

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City of Orange, Texas



CELEBRATING A YEAR OF GROWTH, IMPROVEMENTS, AND BEAUTIFICATION

As we approach the end of this remarkable year, we reflect on the strides we've made together in shaping a brighter future for our community. The past year has proven the power of collaboration and collective dedication to sustainable progress and community development.

ACHIEVEMENTS & MILESTONES



Infrastructure Enhancements

Throughout the year, significant progress was made in upgrading our city's infrastructure. Roads, water, and sewer projects have enhanced and improved the quality of life for our residents.



Community Engagement Initiatives

Engaging with you, our valued community members, remained a cornerstone of our efforts. We hosted meetings, workshops, and conducted surveys to gather your invaluable insights, ensuring that our development plans align with your needs and aspirations.



Sustainable Development

Our commitment to sustainability continually assists with initiatives aimed at preserving our unique small town charm.

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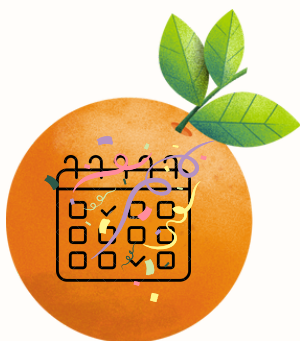
Economic Growth & Partnerships

Collaborating with local businesses and fostering economic growth has been a priority. We've nurtured partnerships to support entrepreneurship, attracting investments that spur job creation and economic vitality in the City.



Community Programs

City programs are intended to provide residents and organizations with a way to make the City of Orange a more beautiful place to live, work, and play.

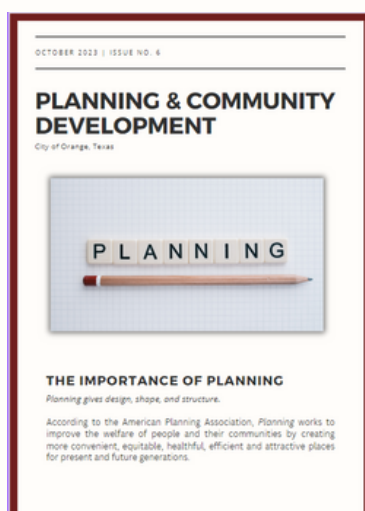
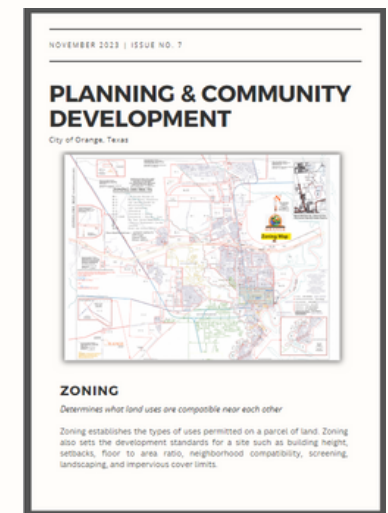
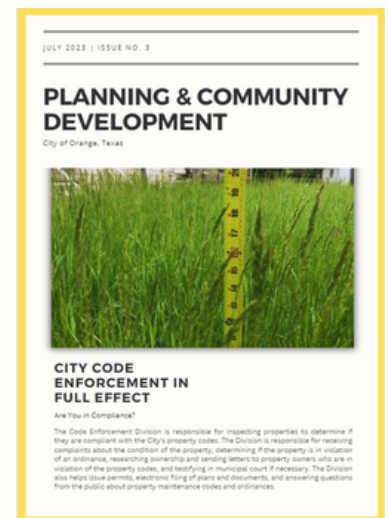


Community Events

The successful coordination and execution of community events stands as a testament to our collective achievement. Throughout the year, our community actively participated in a series of diverse and engaging events, fostering unity, and positive experiences. These events not only brought everyone together but also enriched our cultural tapestry and strengthened the bonds within our community.

THIS YEARS FEATURED ISSUES

Explore editions of past newsletters for Planning department news that you can use!



To access every issue of our newsletter, kindly visit our website at <https://orangetexas.gov/475/Newsletters>. Each edition is conveniently available for viewing and download.

PLANNING TIPS FOR 2024

By engaging in these activities and staying connected with the community, residents can contribute to the growth, preservation, and well-being of Orange, Texas.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Given our proximity to the Gulf Coast, being prepared for hurricanes and tropical storms is crucial. Have an emergency kit ready, know evacuation routes, and stay informed about weather updates by registering with STAN.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Get involved in community events, local organizations, or volunteer opportunities. It's a great way to connect with neighbors and contribute to the community.



PRESERVING HISTORY

Orange has a rich historical heritage. Engage in activities that help preserve local history, whether its' visiting historical sites, participating in heritage events, or supporting historical preservation initiatives.



SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

Encourage the growth of the local economy by supporting small businesses and artisans. Explore local shops and restaurants to contribute to the community's economic vitality.



