

General Plan Amendment

The General Plan contains City policies regarding the long-term, physical development and maintenance of the community and provides guidelines for individual public and private development activities. The Plan, encompassing both a text document and a Land Use Map, establishes desired land uses and density of development and defines suitable transportation and public facility improvements needed throughout the City.

Amendments to the General Plan can be initiated by the City Council, the Planning Commission, staff or property owners. Property owners can request an amendment through submittal of an application justifying the proposed change and describing the intended development and a map of the property and paying the associated fee (see Planning Application Fee Schedule) to the Planning Division.

State law limits the number of General Plan Amendments in a year to four. For the tentative scheduling of General Plan Amendment Planning Commission meeting dates, please check the [Planning Calendar](#).

The proposed amendment is circulated to certain public agencies for comment in accordance with Section 65352 of the California Government Code. Following staff analysis of the proposed amendment, a noticed public hearing is scheduled before the Planning Commission. The Commission recommendation is then forwarded to the City Council for final consideration. If the General Plan request is adopted by the Council, the appropriate changes in the Land Use Element Map and/or General Plan text are made.