
CITY MANAGER UPDATES TO CITY COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 3, 2023



In this edition, we announce our Thanksgiving closings, the Greensboro Coliseum and Tanger Center RFP, annual reports, Council meeting updates and more.

Thanksgiving Closings

City of Greensboro offices and facilities are closed Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving. [Full News Release](#)



City Council

- The next City Council meeting is November 21. There are two items on the agenda to be particularly aware of:
 - **Agenda Items G-11 and G12: A&Y Greenway: Hill Street to Rollins Road (BL-0116) – Approve Design Funding**
 - Project BL-0116 will connect the existing A&Y Greenway to Downtown and the Downtown Greenway. The project will connect people to schools, retail centers, services, public transportation and regional greenway network.
 - City has already acquired rail banking rights to the corridor needed for the project.
 - Completing the design will enable project construction to proceed once construction funding is identified. MPO TAC is actively seeking federal construction funding from NCDOT through the project prioritization process.
 - **Federal funding approved:** by MPO on September 20 and by NC Board of Transportation on November 15.
 - **Action requested:** Authorize execution of Municipal Agreement with NCDOT and approve Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$2,187,500.
 - **Next steps:** (1) execute municipal agreement; (2) award design contract; (3) complete design process. Expected completion within 2 years of start of work.
 - **Agenda Items G13 and G14 (2023-796): A&Y Greenway Bridge Replacement over Lake Brandt (BL-0117) – Approve Design and Construction Funding**
 - Project HL-0117 will design and construct a replacement bridge and related improvements for the A&Y Greenway over Lake Brandt near Bur-Mil Park.
 - The existing railroad trestle bridge has been closed due to structural deficiencies and related safety concerns identified in a recent structural engineering assessment.
 - Project BL-0117 will design and construct the replacement bridge as soon as possible with an expedited project development process.
 - **Federal funding approved:** by MPO on September 20 and by NC Board of Transportation on November 15.
 - **Action requested:** Authorize execution of Municipal Agreement with NCDOT and approve Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$2,538,000.
 - **Next steps:** (1) execute municipal agreement; (2) award design contract; (3) complete design and permitting process; (4) construct replacement bridge. Construction start estimated to be up to 3 years after start of design work.
 - **Item G.22: Short Term Rentals.** Due to some complexities with the adopted ordinance and contract that Planning and Legal worked through over the past couple of months, we have determined that additional time will be needed to effectively implement the adopted ordinance. The vendor has requested an extension for the effective date to April 1, 2024. The additional 3 months will allow IT and Granicus to have all of the necessary initial parcel data and distance measurements in place for the system and mapping framework, ensuring all aspects are beta-tested for functionality and that both the internal/external online platform and interface is readily accessible to the public and staff. Externally, the online platform will allow Short Term Rental operators to apply and pay for their zoning permit online and for the City to provide a means for the public to be able to identify the locations of active Short Term Rentals in Greensboro. To coincide with the finalizing of the technology components, staff will roll out the public education campaign in January. This will include education on the permitting process and the implementation of the ordinance requirements and grandfathering provisions. Towards that end City staff will request City Council to amend the effective date of the adopted Short Term Rental Ordinance to April 1, 2024. Since the effective date was in the language of the adopted ordinance, adjusting that date will need to be done at a public hearing. The call for the public hearing will be on the Nov 21 City Council meeting. The (brief) public hearing will be Dec 5. We do not intend on changing any of the other language.
- City calls for a day of prayer or reflection on Tuesday, November 21. [Full News Release](#)
- **November 16 Work Session Recap:** This week's Work Session was focused on Public Safety updates: GM911, Office of Community Safety, Greensboro Fire Department, Greensboro Police Department and an overview of ordinances to be presented at a future Council Work Session. The following video clips were shared at the Work Session related to recruitment strategy for GM911 and how to text GM911 in case of emergencies. Please share with those in your network. [GM 911 Recruiting Video](#) | [Text 911 in Emergency Video](#)
- **2024 Council Meetings Schedule:** Calendar invites sent for the 2024 City Council meeting schedules; this included all

regular meetings, the tentative holds for the 4th Tuesday of the month for as needed meetings, tentative work sessions, AND the hold for February **15 & 16 City Council Strategy Sessions to be held at Bennett College.**

GTA Crosstown Route Service (Route #1)

We are excited to announce the March 1 arrival of GTA's first crosstown transit route. For this endeavor, Routes 1 W. Wendover Avenue and 10 E. Market Street will become a unified transit corridor connecting the residential and educational areas of East Greensboro with the Wendover Avenue retail district and all points in between. The combining of east and west routes will offer a much greater frequency of 15 minutes between 6 am and 6 pm on the trunk route...all without transferring buses. Further, we are looking at extending the new Route 1 to Bridford Parkway and Guilford College Road. At this location they will have the new Top Golf, Main Event, and a hotel which a stop will be needed at this location. This will also allow Route 1 to have a transfer point at Guilford College to the Route 9.

