



Hamilton County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

No. 414-3

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHATTANOOGA-HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY PREPARE AN UPDATE TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED LAND DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE COUNTYWIDE LAND USE PLANNING DOCUMENTS AND PROVIDE POLICY AND CODE RECOMMENDATIONS.

WHEREAS, The 2030 Comprehensive Plan for Hamilton County does not reflect major land development and infrastructure changes since its adoption in 2005 by the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, There are over 44 active planning policy documents that exist to guide land use decision making within the limits of Hamilton County; and

WHEREAS, Those planning documents may not adequately address or integrate infrastructure investments and land use patterns necessary to respond to new growth, changes in living and mobility needs or promote desired community outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The City of Chattanooga alone has over 27 of those documents; and

WHEREAS, County officials have expressed a need for land development recommendations and an interest in the placement of government facilities, schools, and economic/industrial centers; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Planning Agency's adopted policies also impact the cities of East Ridge, Lakesite, Lookout Mountain, Red Bank, Ridgeside, Soddy-Daisy, and the Town of Walden some of which do not have their own general land use plan; and

- WHEREAS, The public is known to have expressed interest and concern relative to land use, zoning, and transportation issues in recent community meetings; and
- WHEREAS, Professional staff of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency have determined a comprehensive and integrated planning process is needed to address these inadequacies and new and future growth in order to provide a thorough understanding of land use, economic development opportunities and infrastructure/service needs and costs associated with such decision-making responsibilities as well as to provide for the “public health, safety, and general welfare” as regulated by Tennessee Code Annotated; and
- WHEREAS, This new comprehensive and integrated planning framework will be referred to as “Growing Forward” and the updated Comprehensive Plan as “Renewing Our Vision”; and
- WHEREAS, The process will also develop a new strategy for integrating planning policies and establishing recommendations for land use and infrastructure decisions which will be referred to as the “Strategy for Great Places” with a subsequent process for the update of necessary policies and codes which will be referred to as “Building for the Future”; and
- WHEREAS, This comprehensive approach should preserve and promote improvements in residential neighborhoods, assist in the enhancement of commercial/industrial activity, protect environmental resources, emphasize the importance of existing infrastructure while balancing the need for new or expanded facilities, and attempt to highlight return on investment and services through a performance evaluation of set policies; and
- WHEREAS, The Regional Planning Agency will conduct community meetings and workshops for the purpose of providing education and obtaining public input; and
- WHEREAS, The outcomes will be policy oriented, and as such, will not guarantee zoning changes or funding for projects or other recommendations contained therein, but will instead set forth a new method of prioritizing needs and measuring accomplishments associated with planning recommendations; and
- WHEREAS, A final draft of each document will be presented to the public and the appropriate advisory and legislative bodies for review and adoption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Regional Planning Agency be and is hereby requested to conduct land use and infrastructure studies countywide to complete an updated comprehensive plan, integrated land use and transportation strategy, and provide for new land development policies and codes.

BECAME LAW UNDER TEN (10) DAY PROVISION
CHAPTER 934, TENNESSEE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1978
ATTEST MICHAEL CLARK
DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK
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CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

Approved:

Rejected:

Approved:

Vetoed:


County Clerk

County Mayor

April 2, 2014

Date