows for quick interpretation of the TND development restrictions.	In Progress

5.	Association of Town of Taos Neighborhoods	To provide support to neighborhood associations for the purpose of preserving and enhancing the history and unique characteristics of individual neighborhoods in the Town of Taos jurisdiction or within the 1 mile planning and platting jurisdiction	In progress
6.	Alternative Designed Commercial - PUD (Micro-designs, Manufactured, Alternative Materials, etc.)	Modify chapter 16.16 of the LUDC to develop a commercial based PUD that allows for the possibilities for alternative construction including Micro-Commercial Space. These Alternative PUDs would allow for implementation of business incubation within areas that are currently being under-utilized and reduce barriers to entry for artists and small businesses.	In Progress
7.	Downtown Taos Metro-Redevelopment Area (MRA)	Create or outsource creation of a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Designation Report under powers authorized by New Mexico Redevelopment Code (3-60A-1 to 3-60A-48 NMSA 1978) providing cities in New Mexico the powers to correct conditions in areas or neighborhoods within municipalities which “substantially inflict or arrest the sound and orderly development” within the city.	Project Scoping in Progress

2019/2020 Work Plan Economic Development Projects

	Project Name	Brief Summary	Status
1.	Affordable Housing Plan	<i>Goal 1;</i> Develop an Affordable Housing Plan to assist in future conversations related to forming a Town-County Housing Partnership in order to increase the available inventory of affordable housing in the Taos area.	On Hold
2.	UNM Adaptive Reuse Program	<i>Goal 2, Policy 3.1, 3.2;</i> Develop an inventory and map of current building that are owned and occupied by the Town of Taos. Work with UNM – Taos to determine which buildings could best be utilized by the University for purposes such as classrooms, facilities, or student housing.	In Progress

3.	Annexation Study and Mapping	<i>Goal 4, Policy 4.1; Provide a detailed inventory and report of properties adjacent to Town Boundaries currently receiving Town services in order to determine future annexation priorities.</i>	In Progress
4.	Traffic Improvements	Downtown Taos, Paseo del Pueblo/Camino de la Placita; <i>Goal 5, Policy 5.2; Begin scoping and community input process for streetscape and street flow redesign.</i>	In Progress
5.	Taos Community Auditorium Master Plan	<i>Goal 10, Policy 10.1; Develop inventory of City owned properties along Civic Drive in order to facilitate development of infill and assist in future development of the Taos Community Auditorium Master Plan.</i>	On Hold
6.	Live-Work-Play Ordinance for Mixed-Use Development	Goal 12, Policy 12.4; Develop a Live-Work-Play Ordinance allowing for Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential in certain zones within the Town of Taos zoned lands.	In Progress
7.	Taos County Courthouse Business Incubation and Historic/Cultural Center	14, Policy 14.3; Work with Taos County to develop goals and future steps related to the redevelopment of the Taos County Court House as a Historical and Cultural Center with portions of the building functioning as a Business Incubation facility.	On Hold
8.	Local Art Incubation Initiative	Goal 16, Policy 16.1, 16.2; Work to develop a long range art incubation plan that allows development of alternatively designed eco-friendly affordable art space.	On Hold

Planning Documents/Collaborative Groups			
	Project Name	Brief Summary	Status/Adoption
1.	Strong at Heart Strategy Report	Strong at Heart is a project of the Town of Taos focused on bringing Taoseños together to create a vision and strategy for Downtown Taos. Downtown Taos is the heart of our community.	June 2019
2.	Enchanted Circle Trails Plan	<i>This document serves as an inventory of existing trails throughout the enchanted circle, as well as a blueprint for a comprehensive, cohesive, and connected trail system that can improve quality of life and community health in Taos.</i>	October 2017
3.	Taos County Conservation Plan	A group of Local state and federal collaborators created the conservation plan to focus on preserving the connection between local residents and land and water that sustain us.	October 2017

4.	Vision 2020 Master Plan/Revision 2020	Town of Taos Vision 2020 Master Plan is a long-range plan. It is comprehensive in that it covers an entire geographic planning area, and encompasses all the functions that make a community work, including land use, transportation, housing, and recreation.	February 1999
5.	Community Economic Development Strategic Plan	The Community Economic Development (CED) Plan provides statements of general focus for the non-basic goals and the general methods to develop the economy; followed by a preliminary strategic analysis; specific focus areas and their potential impact CED goals and policies financing options state incentives; local incentives application, review cost-benefit, and review criteria.	June 2011
6.	Regional Water Plan	The purpose of this document is to provide new and changed information related to water planning in the Taos Region and to evaluate projections of future water supply and demand for the region using a common technical approach applied to all 16 planning regions statewide.	May 2016
7.	Main Street Accelerator	In July 2018, New Mexico MainStreet announced that Taos had been selected into the NMMS Accelerator Program, a 12-18 month capacity-building revitalization program.	Ongoing
8.	CWPP Core Team	The Taos County CWPP Core Team convenes to address community-based wildfire planning in Taos County. The group of collaborators includes representatives from federal, state, local and tribal forestry agencies and managers, local forestry contractors, as well as other interested groups and individuals. The group created the living with Fire 2016 CWPP Plan.	Ongoing
9.	Rio Fernando Collaborative	The Rio Fernando de Taos Revitalization Collaborative is a collective of elected officials, agencies, groups, and individuals working to bring the Rio Fernando back to life. We improve water quality; strengthen our Acequia traditions and culture; keep the river, and its acequia waters flowing; better protect our communities from wildfire; and connect people to the land and the water they love.	Ongoing
10	Taos Historic Plaza Cultural Landscape Report	This Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for the historic Taos Plaza in Taos, New Mexico includes a summary of existing conditions, review of historic development, and treatment guidance for the future of the Plaza and the immediate surroundings.	September 2016
11.	Historic County Courthouse Condition Assessment & Preservation Plan	The purpose of this project is to assist the Taos County Government and the Town of Taos in their preservation and rehabilitation of the largely vacant and unused Historic Taos County Courthouse.	September 2013

Above is the draft 2019 Work Program for the Town of Taos Long Range Planning Program. This document helps to prioritize work, but it does not mandate project completion, nor does it preclude work on other projects not identified. Having this flexibility, together with support from the Commission on Work Program priorities helps the Program best serve the community.

Typically, more work is identified on a work program than can be accomplished in any given year. The reason is because sometime we can complete projects faster than anticipated. Other times projects we thought might be viable turn out after researching the issues, to not be viable candidates for legislative changes.

At this time, we anticipate that resources available for long range planning will remain stable and therefore staff is planning for a one meeting per month schedule, making adjustments as needed. My hope is that 2019 brings us interesting challenges, meaningful dialogue and well-reasoned policy decisions. I very much look forward to supporting the commission's work next year and I thank you in advance for your service and guidance.