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Orange County Proposes to Implement Vision 2050 and Orange Code in September 2024

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Vision 2050

As one of the fastest growing regions in the United States, Orange County has been working to amend their state-required Comprehensive Plan called, "Vision 2050." Vision 2050 is drafted with two of Orange County's key planning goals in mind: smart growth and sustainability. This will be achieved by Vision 2050 focusing on policies such as resiliency, placemaking, affordability, context-driven planning, and performance-based development.

More information about Orange County's Vision 2050 can be found on their website.

Orange Code

In tandem with Vision 2050, Orange County has also been working diligently since 2019 to replace their current land development regulations with what they are calling "Orange Code." The proposed Orange Code is described by Orange County as a "form-based code that focuses on the physical nature and characteristics of buildings and public spaces, rather than land use separation and density."

Orange County's goal is that by implementing a form-based code, it will result in "more attractive, walkable, and sustainable communities, where the pedestrian is prioritized over the automobile."

More information about Orange Code can be found on their website.

Orange County intends to adopt Orange Code in September of 2024, but we will closely monitor the proposed timeline and provide updates as they become available.

If you have additional questions on Vision 2050, Orange Code or any real property rights, land use, zoning, and business matters, please contact the Lowndes Land Use Team.

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