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City to Hold Public Hearings on Comprehensive Plan

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on October 10, 2018 to consider adoption of the City’s updated Comprehensive Plan. The public hearing will take place in City Council Chambers, 409 South Main Street, at 7 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend and to voice their opinions.

The updated Comprehensive Plan will replace the current Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated and approved on May 20, 2011. In Summer 2016, Planning Commission reviewed the 2011 Comprehensive Plan and determined that it should be updated to reflect the City’s latest ideals and to adapt the Plan to changes that have occurred since May 2011. A summary of activities that have occurred since Summer 2016 follows:

Sept 2016 – Feb 2017	City staff develops plans for public engagement and updates baseline data within CP chapters.
Feb 2017	Planning Commission and city staff hosts three public information sessions.
March 2017	Planning Commission appoints 48 community members to one of four Advisory Committees.
April – Sept 2017	Advisory Committees provide input and recommendations on chapters; Land Use Guide, Street Improvement Plan; Goal, Objective, and Strategy (GOS) statements, and other elements of the CP. Chapters and GOS statements are updated.
Oct – Nov 2017	Planning Commission and city staff hosts four public workshops and a public comment period.
Dec 2017 – Jan 2018	Planning Commission discusses CP at regular meetings and at a special work session.
Jan – July 2018	City staff updates chapters and GOS statements.
June 2018	Planning Commission reviews Priority Objective Statements.
Aug 2018	Public Open House event and public comment period.
Aug - Sept 2018	Planning Commission and city staff makes updates to the Comprehensive Plan.

Following the public hearing at Planning Commission, it is anticipated that City Council will receive Planning Commission’s recommendation and hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Final adoption is anticipated for November 27, 2018.

About the Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan presents a vision of Harrisonburg’s future. It identifies steps to move toward that vision by providing information about current conditions, long-term goals and objectives, and recommended implementation strategies. This plan addresses a wide range of issues including land use, housing, education, transportation, recreation, the preservation of historic and natural resources, and economic development. It serves as a guide for the community and helps city and community leaders with setting policies and decision making.

To review additional information and draft chapters of the comprehensive plan, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/yourplan.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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