Infrastructure and Development

- Leaf vacuum collection started again on Monday Nov. 6. We are about 20 seasonal (temporary) employees short of our full staffing model. This will reduce the number of crews working collection.
- In preparation for the yard waste changes coming in 2024, a [webpage](#) with [handouts](#) has been created to help residents understand what changes are coming and when. The webpage includes paper bag FAQs, yard waste container FAQs, and more.



- **N. Eugene Street Closure – November 20:** From 8 am to 4 pm Monday, November 20, N. Eugene Street between W. Smith and Bellemeade streets will be closed due to roadway pavement milling. Motorists should expect delays around the work area and are urged to use alternate routes or follow the detour map below. Work schedules are dependent on weather conditions and material/equipment availability. Visit www.greensboro-nc.gov/RoadProjects to learn more about lane and road closures and subscribe to receive email notifications about upcoming work on City streets.



City Clerk's Office

2024 City of Greensboro Benefits Enrollment Form for City Council: Benefit packets were distributed to Council members on November 6th. Included in the packets, Council received a benefits enrollment form that needs to be completed and returned to City Clerk Angela Lord, if you have not already done so.

Board Manager (Boards/Commissions)

The City Clerk's office has implemented the Board Manager software. The purpose of this software is to move away from the antiquated process that has been in use for many years. This update will provide a more efficient process, Council access to real-time information through our website, and Boards/Commissions transparency for the residents of Greensboro. Board Manager will allow the administrators (City Clerk Angela Lord and Assistant City Clerk Quiwanaki "Q" Ramsey) to track, manage, and publish board and member data. Board Manager will be accessible on the City website www.greensboro-nc.gov, click Government, and then click Boards and Commissions by November 20.

Greensboro Coliseum Complex and Tanger Center Update

The City of Greensboro is seeking qualified proposals from private management firms to provide facility management and booking services for the City's premier entertainment complex, the Greensboro Coliseum Complex and Tanger Center. Interested parties must submit their proposals by December 22, 2023.

Annual Reports

In the past two weeks, our [Parks and Recreation](#), [Creative Greensboro](#), and [Water Resources](#) departments released their 2022-23 Annual Reports.

Find all of our annual reports on the City's [Annual Reports webpage](#).



In the News

- Greensboro ranks as the 9th best place for foreign business in the annual FT-Nikkei rankings. That's up 11 places from last year's ranking of 20th. Greensboro scored a 100/100 in Aftercare, which refers to the level of state and local support to foreign companies following their investment. The city also scored 86/100 in both Investment Trends and Business Environment, as well as a 79 in Quality of Life. Business Environment looks at the cost and ease of doing business. [Full News Release](#)
- GM 911 was featured on WFMY related to being able to text 911 when calling isn't an option. [News Story](#)
- GM 911 was featured on Fox 8 regarding 25,000 more emergency calls than last year. [News Story](#)
- Greensboro History Museum Director Carol Ghiorsi Hart has been selected as a Top 50 Museum Influencer by global visitor attractions publisher, Blooloo. Ghiorsi Hart was recognized for "visionary leadership" that has helped the museum emerge as "a dynamic institution committed to preserving and celebrating the diverse tapestry of Greensboro's history, connecting communities, and serving as a beacon of progress in challenging times." [Full News Release](#)
- The Greensboro History Museum was also recognized with two Gold Awards and one Silver Award for excellence in the use of technology. [Full News Release](#)
- For the third consecutive year, the City of Greensboro scored a perfect 100 points in the 2023 Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index (MEI). The score ranks Greensboro first among all cities in North Carolina, tied with Chapel Hill. [Full News Release](#)



Good News

- The Greensboro Youth Council (GYC) is now accepting new and gently used toys or cash donations for its Santa's Workshop Toy Drive through December 8. [Full News Release](#)
- Parks and Recreation has launched its Letters to Santa program again this year. [Full News Release](#)
- The Greensboro Police Department is once again organizing its [Operation Yuletide](#) program to bring holiday cheer to good people who are experiencing tough times.
- Greensboro Police joined the Greensboro Swarm basketball team and its coaches for an annual safety talk. This is the third year in a row GPD has been involved with the Swarm.
- Michael Benton and Ronald Bolton of Water Resources came to the aid of a woman and her son at a local gas station recently. The son's car would not start, but Michael and Ronald, who both work in the department's Operations Division, jumped right in and ultimately got the car started. Neighborhood Development Director Michelle Kennedy happened to be there and snapped the photo below and notified the division manager of the pair's exemplary community support and care.





Creative Greensboro

- **City appoints first Poet Laureate:** Congratulations to Josephus Thompson III for being named the City's inaugural poet laureate. Thompson is a local spoken word performance poet, activist, lecturer, teacher and author.
- **Creative Greensboro Selects 2024 GROW Residents:** GROW is supported by a Spark the Arts grant from the North Carolina Arts Council in the amount of \$58,800 over the course of two years. [Full News Release](#)

Workforce

- GuilfordWorks was unanimously approved to join the AdvanceNC Executive Committee as a Partner Member. AdvanceNC is a collaborative group of community colleges, universities, and workforce partners in central North Carolina working with employer stakeholders to support the development of a robust talent pipeline serving the regional manufacturing community. Locally, GuilfordWorks joins both GTCC and NC A&T State University as members. [Full News Release](#)

Intergovernmental Relations Bills/Grants Update

Please see attached comprehensive information



GREENSBORO
NORTH CAROLINA

PLANNING

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Text Amendment Timeline (As of 11/8/2023)

11/22/2023	Draft text amendment ordinance prepared
11/27/2023	Draft text amendment ordinance sent to technical work group and community focus group
	Review through December 8, 2023
	Educational ADU website preparation ongoing beginning 11/27/2023
12/11/2023	Educational ADU website launches
	Any additional revisions due to work group or focus group comments to be completed
1/ <u>TBD</u> /2024	Close public comment on the educational website
	Public notice of P&Z hearing (10 to 25 days before P&Z)
2/19/2024	Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing
	Public notice of Council hearing (10 to 25 days before Council)
3/19/2024	City Council Public Hearing and Consideration



DATE: November 16, 2023

TO: Taiwo Jaiyeoba, City Manager

FROM: Sue Schwartz, FAICP Director
Mike Kirkman, AICP Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: Expedited Review of Requests Before Planning and Zoning Commission

Background

During 2020, following several consecutive monthly meetings of the Planning and Zoning Commission that stretched very late into the evening (10:00 p.m. or later), Commission members requested staff look at options to more effectively manage the Commission’s agendas. This was to ensure both, that all requests would be heard and considered in a timely manner, and that the Commission was making good decisions on the requests, without consideration of the time when the request was heard. In making this request, the Commission understood the challenges were two fold; the steadily increasing case volumes as part of the overall increase in development activity that occurred starting in 2020, and the challenges with implementing and running both all virtual, and hybrid, meetings in response to COVID related protocols.

After rejecting some initial suggestions, such as a cap on the number of submittals allowed each month, or introducing a second monthly meeting, staff and the Commission identified the option to review non-controversial items through an expedited review process. This was based on the use of variations of this approach by other NC jurisdictions and the regular use of the Consent Agenda by City Council for non-controversial items. Staff also reached out to the development community and frequent submitters of rezoning applications to review how an expedited review process would work. The option to implement an expedited review process was discussed at the February 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and approved by the Commission shortly thereafter.

How the Expedited Review Works

Items eligible for expedited review (shortened staff presentation and more limited time for any comments to the Commission) are only those requests where there is no identified opposition and staff is supportive of the request. In those cases the requests are moved to the front of the meeting agenda and quickly reviewed and addressed by the Commission before moving on to remaining items with identified opposition that would then use the normal presentation and speaking times. Any Commission member has the option to remove an item from expedited review if they felt additional information was necessary or had individual concerns separate from any known opposition. Concurrently, while the expedited agenda option was being implemented, City Council also approved an increase in the notification boundary for zoning requests from 600 feet to 750 feet. Staff worked on additional information and means to help both applicants and the public better understand the rezoning process.

Identifying Opposition or Lack of Opposition

As only requests with no identified opposition may be considered for expedited review, there are several steps taken to identify any potential opposition.

- Applicants are advised of the importance of outreach to neighbors and staff provides the 750 foot distribution list the City uses for its official hearing notices to all applicants. From applicant communications and the City’s notices, staff will often speak with persons who are either seeking more details on the request or may have initial opposition to the request. In many cases the initial opposition is resolved with the additional information provided by staff, or through conditions added to the rezoning request after issues of concern are identified.
- The City’s public hearing notices encourage anyone interested in speaking on an item to contact City staff ahead of the meeting so we are aware of their interest and whether they are in favor or opposed to a request. This also allows staff the opportunity to provide additional information on the request and hearing process so speakers can better use their time when addressing the Commission.

Information on known speakers is compiled and then provided to the Planning & Zoning Commission Chair and Vice Chair on the afternoon of the day of the meeting.

1. At the meeting itself, persons are also able to sign up to speak and note if they are in Favor or Opposition to a request.
2. These signup sheets are then collected right before the meeting starts and provided to the Chair to confirm which cases are eligible to be expedited.
3. The Chair then notes at the beginning of the meeting which cases are eligible for expedited reviews and inquires one final time of anyone in opposition to the requests before proceeding to those items.

Annexation & Original Zoning and Rezoning cases	Items Heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission	Cases Expedited
June 2021 - October 2023	216	99 (45.8%)
<p>Note: cases may include two or more agenda items (ex: an annexation petition, original zoning request, rezoning request, and Right-of-way rezoning).</p> <p>This count excludes non-zoning items such as text amendments, general public hearings, and street closures.</p> <p>This count excludes agenda items withdrawn or continued.</p>		

Summary

- The use of the expedited review has generally helped manage the work load of the Planning & Zoning Commission on meeting nights.
- Staff has observed the many applicants are making several efforts to communicate with surrounding property owners.
- There are still multiple measures taken to determine if people wish to speak on an item before it is put in the expedited review category.

Staff has generally received favorable feedback from the Commission, applicants, and the public on the use of the expedited reviews to better manage meetings of the Commission, and we are happy to answer any further questions or provide any additional information on this topic.



Greensboro Federal Grant Program Status Tracker

FY 2022 – 2023 Awarded

CITY DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	PROJECT	AWARDED	STATUS	NOTES
Transportation	USDOT Safe Streets for All	MPO Comprehensive Plan	\$775,000	Awarded Feb 2023. Awaiting NTP.	Can apply for future implementation.
Transportation	Safe Routes for Schools	Greensboro's Safe Routes to Schools project.	\$500,000	Awarded April 2023. Agreement needs to be executed.	Continuation. FHWA funding dispersed by NCDOT.
Transportation	Urbanized Area Formula		\$6.8 million. Funds are shared among City, Guilford County and PART.		Direct allocation via MPO. Apportionment increased from IIJA.
Sustainability/Resilience	DOE/Energy Efficiency Block Grant Funding	Greensboro EECBG	\$314,150	Submitted 4/28/2023	IIJA Formula funds.
Police Department	BJA Collaborative Crisis Response & Intervention Training	Greensboro Behavioral Health Response System	\$249,998	Awarded Fall 2022	

Police Department	BJA Community Violence Intervention & Prevention	Expansion of CVI Program	\$2 million	Awarded Fall 2022	
Water Resources	Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) grants	Sanitary sewer evaluation survey	\$400,000	Awaiting notification	
Water Resources	Stormwater Planning Grant	North Buffalo Creek Master Plan	\$400,000	Awaiting notification	
Parks and Recreation	Land and Water Conservation grant award	Windsor Chavis Nocho	\$4,384,285.83	Awarded Fall 2023 Awaiting Notification from Agency re: release of funds to State.	
Sustainability/Resilience	USDA Forest Service – Urban Forestry	Tree Canopy Audit	\$825,000	Awarded Fall 2023	First Round of IIJA funding.
Police Department	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program	Greensboro Police Department's Railroad Trespass Initiative Overtime Response	\$96,000	Awarded Fall 2023	
Transportation	Roadway Safety Planning Grants	Greensboro Urban Area MPO SS4A Planning and Demonstration Project	\$370,280.00	Awaiting Notification from Agency re: release of funds	

FY 2023 Applied & Pending Notification

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Sustainability/Resilience	EPA – Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program	City of Greensboro Organics Plan and Pilot Program	\$500,000	Submitted 2/15/2023	First round of IIJA funding.
Sustainability/Resilience	EPA – Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program	City of Greensboro Center for Environmental Education & Sustainability	\$3,993,062.00	Submitted 2/15/2023	First round of IIJA funding.
Sustainability/Resilience	EPA – Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant Program	Greensboro REO Program	\$1.7 million	Submitted 2/15/2023	First Round of IIJA funding.
Transportation	FTA - Transit Oriented Development Grant	J. Douglas Galyon Depot Study		Submitted 10/10/2023	
Planning	PRO-Housing Grant				

Upcoming Federal Grant Opportunities

CITY DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	PROJECT	AWARDED	STATUS	NOTES
Transportation	USDOT RAISE	Ideas: Greenways, Complete Streets, Transit	To be determined	Open late September 2023	
Transportation; Parks/Rec	USDOT Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhood Access/Equity	Ideas: Greenways or BRT lite. Reapply for AGGIES under planning.	\$3.16 billion available	Opens July 2023. Closes Sept 18, 2023. This NOFO is combined with new opportunity, NAE funding.	NCDOT applied in Year 1 for the Accelerating Greensboro Growth by Increasing Equity and Safety (AGGIES) - \$400k planning.

					Not awarded. Anticipate a call in July 2023. Will apply again by August - September 2023. Will apply again by August - September 2023.
Transportation	USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grants (SMART)	GDOT identified smart city corridor projects along Gate City Boulevard	\$100 million available	Open Sept 2023	Must receive planning grant before seeking implementation award.
Transportation	USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant program (MEGA, Infra, Rural)	None	\$5.5 billion available	Open Now. Closes Aug 21, 2023.	Discussed. No project identified.
Transportation	USDOT Thriving Communities	Technical Assistance	\$25 million available	Opening late July	Applied last year. Not successful.
Police	BJA Byrne JAG	Technology, K9 Support, and Training	\$6.06 million available	Open now. PD has not begun the process for 2023 funding (public comment, Council presentation) - deadlines: initial 8/24 and full application by 8/31.	Formula funding. The BJA will publish the request for applications in August. These are 3 year grants and we are still have the 2020 and 2021 JAGs open.
Water Resources	FEMA Flood Mitigation	Considering potential projects in the Latham Road area once the North Buffalo watershed master plan is complete end of 2023.	\$800 million available (FY22)	Open Sept 2023	Apply through SAA. Will have earlier deadline than FEMA.

Water Resources	FEMA BRIC	Stormwater Master Planning activities ongoing through 2023. The first of three master plans (North Buffalo, South Buffalo and Horsepen Creek Watershed) will be complete Fall 2023 with CIP projects identified. Funding applications will likely be made in Spring, 2024.		Open Sept 2023	Apply through SAA. Will have earlier deadline than FEMA.
Parks/Rec	EPA Urban Waters Small Grant	Bingham Park	\$60,000.00		Will Apply. Pending NOFO
Parks/Rec	EPA Brownfields Cleanup	Bingham Park	\$2 million	Open Fall 2023	Available to only states and tribes. \$2M; Performance period up to 4yrs; sites can only receive funding once; may require up to 20% match
Parks/Rec	EPA Multipurpose Grant	Bingham Park	\$800,000		Would not directly fund remediation, but could provide workforce development training for area residents affected by the presence of brownfield sites in environmental related field.

Housing and ND	Led Based Paint Remediation and Healthy Homes Grant	GSO Repair Program	\$65 million (available as of FY22)	Awaiting NOFO (Anticipated August 2023)	
Housing and ND	Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Program	To Be Determined	Technical Assistance	Housing and ND determining appropriate aligned project for HUD portion of program.	

NOT AWARDED

CITY DEPARTMENT	PROGRAM	PROJECT	AWARDED	STATUS	NOTES
Transportation	Low-No Emission	2 Chargers, 4 Buses, Backup battery system	\$5.8 million	Submitted 4/2023. Awards announced 6/26/2023.	<p>Collaboration with NCDOT. Not selected. Highly competitive.</p> <p>Next steps - Debrief needed - FTA will send a turn down notice.</p>
Transportation	USDOT Reconnecting Communities	AGGIES	\$400k	Submitted 10/2022. Awards announced 2/2023.	Submitted by NCDOT. Not awarded. First round of IIJA. Not awarded; will try again next round.



Legislative Updates - State and Federal
Week of 11.6.23

STATE

General Weekly Session News

- The legislature has adjourned the legislative session as of 10.25.23.
- They will re-convene, in the long session, on November 29 to vote on a few small bills.
- The start of the short session is April 24, 2024.
- Since the re-drawing of the congressional maps, and its enactment as law ([Senate Bill 757 / SL 2023-145](#)), for the state of North Carolina, incumbents and challengers have declared their [intentions to run in the 2024 election](#).

City of Greensboro Legislative Agenda Updates

Chamber	Bill Number	Bill Name	Sponsor(s)	Most Recent Action
House	H140	Civilian Traffic Investigators/Pilot.	Faircloth (R) Hardister (R) Lambeth (R) Ross (D)	6/23/23 Ch. SL 2023-52 Signed by Gov. 6/23/2023
House	H857	Cities/Chronic Violators of Ordinances.	Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	4/26/23 Ref to the Com on Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S424	Restore the American Dream	Sydney Batch (D) Michael Garrett (D) Jay Chaudhuri (D)	4/5/23 Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate.
House	H468	Camera Enforcement of Greensboro School Zones.	Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D) Jon Hardister (R) John Faircloth (R) Amos Quick (D)	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref to the Com on Transportation, if favorable, Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House



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Senate	S178	Greensboro/School Zone Elec. Enforc.	Gladys Robinson (D) Michael Garrett (D)	3/1/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S219	Camera Enforcement for Speeding in School.	Gladys Robinson (D)	3/8/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S223	Funds/BinghamParkRe mediation.	Gladys Robinson (D)	3/9/23 Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S214	Inspections/Immediate Threat to Occupants.	Gladys Robinson (D) Michael Garrett (D)	3/8/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S213	Greensboro/Civilian Traffic Investigators.	Gladys Robinson (D) Michael Garrett (D)	3/8/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S450	Seized Weapons Security Act.	Michael Garrett (D) Gladys Robinson (D) Jay Chaudhuri (D)	4/3/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H549*	Civilian Traffic Investigators	Baker (D) Willingham (D)	4/4/2023 Ref to the Com on Judiciary 2, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on
Senate	S251*	Civilian Traffic Investigators.	Lazarra (R) Newton (R)	3/9/2023 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on



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Bills of Interest

Chamber	Bill Number	Bill Name	Sponsor(s)	Most Recent Action
Senate	S677	Surveyors Right of Entry/Exped. Comm. Bldg.	Jarvis (R) McInnis (R)	10/21/2023 Ch. SL 2023-142 Became Law W/o Signature
Senate	S749	No Partisan Advantage in Elections	Daniel (R) P. Newton (R) Hise (R)	10/10/2023 Ch. SL 2023-139 Veto Overridden
Senate	S747	Elections Law Changes	Hise (R) Newton (R) Daniel (R)	10/10/2023 Ch. SL 2023-140 Veto Overridden
House	H600	Regulatory Reform Act of 2023.	Dennis Riddell (R) Jeff Zenger (R) Mark Brody (R) Allen Chesser (R)	10/10/2023 Ch. SL 2023-137 Veto Overridden
Senate	S749	No Partisan Advantage in Elections	Hise (R) Newton (R) Daniel (R)	10/10/2023 Ch. SL 2023-139 Veto Overridden
House	H259	2023 Appropriations Act	Lambeth (R) Saine (R) Arp (R)	10/3/2023 Ch. SL 2023-134 Became Law W/o Signature
House	H893	Private Commercial Building Inspection	Mark Brody (R) Brenden Jones (R) Reece Pyrtle (R) Jon Hardister (R)	9/20/2023 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H466	Allow Temporary Dwellings During Construction	Crutchfield (R) Johnson (R) McNeely (R) Balkcom (R)	8/21/2023 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate



