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THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF ALTAVISTA, VIRGINIA, WILL BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Determination of a Quorum
4. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Appointment of Secretary
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Pledge of Allegiance- American Flag & Invocation
7. Approval of Minutes: November 4, 2019 and December 10, 2019
8. Public Expression
9. Introduction of Community Development Director
10. Public Hearing(s): None
11. Old Business-
 - a. Actions of Town Council
12. New Business-
 - a. Annual Report
 - b. 2020 Work Plan
 - c. Planning Commission Packets & Staff Report
 - d. Planning Commission Bylaws
 - e. Update to Comprehensive Plan - Census
13. Adjournment

The Altavista Planning Commission held a regularly scheduled meeting November 4, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall located at 510 7th Street, Altavista, Virginia.

Members present - John Jordan, Chairman
Marvin Clements
Tim George
Marie Mitchell
John Woodson

Also present - Waverly Coggsdale
Cheryl Dudley
John Eller

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jordan called the regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairman Jordan stated that a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Jordan stated that there was any amendment to be made to the agenda. Mr. Coggsdale presented to the Planning Commission the meeting schedule for calendar year 2020.

Motion by Mr. Woodson, seconded by Mr. George to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION:

The Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairman Jordan delivered the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mrs. Mitchell to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

CITIZENS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL:

Chairman Jordan opened the floor for public comment; there being none, citizen input was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Here were none scheduled

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none

NEW BUSINESS

- First Reading – Text Amendment – Industrial (M-1) District
 - *Addition of Automobile Repair Service, Major as permitted use*
 - *Removal of Special Use Permit for Truck Terminal*
- Scheduling of Joint Public Hearing on Text Amendment with Town Council for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff stated that as Chairman Jordan indicated, the text amendment will focus on two area in the Industrial District. The proposed changes add “Automobile repair service, major – Subject to section 86-505” developmental standards to Section 86-382. Permitted uses under (6) Commercial use types and removes the “Special Use Permit” requirement for the “Truck Terminal” permitted use under (7) Industrial Use Types of the same section. The ordinance includes existing definitions for both uses and existing development standards for the “Automobile repair service, major”.

He continued in saying that id the Planning Commission would like t proceed with the “text amendments”, staff would ask that the Commission adopt a motion to conduct a “joint public hearing” with the Town Council on this item on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in Council’s Chambers of Town Hall (510 7th Street).

A motion was made by Mr. George that the Altavista Planning Commission conduct a joint public hearing with the Altavista Town Council on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. in Council’s Chambers of Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Mr. Clements. The motion was approved unanimously.

Additional New business was the Planning Commission meeting agenda for 2020. Mr. Woodson made a motion that the CY2020 Altavista Planning Commission meeting schedule be adopted as presented. Mr. Clements seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

MONTHLY STAFF REPORT

PERMITS ISSUED IN OCTOBER 2019:

<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Permit #</u>		<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>				
10/4/2019	37-19	James C. Kirk (NuCom Builders)	Lori Watkins	404 Westwood Drive	<i>Addition and attached Garage</i>			
10/11/2019	38-19	Esther Halfhill	Esther Halfhill	119 8th Street	<i>Addition</i>			
10/14/2019	39-19	Zakiyah Pannell	Bart Pannell	1006 8th Street	<i>Assisted Care Residence</i>			
10/18/2019	40-19	Vernon Souser	Marie Souser	1101 Main Street	<i>Accessory building</i>			
10/29/2019	41-19	Niravkumar Patel	Marie Souser	1107 Main Street	<i>New business at existing location.</i>			

Zoning Permits issued Year to Date: 40

Mobile Restaurant Permits (MRP) issued Year to Date: 9

Other items:

- 1) **NEW STAFF MEMBER:** Ms. Sharon D. Williams will join the Town staff on Monday, November 11th as the new Community Development Director. She will handle the planning/zoning/subdivision functions and be the support staff to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

- 2) **Rt. 43 Gateway "Streetscape" Project.** Seventh Street was been substantially completed, with work beginning on Bedford Avenue and then Main Street.

- 3) **Dalton's Landing (Canoe Launch).** Still in the 135-day period of Federal review.

- 4) **Utility Project Design:** The Town Council will has approved the design phase of several Public Utility projects and have two additional projects on their November Consent Agenda for approval. These projects are in accordance with the "Facility Assessment and Improvement Program" and the Town's Capital Improvement Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

John Jordan, PC Chairman

Waverly Coggsdale, PC Secretary

The Altavista Planning Commission held a special called meeting December 10, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall located at 510 7th Street, Altavista, Virginia.

