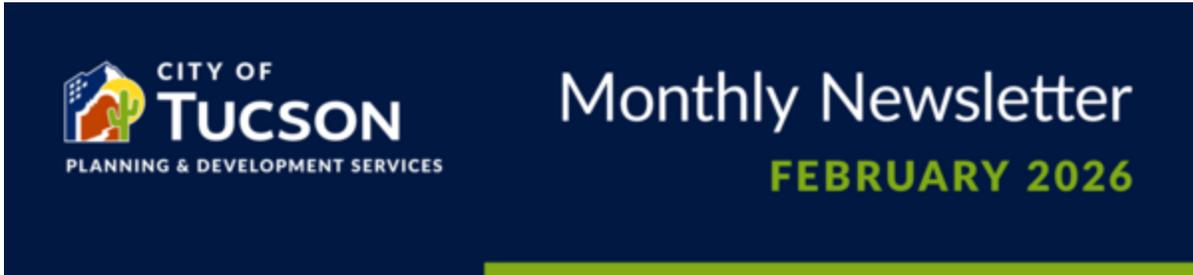


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Public Input Requested on Data Center Regulations



The City of Tucson invites community members to participate in public meetings to provide input on proposed new regulations for large-scale data centers. These meetings are intended to present considerations for a potential amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) to establish standards and regulations for this land use. The proposed code amendment was [initiated by Mayor and Council during their August 6, 2025, Study Session](#), when they directed City staff to develop regulations for large-scale data centers.

Four public meetings are being offered for the community to learn more about the proposed regulatory framework and share feedback. Two community meetings have already taken place, and two additional community meetings are scheduled.

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Location: Virtual
Register: [Virtual Public Meeting](#)



Boards, Committee, & Commission Meetings

All public meetings are held either virtually or in a hybrid format using Microsoft Teams or Zoom. Check individual meeting agendas for instructions on how to connect or attend meeting and participate.

[Armory Park Historic Zone Advisory Board](#)

Tuesday, March 17
6:30 p.m.

[Barrio Historico Historic Zone Advisory Board](#)

Monday, March 9
4 p.m.

[Board of Adjustment](#)
Wednesday, March 25
1 p.m.

[Design Review Board](#)
Friday, March 6
Friday, March 20
8:30 p.m.

[Fort Lowell Historic Zone Advisory Board](#)

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Location: [Rincon/University High School Auditorium](#)

Register: [In-Person Public Meeting](#)

Community members who are unable to attend a meeting can still share their feedback on the [proposed code amendment](#) by [completing an online survey](#).

Recordings and materials from previous meetings are available on the [City's Data Centers Unified Development Code Amendment Website](#). Additional information on the proposed code change and background information is also available on that page.

Tucson's Development Code Update Is Underway



PDSD is modernizing the City's development codes to make them clearer, more consistent, and easier to use. [Initiated by Mayor and Council on December 16, 2025](#), the Code Update Package is designed to streamline processes, reduce confusion, and support high-quality development throughout Tucson.

Community input is already shaping the update. A survey gathered feedback on experiences with the existing code and ideas for improvement, with 159 responses received. Staff are currently reviewing that feedback for potential inclusion in the draft code update package.

In April 2026, PDSD will host both virtual and in-person public meetings to share draft updates and gather additional community input. Dates and times will be announced soon. We look forward to continuing the conversation with the community throughout this process.

Documenting Tucson's Diverse Heritage: African American and

Monday, March 23

5:30 p.m.

[Outdoor Lighting Code Committee](#)

Wednesday, March 4

1 p.m.

[Planning Commission](#)

Wednesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 18

6 p.m.

[Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission](#)

Wednesday, March 11

Noon

[Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission Plans Review Subcommittee](#)

Thursday, March 12

Thursday, March 26

1 p.m.

[Tucson-Pima County Joint Code Committee](#)

Wednesday, March 18

1 p.m.

[West University Historic Zone Advisory Board](#)

Tuesday, March 10

6 p.m.

[Zoning Examiner](#)

Thursday, March 5

6 p.m.



Metrics & Development Activity

Updated daily at 5 a.m. MST, the [Permit Dashboard](#) allows users to explore permit completion times, permit turnaround times, permits issued turnaround times, permits issued per category, etc.

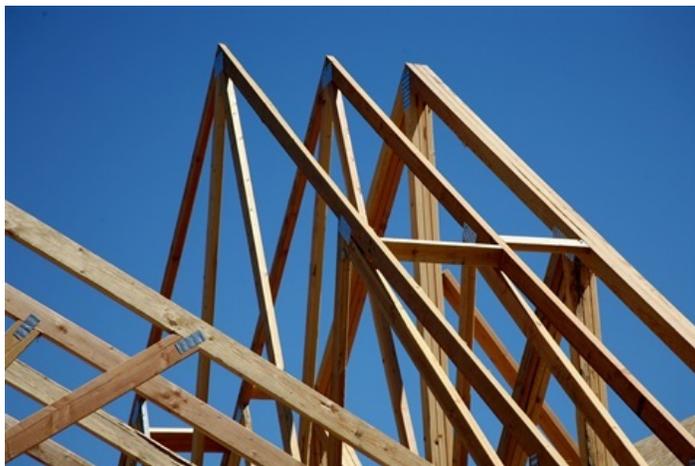
Mexican American Historic Resources Surveys

With support from the Arizona State Office of Historic Preservation, PDS is close to completing a citywide survey of African American historic resources and has launched a new initiative to identify and document sites tied to Mexican American history in Tucson. Both projects aim to build a historical narrative and inventory of significant sites, buildings, landscapes, and structures connected to these communities.

Unlike architecturally significant buildings, properties associated with a particular community aren't always easy to identify, making these surveys especially important. Beyond providing historical context, the surveys will help preservation staff be more attentive to Tucson's full built environment.

When complete, significant properties will be flagged in the city's interactive Map Tucson, and a story map will make the findings easily accessible to the public, ensuring Tucson's diverse heritage is recognized and preserved for future generations.

Updated Building Codes Now in Effect



The City of Tucson Mayor and Council approved updates to the National Fire Protection Association and International Code Council model building codes on [June 3, 2025, with an effective date of January 1, 2026](#).

[On December 16, 2025, Mayor and Council approved](#) the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC), effective July 1, 2026.

New editions of these model codes reflect advancements in building science, incorporating new products and construction techniques to keep Tucson current with the building industry.

You can also review the latest [development activity](#) in the City of Tucson for the month of [January](#). Last month, Planning and Development Services issued **680** building permits.



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All permit applications submitted after January 1, 2026, must comply with the 2024 Codes.

To learn more, view local amendments, and find out what codes apply to your project, visit the [Building Codes webpage](#).

Tucson Expands Housing Options with Middle Housing Code Adoption



Beginning January 1, 2026, property owners across most of Tucson will have new flexibility to develop Middle Housing on residential lots. This includes duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, townhomes, and cottage courts. This creates more diverse housing options while maintaining neighborhood character through established design standards.

Following a [public hearing on December 16](#), Mayor and Council voted 6-1 to approve Middle Housing citywide, except in rural residential areas. Changes to the unified development code take effect on January 1, 2026.

PDSD will host public trainings on the new middle housing regulations in the coming weeks. Training dates and details will be announced soon. To learn more about Middle Housing, visit middlehousing.tucsonaz.gov.

Build Your Career With Planning & Development Services

The City of Tucson's Planning and Development Services Department is continually growing and looking for passionate professionals to join our customer-focused team in shaping Tucson's future.



[Zoning Administrator](#): Oversees the interpretation and implementation of the Unified Development Code (UDC) and the Administrative and Technical Standards Manual.

Responsibilities include written determinations on substantive code provisions, policy application, zoning certifications, and the interpretation of zoning map boundaries. This position manages the Current Planning Division, which oversees zoning, engineering, and landscape reviews throughout the development and permitting process. Working in a collaborative environment, the Zoning Administrator applies professional experience, technical expertise, and sound judgment to guide the team and ensure consistent, high-quality outcomes.

Explore all open positions, learn about City of Tucson benefits, and apply to be part of a team dedicated to making a difference. Visit the [City of Tucson job listings page](#) to review current opportunities within Planning and Development Services and across the City.

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