

ORDINANCE NO. 3707

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE NOVEMBER 2008 OXFORD COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO, AND ADOPTING A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ENTITLED OXFORD TOMORROW

WHEREAS, consistent with Section 8.04 of the Oxford City Charter, the City of Oxford may adopt a comprehensive plan to serve as a guide for its affairs and decision making, with the Planning Commission assuming an important role in carrying out the plan and making such investigations, reports and recommendations relating to planning and the physical development of the City as it finds necessary and desirable; and

WHEREAS, the most recent adoption of a comprehensive plan occurred more than 14 years ago on November 4, 2008 by City Council Ordinance No. 3026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford now desires to update its comprehensive plan to reflect changing circumstances, trends and preferences in the community, while at the same time offering a bold new vision for future growth and development of the city and providing a roadmap to confront challenges and harness opportunities over the next 10 years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2021 City Council appointed representatives from established City of Oxford boards and commissions, as well as various other community partners and stakeholders outside the City organization, to a Steering Committee tasked with overseeing the process of developing a new comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the planning process conducted between May 2021 and November 2022 involved robust public engagement strategies, consisting of: two (2) in-person public events; one (1) virtual public event; four (4) focus group sessions; nine (9) Steering Committee meetings; online methods for input including surveys, an ideas wall, and interactive map pins; and physical methods for input including paper surveys and postcards; and

WHEREAS, at its regular meeting on December 13, 2022 the Oxford Planning Commission voted 6-0-0 to recommend approval of the Oxford Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan to City Council.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, OHIO, HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

SECTION 1: Council hereby repeals the previously adopted comprehensive plan and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 2: Council accepts the recommendation from the Planning Commission and hereby adopts the most recent draft of the Oxford Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan dated December 2022, referenced hereto as Exhibit A, and being a 149 page document.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.



MAYOR

ADOPTED: JANUARY 17, 2023

ATTEST: Heather Bonbauer
CLERK OF OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

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PREPARED BY: LAW (STAFF)