Members Present - John Jordan, Chairman
Marvin Clements
Tim George
Marie Mitchell

Members Absent John Woodson, Vice Chairman

Staff Present - J. Waverly Coggsdale, III – Town Manager
Sharon D. Williams, AICP – Community Development Director
J. Johnson Eller, Jr. – Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jordan called the special called Planning Commission meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. for a joint public hearing with Town Council.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:

Chairman Jordan stated that a quorum was present and turned the meeting over to Vice Mayor Beverly Dalton.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- a. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment #OA-19-03:** A request to amend Section 86-382 of the Town of Altavista Zoning Ordinance to expand the list of permitted uses in the M (Industrial) Zoning District and eliminate the requirement for a Special Use Permit for truck terminals.

Vice-Mayor Dalton stated the hearing was a request for proposed text amendments to the Town of Altavista Zoning Ordinance. She stated the proposed changes were regarding: (1) Section 86-32(5) to expand the list of “permitted uses” in the M (Industrial) Zoning District; and (2) Section 86-382(6), to eliminate the requirement for a Special Use Permit for “truck terminals” in the M (industrial) Zoning District.

Vice-Mayor Dalton stated that Altavista's Community Development Director, Sharon Williams, would be sharing a brief background explanation for the request.

Ms. Williams informed Council and the Planning Commission that the Staff Report had been revised to reflect the request included the elimination of a Special Use Permit (SUP) for truck terminals. She stated the legal ad had included both amendments and the Town Attorney had determined the case was legally advertised.

Ms. Williams stated that in August of 2019, Staff began having conversations with an existing business owner who desired to expand their truck terminal business to include “automotive repair service”. She said the Zoning Ordinance did not allow automotive repair (major) in the M (Industrial) Zoning District where the business was located; therefore, the business owner had submitted a request to downzone their property to C-2 (General Commercial) District, which would have permitted the existing and proposed uses with a Special Use Permit.

Ms. Williams stated the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Rezoning and Special Use Permit requests on October 7, 2019. She continued that after a discussion between Staff and the Planning Commission, it was recommended the request be withdrawn and Staff pursue an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

Ms. Williams stated that staff had reviewed the definition of “automobile repair service (major)” and Altavista’s Zoning Ordinance Statement of Intent for the M (Industrial) Zoning District and determined that a text amendment would be more appropriate.

Automobile repair service, major: defined in the zoning ordinance as the “repair of construction equipment, commercial trucks, agricultural implements and similar heavy equipment, including automobiles, where major engine and transmission repairs are conducted. This includes minor automobile repairs in conjunction with major automobile repairs. Typical uses include automobile and truck repair garages, transmission shops, radiator shops, body and fender shops, equipment service centers, machine shops and other similar uses where major repair activities are conducted”.

Statement of Intent: The M (industrial) District is intended to provide areas where the principal use of the land is for light, moderate, and heavy industrial operations where business can be successful and grow in the community. These businesses, industries, and employment centers may create some nuisance effects but will not be detrimental to the environment or the surrounding community. The specific intent is to encourage the construction of and the continued use of the land for industrial and commercial purposes; limit residential use of the land, prohibit any other use which would substantially interfere with the development, continuation or expansion of commercial and industrial uses in the M district.

Ms. Williams stated each zoning district has a list of enumerated uses permitted in each district. She stated many zoning ordinances contain language that list, not only the uses permitted in a district, but also uses that are allowed from other districts. She said it was common within a zoning district to allow all uses that were permitted in the lesser intense district that immediately preceded it. She stated the Town of Altavista Zoning Ordinance did not contain this provision.

Ms. Williams stated staff was proposing that Section 86-382(5) of the Altavista Zoning Ordinance be amended to “allow automobile repair service, major, in the M (Industrial) Zoning District”, upon certain terms and conditions:

- (a) General standards:
- (b) All vehicles stored on the premises shall be placed in a storage yard fully screened from public view and shall be set back at least 100 feet from any adjoining residential district.
- (c) Body and fender repair services shall be subject to the following:
 - i. Repair facilities are required to be at least 150 feet away from any adjoining residential district.
 - ii. Any spray painting will need to take place within a structure designed for that purpose and approved by the Altavista Fire and EMS Department.
- (d) Exterior display or storage of new or used automobile parts is prohibited.

She said staff also proposed that Section 86-382(6) of the Altavista Zoning Ordinance be amended to eliminate the requirement for a special use permit for truck terminals, in the M (industrial) Zoning District.

Industrial use types:
Construction yard
Custom manufacturing—special use permit required
Industry, light
Industry, medium
Industry, heavy—special use permit required
Recycling center
Resource extraction—special use permit required
Transportation terminal
Truck terminal – ~~special use permit required~~
Warehousing and distribution

Ms. Williams stated staff had analyzed this requirement and concur that a truck terminal is like a transportation terminal in terms of land use. She stated the proposed changes are intended to allow business and property owners more flexibility in the use of their property in order to accommodate business needs, while still recognizing that some additional stipulations may be imposed for certain uses. Ms. Williams concluded by stating, there are times a citizen or local business owner will bring a request forward that was not previously considered, but staff would always strive to make decisions and recommendations that best serve the town and the community.

Ms. Williams informed Council the amendment request was in line with Altavista's newly adopted Economic Development Strategic Plan that suggests recognizing and prioritizing land use for local investment in the community.

Vice-Mayor Dalton asked the planning commission members if they had any questions for Ms. Williams concerning the amendment request, to which there were none.

Vice-Mayor Dalton asked Council if they had any questions for Ms. Williams concerning the amendment request.

Mr. Higginbotham asked for confirmation of the amendment request as being (1) the elimination for the need of a special use permit for a truck terminal in the M Industrial District, and (2) the allowance of "automobile repair service" in the M Industrial District.

Ms. Williams answered Mr. Higginbotham's question and confirmed yes, he was correct.

Mr. Mitchell asked if Altavista's Zoning Ordinance currently had a provision prohibiting such a use from becoming a visual nuisance ("junkyard").

Ms. Williams referenced the amendment's "terms and conditions" and stated there were requirements added to hopefully deter such a potential issue.

Mr. John Jordan, Planning Commission Chairman, recited Section 86-505 from the zoning ordinance amendment requirement and stated "all vehicles stored on such premises shall be placed in a storage yard that is fully screened from public view, and shall be set back at least 100 feet from any adjoining residential district".

There were no additional questions from Council.

Vice-Mayor Dalton opened the hearing to receive public input at 7:12 p.m.

Mr. Coggsdale stated no one had signed up to speak, neither in favor nor in opposition, of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment request.

There were no public comments or concerns for this item.

Vice-Mayor Dalton closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Dalton stated, with there being no further questions, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Jordan, Planning Commission Chairman.

Mr. Jordan referenced the proposed amendment request to the Altavista Zoning Ordinance, Section 86-382. (1) add automotive repair service to the uses allowed in the M Industrial District, with the requirements stated in Section 86-505, and (2) to eliminate the requirement for a special use permit for truck terminal use in the M Industrial District.

Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Clements, motioned to recommend approval of the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments to Council. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Vote: Mrs. Mitchell Yes

Mr. Clements Yes

Mr. Jordan Yes

Mr. George Yes

Mr. Jordan addressed Council and stated it was the recommendation of the Altavista Planning Commission to Town Council that they approve the proposed zoning ordinance text amendment request.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

John Jordan
Planning Commission Chairman

Sharon D. Williams, AICP
Planning Commission Secretary



TOWN OF ALTAVISTA PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT - 2019

COMMISSIONERS

John Jordan, Chairman
John Woodson, Vice Chairman
Marvin Clements
Marie Mitchell
Tim George

OVERVIEW

The Altavista Planning Commission is comprised of five citizens appointed by Town Council. The Commission fulfills the duties identified in Section 15.2-2221 of the Code of Virginia. The Planning Commission is the official planning body for review of the future growth and development of the Town of Altavista pursuant to the adopted Comprehensive Plan and Town Ordinances. The Community Development Department is the lead department that supports the work of the Planning Commission by providing planning guidance and technical review. The Town Attorney serves a valuable role in advising the Planning Commission and staff – when needed – on land use matters. Town citizens also provide critical contributions through input and involvement during citizen comment periods and public hearings.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATES

January 7, 2019	July 8, 2019
February 4, 2019	August 5, 2019
March 4, 2019	September 3, 2019
April 1, 2019	October 7, 2019
May 6, 2019	November 4, 2019
June 3, 2019	December 10, 2019