STAY INFORMED

Stay updated on local news, events, and city developments. Following local news outlets or joining community groups can keep you informed about what is happening.



ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

Being near the coast means environmental awareness is crucial. Participate in local clean-up efforts, and support initiatives that promote environmental sustainability.



ENGAGE IN RECREATION

Take advantage of the new Recreation Center and outdoor activities available in the area, such as parks, trails, and nearby natural attractions. It's essential for both physical and mental well-being.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Stay informed and engaged! Mark your calendar to attend upcoming board and commission meetings. Don't miss out on staying updated on key community information and decisions.

City Council Meetings

When:

9:00 am on the 2nd Tuesday of every month

5:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month

Where:

City Council Chambers

220 N Fifth Street

Orange, TX 77630

Economic Development Corporation

When:

8:30 am on the 2nd Tuesday of every month

5:00 pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month

Where:

City Council Chambers

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Historic Preservation Commission

When:

6:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month

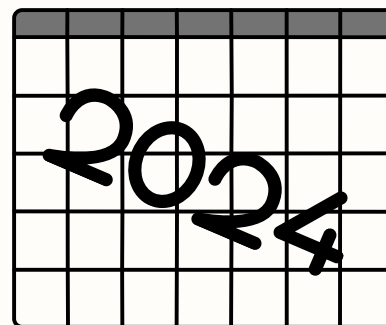
Where:

Neighborhood Facility

303 N 8th Street

Community Room

Orange, TX 77630



Board of Adjustment

When:

Meet as needed at 5:30 pm

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Planning & Zoning Commission

When:

Meet as needed at 5:30 pm

Where:

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If you are interested in applying for a position on a Board or Commission, please download an application (PDF) or fill out the Application Form from our website, or please contact the Office of the City Secretary at 409-883-1042.

FAQ'S

Permits: How do I obtain a building permit?

Building permits are typically obtained by submitting an application detailing the project's scope, paying associated fees, and meeting specific requirements outlined by the Planning Department. The process may involve plan reviews and inspections at various stages of construction.

Zoning: What is the zoning for my property, and what can I build there?

Zoning information can be accessed through our zoning maps or by contacting the planning department. Each zone has specific regulations dictating land use, building height, setbacks, and other restrictions.

Land Use: What type of business can operate in a particular zone?

Zoning ordinances dictate what businesses can operate in different zones. Commercial, residential, industrial, and mixed-use zones.

Setbacks: What are the setback requirements for my property?

Setback requirements specify the minimum distance a structure must be from property lines, roads, or other buildings.

Fences & Structures: Can I build a fence/structure in my yard, and are there height restrictions?

Regulations on fences and structures differ based on zoning. Typically, there are height restrictions and guidelines regarding materials and placement. Permits may be required for certain structures.

Code Compliance: How can I ensure my project complies with local building codes?

Compliance with local building codes is necessary for any construction project. Our department offers guidance on code requirements and inspections to ensure compliance throughout the project.

Historic Districts: Are there regulations regarding renovations or construction historic districts?

Renovations or construction in historic districts often require additional approvals to preserve historical integrity. Our department provides guidance for such projects.

Flood Plains: Is my property in a flood zone, and what regulations apply?

Properties in flood zones have specific regulations to minimize flood risks. Understanding these regulations is crucial before initiating any construction or renovation work.

Fees: What are the fees associated with permits and applications?

Permits vary depending on the project's scope and type. Our department can provide a detailed fee schedule.

FAQ'S - BEFORE PURCHASING PROPERTY

1. Property Inspection

Hire a professional inspector to thoroughly assess the property's condition. This inspection should cover structural integrity, plumbing, electrical systems, roofing and any potential issues.

2. Title Search

Conduct a title search to ensure there are no outstanding liens, easements, or ownership disputes associated with the property.

3. Review Documents

Carefully review all property-related documents, including deeds, survey reports HOA agreements (if applicable), and any existing warranties or insurance information.

4. Check Zoning & Permits

Understand the property's zoning regulations and ensure that any existing structures or planned renovations comply with local building codes.

5. Evaluate Surrounding Area

Assess the neighborhood and surrounding area for factors that might affect your quality of life or property value.

6. Financial Considerations

Evaluate the property's market value, property taxes, insurance costs, and potential resale value.

7. Legal Assistance

Consider engaging a real estate attorney to review contracts, negotiate terms, and ensure a smooth transaction.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEYS IN 2024

Surveys enable us to identify areas for improvement, allocate resources effectively, and prioritize initiatives that resonate with the community. Your feedback matters. It is the cornerstone of our efforts to create a city that reflects the collective vision and values of the City of Orange and its residents. Visit the link <https://forms.office.com/r/qbeHSiWDKw> or scan the QR code to complete the (1) one question survey.



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Office Hours:

- Mondays - Thursdays 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
- Fridays 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM