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Community Survey #1

Zoning is a powerful tool that significantly impacts our daily lives, from the streets we travel on to the buildings we live in and the parks we enjoy. However, zoning regulations can often be confusing and impose barriers to necessary community changes.

Forward La Crosse Zoning Code Update is a collaborative initiative aimed at rewriting the city of La Crosse's Zoning Code and Subdivision Ordinance. The update aims to modernize regulations to better reflect current community needs and growth patterns.

This survey is one of many opportunities for you to provide feedback and influence the new code. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts by completing this quick 10-minute survey.

Learn more about the planning process and get updates at https://forwardlacrosse.org/

1. What is your age?

- ◯ Under 18
- ◯ 18-24
- ◯ 25-34
- ◯ 35-44
- ◯ 45-54
- ◯ 55-64
- ◯ 65+
- ◯ Prefer not to answer

2. How do you identify your race and/or ethnicity? Select all that apply.

- [ ] Native American/Alaska Native
- [ ] Asian/Asian American
- [ ] Black/African American
- [ ] Hispanic/Latino
- [ ] Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- [ ] White
- [ ] Prefer not to say
- [ ] Other, or prefer to self-describe:

* 3. Do you own or rent property in the City of La Crosse? Check all that apply.

- [ ] I'm a renter
- [ ] I own my home (owner-occupied)
- [ ] I own rental property (landlord)
- [ ] Other (please specify)

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4. How long have you lived in the City of La Crosse?

- ◯ Less than a year
- ◯ 1-5 years
- ◯ 6-10 years
- ◯ 11-20 years
- ◯ 21+ years
- ◯ I do not live in La Crosse.

5. How long have you lived in your current residence?

- ◯ Less than a year
- ◯ 1-5 years
- ◯ 6-10 years
- ◯ 11-20 years
- ◯ 21+ years
- ◯ Other (please specify)

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6. In what type of dwelling do you live?

- ◯ Detached (single-dwelling) home
- ◯ 2-unit Building or Duplex
- ◯ 3-4 unit Building
- ◯ 5-19 unit Building
- ◯ 20+ unit Building
- ◯ Accessory Dwelling Unit (secondary unit in or outside of the principal structure)
- ◯ Shelter/transitional facility
- ◯ Assisted living/other group facility
- ◯ Unhoused
- ◯ Other (please specify)

7. How do the members of your household park their personal vehicles at your residence?

- ◯ I don’t own a vehicle.
- ◯ Outside in a parking lot or driveway.
- ◯ Inside a garage structure.
- ◯ On the street.
- ◯ Some vehicles are parked inside a garage and others are parked outside in a driveway, parking lot, or on the street.
- ◯ Other (please specify)

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8. Do you think La Crosse has enough of the following housing types?

	Not enough	Right amount	Too much
Freestanding single-dwelling houses	◯	◯	◯
Two-unit building (Twinhome/Duplex)	◯	◯	◯
3-4 unit building (Triplex/Quadplexes)	◯	◯	◯
Townhomes/Row housing	◯	◯	◯
Multi-building complex (multiple 3-19 unit buildings in a group or cluster on one property)	◯	◯	◯
Apartment/condo building with 4-19 units	◯	◯	◯
Apartment/condo building with 20+ units	◯	◯	◯
Units above commercial uses (mixed-use buildings)	◯	◯	◯

9. Share how you feel about the following statements regarding new **large (20+ unit) residential buildings.**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Create screening when adjacent to lower-intensity residential uses.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Provide outdoor common areas for the residents.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Be situated closer to the street than they typically are today.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Maximize the use of the lot area.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Locate parking in well-screened areas behind the building or in a garage structure.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Meet pedestrian-friendly neighborhood standards for building entrance locations, landscaping, and frontage features such as patios and seating, ample windows, overhangs and awnings, architectural details, etc.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Set back the top stories of the building to better improve compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

10. Share how you feel about the following statements regarding **low-density residential uses (free-standing house, duplex, triplex, fourplex)**.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Entrances should face the street and have front porches or covered entries.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Side entry garages look better than front entry garages.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
It is acceptable for a garage to be the prominent feature of a residence from the street.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Alleyways should be incorporated in new subdivisions for garage access.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
An Accessory Dwelling Unit (secondary unit in or outside of the principal structure) is acceptable on a property.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Limits should be placed on impervious surfaces such as pavement.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

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11. Share how you feel about the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Neighborhoods should incorporate small retail, food, and service businesses.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Neighborhoods should incorporate a range of housing types, sizes, and price points.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Neighborhood design should emphasize and enable people to safely and enjoyably meet most of their needs within a 15-minute walk or bike (employment, recreation, services, grocery, school, etc.)	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
Proximity between homes and services/retail is	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

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Proximity to parks and open spaces is important.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
New development must promote environmental stewardship through environmentally friendly design practices.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯
It is easy to find parking in the downtown within three blocks of my destination.	◯	◯	◯	◯	◯

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12. Select your top THREE property regulations that you are most concerned about.

- [ ] No specific concerns / Not sure
- [ ] Parking
- [ ] Building Height
- [ ] Landscaping
- [ ] Building Setbacks
- [ ] Incompatible Uses
- [ ] Building Design Standards
- [ ] Other (please specify)
- [ ] Frontages / Streetscape
- [ ] Stormwater / Green Infrastructure
- [ ] Exterior Lighting
- [ ] Noise / Nuisances
- [ ] Large Retail Sites
- [ ] Drive-through Businesses
- [ ] Property Maintenance / Upkeep

13. In your experience, La Crosse's zoning code is:

- ◯ Too restrictive
- ◯ Fair
- ◯ Too flexible
- ◯ Not sure- no experience

14. How informed do you feel about zoning decisions and their potential impact on your neighborhood?

- ◯ Very
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Not at all
- ◯ Not sure - no experience

15. Have you been involved in zoning discussions or decisions affecting your neighborhood?

- ◯ Yes
- ◯ No
- ◯ Not sure

16. How concerned are you about environmental risks and hazards in your neighborhood?

- ◯ Very
- ◯ Neutral
- ◯ Not at all
- ◯ Not sure

17. Any other comments about anything related to existing or future developments in La Crosse or the current zoning code?

Thank you for your time and valuable feedback!

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