



Press Release

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NEWS RELEASE

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PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR LAND USE/REZONING PARMA HEIGHTS

The Parma Heights Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday December 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. to consider the proposed Land Use/Rezoning of the following areas: West 130th Street to Pearl Road; West 130th Street to Ackley Boulevard, and York Road from West Ridgewood Drive to Huffman Road. This meeting will be held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 specific to recent amendments made in light of the current Covid-19 declared emergency (House Bill 197). Under the orders of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Director of Health, the Planning Commission is meeting remotely, via electronic means.

The videoconference meeting can be accessed by going to the homepage of our city website (www.parmaheightsoh.gov) to find the link for the individual meeting.

The public is invited to view the meeting live by accessing the meeting link posted on the city website and set forth above. Members of the public are encouraged to submit any comments they have regarding the proposed rezoning in advance to the Planning Commission Secretary, via e-mail, at council@parmaheightsoh.gov by no later than 3 p.m. Monday December 14, 2020.

E-mails received will be shared with the Planning Commission and either read at the meeting or attached to the minutes of the meeting.

The Land Use/Rezoning Report, proposed district map and proposed legislation can also be viewed on the city website at <http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov>.

In June 2019, the city's administration began to discuss potential updates to the city zoning code, particularly in the West 130th Street and Pearl Road corridor and then proceeding from West 130th Street to Ackley Boulevard. The area was later expanded to include York Road from West Ridgewood Drive to Huffman Road.

Since the initial review, the study was expanded to provide an analysis of the Pearl Road commercial corridor, provide more information on the Cornerstone development and the surrounding area, assess

the current commercial and planned unit development zoning districts, and evaluate previous planning efforts and recommendations for amendments to the city zoning code.

"This has been a rigorous process, but one that is vital to the future of our community," said Parma Heights Mayor Michael P. Byrne. "The Planning Commission and City Council have done a tremendous amount of work to get us to this point.

"A Land Use/Zoning Analysis has been issued by CT Consultants regarding the West 130th Street zoning district as well as the Pearl Road business corridor which has been reviewed by the Planning Commission and the City Council.

The city zoning code was adopted in 1953, and in spite of periodic amendments, the study has determined that "...several provisions of the code are outdated, overly simplistic, and lacking requirements that address contemporary uses and aesthetic concerns that often determine the success of development projects."

"Public input is extremely important to this process," said Byrne. "We are working diligently to forge a strategic future vision for the City of Parma Heights. The residents are the foundation of our community and we want to make sure they are heard."

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