



River Arts District Form-Based Code



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Timeline

2015 JANUARY

RFP issued on January 12, 2015

2015 APRIL

Consultant selected: Code Studio from Austin, Texas.

2015, JUNE 17

Kick-off Meeting at Grant Center, 6 p.m.

2015, JULY 25-30

CHARENTE WEEK at 372 Depot Street

2015 OCTOBER

Charrette report released to community, public comment period to November 16.

2015 NOVEMBER – DECEMBER

Staff analysis and feedback on charrette report recommendations

2016 JANUARY - FEBRUARY

Code Studio developing the Draft Code.

2016 MARCH

Draft Code to be released.

2016 MARCH – APRIL

Stakeholder meetings and public meetings on the Draft Code. Staff and consultant receiving feedback on the draft code. Consultant visit to meet with public and stakeholders.

2016 FALL

Final code expected to be presented to City Council.

What's happening now?

The consultants are working on a Draft Code that will be released in early March. In March and April, there will be public input opportunities on the draft code through meetings, online comments and written submission. Staff will also be working on an analysis of how the draft code will differ from the existing zoning. See links below for more information.

Why it's happening

Form-Based Codes are a newer zoning tool that focuses on the form and placement of new structures on parcels instead of relying on a list of permitted uses. By emphasizing the building form, the character of the area is enhanced and protected because the buildings with their defining features and their placement in relation to the street and sidewalk create a strong neighborhood context.

The Haywood Road Form-Based Code was the first code adopted by Asheville in September, 2014. The River Arts District is the second area to be piloted for this tool. City Council designated funding for this project in the FY2014-15 Budget.

Supporting documents/Additional Info

[Materials from the July 2015 Charrette \(Week of workshops\)](#)

[Summary Report from the July 2015 Charrette](#)

[PDF map of River Arts District Form-Based Code Study Boundary](#)

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[Presentation from June 17 meeting](#)

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