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				Passed 1st Reading
House	S9*	Greensboro/Winston-Salem Civil Service Board.	Jeff Zenger (R) Jon Hardister (R) Kyle Hall (R)	8/17/2023 Ch. SL 2023-112
House	H488	Code Council Reorg. and Var. Code Amend.	Mark Brody (R) Destin Hall (R) Tricia Cotham (D) Dennis Riddell (R)	8/16/2023 Veto Overridden Ch. SL 2023-108
House	H451*	Noncontiguous Expansion of MSDs.	Jon Hardister (R) Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	7/13/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S91	Amend Rule 4/Acceptance of Service	Galey (R) Sawrey (R) Newton (R)	7/10/23 Ch. SL 2023-97
House	H34	Protect Those Who Serve and Protect Act.	Kelly Hastings (R) Jason Saine (R) Carson Smith (R) Reece Pyrtle (R)	7/7/23 Ch. SL 2023-76
Senate	S299	Reimburse Late Audit Costs with Sales Tax Rev	Lisa Barnes (R) Johnson	6/27/2023 Ch. SL 2023-59 Veto Override
Senate	S99	Bond Referendum Transparency	Carl Ford (R) Eddie Settle (R) Johnson	6/26/23 House Referred To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S673	Water and Wastewater Regulatory Relief Act.	Paul Newton (R) Benton Sawrey (R) Michael Lazzara (R)	6/23/23 Ch. SL 2023-55 Signed by Gov. 6/23/2023
House	H347	Sports Wagering.	Jason Saine (R) John Bell (R) Zack Forde-Hawkins (D)	6/14/23 Ch. SL 2023-42 Signed by Gov.



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			Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	
House	H603	Temporary Event Venues	Jon Hardister (R) Mark Brody (R) Erin Pare (R) Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	6/15/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S675	Land Use Clarification and Changes	Michael Lee (R) Dave Craven (R) Amy Galey (R)	6/13/2023 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S549	Development Moratoria/Transportation Projects	Sawyer (R)	5/23/23 Reptd Fav Re-ref Com On Transportation
House	H588	Heirs Property Study	Kyle Hall (R) Donna McDowell White (R) Robert Reives (D)	5/4/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H332	Streamline Comm./Multi-family Building Plan Review	Jeff Zenger (R) Steve Tyson (R) Larry Potts (R) Johnson (R) Shelly Willingham (D)	5/3/2023 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H799	Local Government Audits	Winslow Penny Zenger (R)	5/2/23 House Re-ref Com On Appropriations Reptd Fav Com Substitute
Senate	S515	Water and Sewer Affordability Act.	Vickie Sawyer (R) Jim Perry (R) Michael Lazzara (R)	4/27/23 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H409	Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units	Matt Winslow (R) Vernetta Alston (D) Steve Tyson (R) Gloristine Brown (D)	4/26/23 Senate Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate



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House	H537	Workforce Housing Act.	Jeff Zenger (R) Brian Biggs (R) Jarrod Lowery (R) Ken Fontenot (R)	4/25/23 Re-ref to the Com on Local Government, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H595	Rental Inspections.	Bill Ward (R) Vernetta Alston (D) John Autry (D) Pricey Harrison (D) Frances Jackson (D) Lindsey Prather (D)	4/25/23 Re-ref Com On Regulatory Reform
Senate	S581	County and City Sales Tax Exemption	Tom McInnis (R) Michael Lazzara (R) Vickie Sawyer (R)	4/17/23 Withdrawn From Com Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H598	1% Property Tax Levy Limitation.	Mitchell Setzer (R) Bill Ward (R)	4/17/23 Ref to the Com on Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S684	Stormwater Program Revisions	Michael Lee (R) Steve Jarvis (R) Jim Perry (R)	4/13/23 Withdrawn From Com Re-ref to Agriculture, Energy, and Environment. If fav, re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S704	Citizens Review Board	Mujtaba Mohammed (D) Natalie Murdock (D)	4/10/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S686	Regulatory Reform Act of 2023	Norman Sanderson (R) Mike Woodard (D) Johnson	4/10/23 Ref to Agriculture, Energy,



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				and Environment. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S667	Regulation of Short-Term Rentals	Tim Moffitt (R) Bobby Hanig (R)	4/10/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H562	Addressing the Workforce Housing Crisis	John Bradford (R) Jeff Zenger (R) Ashton Wheeler Clemmons (D)	4/5/23 Ref to the Com on Local Government - Land Use, Planning and Development, if favorable, Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H273	Local Government Budget Hearings.	Matt Winslow (R) Jennifer Balkcom (R)	4/4/23 Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S520	Commuter Rail Study/Piedmont Triad	Garrett (D) Lowe (D) Robinson (D)	4/4/23 Senate Re-ref to Appropriations/Base Budget. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H252	Multijurisdictional Property	Matt Winslow (R) Mark Brody (R) Steve Tyson (R) Jeff Zenger (R)	4/3/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H205	Transparent Governance & Integrity Act.-AB	Penny Winslow Balkcom	3/29/23 Re-ref Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House



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Senate	S378	Code Council Reorg. and Var. Code Amend.	Steve Jarvis (R) Tim Moffitt (R) Jim Perry (R)	3/28/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S374	Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units.	Tim Moffitt (R) Julie Mayfield (D)	3/28/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S365	Development Regulations/Multijurisdiction.	Steve Jarvis (R) Tim Moffitt (R) Johnson	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H458	Eminent Domain.	Dennis Riddell (R) Destin Hall (R) Dean Arp (R) Steve Tyson (R)	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref to the Com on Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H474	Facilitate Small Housing.	Renee Price (D) Mark Brody (R) Allison Dahle (D)	3/27/23 Passed 1st Reading Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
House	H294	NC Housing Choice Incentive	Vernetta Alston (D) Gloristine Brown (D) Jon Hardister (R)	3/21/23 Serial Referral To Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S317	Addressing the Workforce Housing Crisis	Paul Newton (R) Tim Moffitt (R) Paul Lowe (D)	3/16/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S290	Short Term Rentals.	Vickie Sawyer (R)	3/13/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate



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House	H284	Law Enforcement/Destroy Certain Firearms.	Marcia Morey (D) Julie Von Haefen (D) Carolyn Logan (D)	3/7/23 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S251	Civilian Traffic Investigators.	Michael Lazzara (R) Paul Newton (R) Tim Moffitt (R)	3/9/23 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
House	H284*	Law Enforcement/Destroy Certain Firearms.	Morey (D) Von Haefen (D) Logan (D)	3/7/23 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House on
House	H266	Local Governments/System Development Fees.	Amber Baker (D)	3/6/23 Ref To Com On Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House
Senate	S188	Local Governing Bds/Compensation Equity Act.	Tim Moffitt (R) Bobby Hanig (R)	3/2/23 Senate Re-ref to Finance. If fav, re-ref to Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S111	Repeat Ordinance Violators/Taxi Ordinances.	Michael Lazzara (R) Benton Sawrey (R) Tom McInnis (R)	2/16/2023 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
Senate	S117*	Expand Use of Civilian Crash Investigators.	Lee (R) Mayfield (D)	2/16/2023 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate on
Senate	S77*	Cities/Civilian Traffic Investigators.	Lowe (D)	2/8/2023 Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate

*Directly impacts the City of Greensboro or aligns to an item on the legislative agenda



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Important Dates/Meetings

COUNCIL/DELEGATION

HOUSE

[House convenes - November 29, 2023 - 12:00PM](#)

SENATE

[Senate convenes - November 29, 2023 - 12:00PM](#)



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FEDERAL

General Weekly Session News

Week of 11.6

- The House and Senate were in session this week.
- The House returned at 2pm on 11/6 to resume work on its Transportation-HUD and Financial Services spending bills.
- The Senate returned on 11/6 to vote on Monica Bertagnolli's nomination to serve as National Institutes of Health Director.
- Appropriations: The House voted on its Transportation-HUD bill this week after it failed to move on the bill late last week. Some House Republicans from the northeast balked at the cuts to rail funding, preventing the Speaker from bringing the bill to the floor for a vote. Last week, the Senate passed its own THUD bill as part of a three-bill minibus.
- CR: Speaker Mike Johnson said Republicans are already working on their temporary stopgap measure to keep the government funded through January 15. Government funding runs out on 11/17.
- Rail Funding: The President was in Delaware on 11/6, where he announced \$16.4 billion in grants for passenger rail along the Northeast Corridor, including \$3.8 billion for the Gateway Hudson River Tunnel.
- Israel: While visiting with regional leaders in the Middle East, Secretary of State Antony Blinken has called for a "humanitarian pause" in Israel's conflict with Gaza.
- Elections: Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia are some of the states that held elections on 11/6. Virginia Gov. Glen Youngkin (R) hopes to secure a new legislative majority to advance his conservative agenda.



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- Driving the News:
 - Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds to endorse Ron DeSantis for president ([NBC News](#))
 - Northeast Corridor gets \$16 billion amid Amtrak fight ([Roll Call](#))
 - Trump takes the stand in unprecedented New York civil fraud trial ([The Hill](#))

New Crosstown Route 1

A persistent shortcoming for users of the GTA transit system identified in recent years is the lack of “one-seat” crosstown routes. A vast majority of trips on the system requires travel downtown six to seven miles each way to the Depot for transfers to a second route...even when the departure and destination points lie less than a mile apart! We are excited to address this missing piece of the Greensboro transit puzzle with the March 1 arrival of GTA’s first crosstown transit route. For this endeavor, Routes 1 W. Wendover Avenue and 10 E. Market Street will become a unified transit corridor connecting the residential and educational areas of East Greensboro with the Wendover Avenue retail district and all points in between. The combining of east and west routes will offer a much greater frequency of 15 minutes between 6 am and 6 pm on the trunk route...all without transferring buses. Other benefits are expanded evening service and overall enhanced frequency and timeliness, bringing more efficiency to the overall system. This effort is coming to realization with an allocated three-years of funding of \$6.1 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants and the federal Carbon Reduction Plan (CRP). The first year CMAQ allocation of \$2.05 Million will be matched by \$512,240 encumbered in the City Manager’s budget.

To reach the desired service level, GTA must acquire four additional transit buses. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro has generously opted to allocate buses currently used on GTA Route 73 serving their off-campus housing students, recognizing the service advantages available with the new use. While the financial resources for the new Route 1 project are secured, work has begun in earnest to meet the required personnel, contractual and communication needs. GTA’s contractor RATP DEV requires a 45-day notice of change in service to recruit and hire additional operators and supervisors. Also, FTA guidelines call for public meetings receiving feedback on the changes while transit signage, maps and websites require appropriate updates to ensure the community knows how to access this exciting new arrival.



GREENSBORO
NORTH CAROLINA

PLANNING

DATE: November 1, 2023

TO: Greensboro City Council
Taiwo Jaiyeoba, City Manager

FROM: Sue Schwartz, Director
Mike Kirkman, Zoning Administrator

SUBJECT: Update on Implementation of Short Term Rental Regulations

Please find below an update related to the implementation of the City's new provisions on Short Term Rentals.

Post Adoption Items

On May 23, 2023 City Council approved changes to the Land Development Ordinance (LDO) to create a consistent definition for Short Term Rentals in Greensboro which included a number of development standards for this newly defined use. The new regulations are currently scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2024. Given the significant interest in this topic please find updates on several items below.

3rd Party Software Vendor - One major component of implementation is the hiring of a 3rd party software vendor to identify, communicate with and monitor all Short Term Rentals in Greensboro. The vendor is also necessary for the City to implement and track the required zoning permits called for in the newly adopted regulations. The RFP to solicit proposals for the 3rd party vendor was distributed to a large list of potential companies in mid-July and a vendor has been selected based on a combination of cost, relevant experience with similar jurisdictions and ability to meet the major priorities for the City.

Public Communications - Staff has continued to respond to inquiries on both the application of the approved regulations and requests for the required zoning permits specified in the regulations. Since the permitting functions cannot be completed until the software system is in place we are advising patience and to keep checking the City's project website at [greensboro-nc.gov/ShortTermRentals](https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/ShortTermRentals) for updates. To ensure we are able to communicate effectively on the implementation of the adopted requirements for Short Term Rentals, we have also been working with our Legal staff how to implement specific provisions of the adopted ordinance; particularly the provisions tied to separation between Short Term Rentals.

Items Requiring Further Clarification/Explanation

The adopted Short Term regulations include two requirements that impact where Short Term Rentals can be located. The first is a requirement that all Short Term Rentals must be separated from each other by at least 750 feet, measured from property line to property line. The second is the requirement that limits the number of Short Term Rentals to a maximum of 25% of units in multifamily buildings (apartments, condos, townhomes) or 1 unit; whichever is greater.

The strict application of the 750 feet separation requirement for existing Short Term Rentals creates equity concerns since the City does not have an accurate listing of existing Short Term Rentals locations at this time. It also places a significant burden on the City and its selected vendor to track which Short Term Rental operators are able to secure zoning permits first once the regulations go into effect. This will likely cause a significant number of appeals/variances to the Board of Adjustment from existing operators denied a permit because of the separation requirement and greatly increase the potential for litigation.

These challenges can be resolved by granting non-conforming (i.e. grandfathered) status to any Short Term Rental in operation during the 2023 calendar year (from January 1 – December 31, 2023). Proof of operation could include showing listings of the property as a Short Term Rental, receipts showing payment of local occupancy taxes for the property, or copies of rental agreements for periods of 30 days or less within that timeframe. Separately the 750 feet separation standard would not apply to Short Term Rentals located in multifamily buildings but instead the multifamily provisions limiting the number of rentals in each building would apply.

This approach, reached in conjunction with Legal staff and the City Manager's office, allows the City to more readily identify and permit all existing Short Term Rentals once the new regulations are in effect and then apply all regulations evenly with new Short Term Rentals permits. Any Short Term Rental granted nonconforming use status would still be subject to the Land Development Ordinance's Nonconforming Use provisions that state a use that has ceased for a period of 12 consecutive months or is housed in a structure that is damaged beyond 50% of tax value may not be reestablished. Any zoning permit issued for a nonconforming Short Term Rental could also still be revoked for other reasons under the Short Term Rental provisions.

Next Steps

Unfortunately due to some complexities with the adopted ordinance and with the development and execution of the contract with the 3rd party vendor, staff has concluded that additional time will be needed to effectively implement the adopted ordinance. This additional time is needed to design and implement the City's Short Term Rentals tracking and permitting systems

to ensure all aspects are functional and readily accessible to the public and staff. This includes the ability for Short Term Rental operators to apply and pay for their zoning permit online and for the City to provide a means for the public to be able to identify the locations of active Short Term Rentals in Greensboro. Additional time is also need to ensure there is adequate public education on the permitting process and the implementation of the ordinance requirements and grandfathering provisions.

Towards that end City staff will request City Council to amend the effective date of the adopted Short Term Rental Ordinance to April 1, 2024. As a change in effective date is the only request, this can be done at the City Council level using the provisions of Section 30-4-4.6 of the Land Development Ordinance. Please let us know if you have any questions or require any additional information at this point.