

QUESTIONS ATL ZONING 2.0

The following summarizes key questions asked during Idea Lab #2 that could not be answered during the question-and-answer period due to time constraints.

Process

Q. Several polling questions use to the word “explore.” What does this mean?

One of the purposes of the Idea Labs is to share “new” topics that are not already identified in the Zoning Diagnostic or existing City policies/plans. The term “explore” is intended to assess if these “new” topics warrants more discussion, or if none is needed.

Topics that warrant more discussion will be focused on at future meetings, including opportunities for the community to support, not support, or modify specific proposals before they are even incorporated into the draft new Zoning Ordinance.

Infrastructure

Q. What is the City doing about traffic?

Traffic is under the purview of ATLDOT. Where the Zoning Ordinance rewrite and other initiatives overlap, they will coordinate for a better outcome.

Q. What is the City doing about water and sewer?

Infrastructure is under the purview of Department of Watershed Management. Where the Zoning Ordinance rewrite and other initiatives overlap, they will coordinate for a better outcome.

Accessibility

Q. What is the best way to protect pedestrians and people with disabilities in shared streets? Scooters and bikes go fast, and wheelchairs go about 5 mph.

Street design and operations are under the purview of ATLDOT. Where the Zoning Ordinance rewrite and other initiatives overlap, they will coordinate for a better outcome.



Q. What about wheelchair access when there's sidewalk dining?

Wheelchair access and other forms of accessibility are required for all sidewalks, including those with sidewalk dining. Existing City of Atlanta regulations require a minimum safe, accessible route to be provided, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, before sidewalk dining, landscaping, or any street furniture may be placed in the sidewalk.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Q. What is the tie in between an ADU and elderly occupants? Did I miss that?

The speaker was discussing how many national organizations, including AARP, have identified ADUs as a way of expanding housing options for people of all ages. [Please see the AARP ADU website.](#) *Note: This link is provided for informational purposes only. The City of Atlanta and the Zoning Rewrite Consultant Team do not explicitly endorse any content on the AARP website.*

Other City Codes

Q. Given global warming, why are we not focused on trees, stormwater management, and other critical local issues? If we cannot solve problems locally, why would we ever think we can solve problems globally?

Trees and stormwater management are not regulated by the Zoning Ordinance and, therefore, will not be included in the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite. However, the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite will be carefully coordinated with these other codes. There must be better alignment; that is a key outcome of the process.