MEMBERSHIP

NAME	TERM EXPIRES
Marvin Clements	December 2022
Tim George (<i>Council Representative</i>)	December 2022
John Jordan, Chairman	November 2022
Marie Mitchell	April 2022
John Woodson, Vice-Chair	August 2020

REGULATORY CASES

Rezoning

Case #	DATE OF COMMISSION ACTION	COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	COUNCIL ACTION	APPLICANT	LOCATION	REQUEST
201910-01	October 7, 2019	N/A Withdrawn by Applicant	N/A	Donna & Randal Shelton	203 Pittsylvania Avenue	M (Industrial) to C-2 (General Commercial)

Special Use Permits

Case #	DATE OF COMMISSION ACTION	COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	COUNCIL ACTION	APPLICANT	LOCATION	REQUEST
201910-01	October 7, 2019	N/A Withdrawn by Applicant	N/A	Donna & Randal Shelton	203 Pittsylvania Avenue	Automotive repair, major

Code Amendments

Case #	DATE OF COMMISSION ACTION	COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION	COUNCIL ACTION	APPLICANT	REQUEST
1	April 1, 2019	Approve	Approved	Town of Altavista	Amendments to Zoning Ordinance to define Food Banks/Pantries and similar uses, establish Zoning Districts where use is permitted and created development standards for the use.
2	June 3, 2019	Approve	Approved	Town of Altavista	Amendments to Zoning Ordinance to define Wedding/Event Venue, establish Zoning Districts where use is permitted and created development standards for the use.
3	December 10, 2019	Approve	Approved	Town of Altavista	Amendments to Zoning Ordinance to allow automobile repair major in the M (Industrial) Zoning District and to eliminate the requirement for a Special Use Permit for truck terminals

During the year the Planning Commission also discussed the following items:

- Reviewed the 2006 Comprehensive Plan **No formal action**
 - April: CHAPTER II – NATURAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT
 - May: Chapter IV – CREATING COMMUNITY PROSPERITY / COMMUNITY ECONOMICS
 - June: Chapter V – COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES
 - July: Chapter VI – Housing
 - August: Chapter VII – Transportation
 - September: Chapter VIII – Land Use
- At the January meeting, a discussion was held between staff and the Planning Commission regarding code enforcement. They discussed Chapter 21 – Buildings and other structures, Chapter 34 Article II – Abatement of Public Nuisances, and Chapter 62 – solid waste; weed control (Secs. 62-2, 62-42 & 43, 62-81 & 82, 62—111 – 120 and 62-151) and ways to educate the public about town requirements. Staff will continue to pursue revisions to codes and processes to aid in the abatement process and to inform the public about existing regulations.

Community Development information:

- Zoning Permits: A total of **sixty-one (61)** Zoning Permits were issued in CY2019.
- Mobile Restaurant Permits: A total of **nine (9)** Mobile Restaurant Permits were issued in CY2019.
- Sharon Williams was hired as the Community Development Director and began with town on November 11, 2019.

PLANNING COMMISSION - BYLAWS

Bylaws Town of Altavista, Virginia Planning Commission

Sec. 58-31. Establishment.

There is hereby established a planning commission, which may be referred to as the "commission." (Code 1968, § 16-2)

Sec. 58-32. Composition; appointment; term; vacancies; salaries.

- (a) The commission shall consist of a minimum of five members and a maximum of seven members. They shall consist of at least four members and up to six members at large and one member from the town council and shall be appointed by the town council. One member may be a member of the administrative branch of government of the town. They shall be residents of the town qualified by knowledge and experience to make decisions on questions of community growth and development; provided, however, that at least one-half of the members so appointed shall be owners of real property. The term of the member from the town council, and from the administrative branch, if there are any, shall be coextensive with the term of office to which he or she has been elected or appointed, unless the town council, at the first regular meeting each year, appoints others to serve as their representatives. Appointments of members shall be for staggered terms of four years each, unless the town council shall desire to establish different terms of office. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term only. Members may be removed for malfeasance in office.
- (b) The members of the commission, as now constituted or hereafter appointed, may receive a salary to be fixed by the town council by resolution, not to exceed \$300.00 per annum for each member. The salary of the members of the commission, if any, when fixed, shall so continue until changed by the council, and shall be payable out of the treasury of the town in monthly installments. (Code 1968, § 16-3)

Sec. 58-33. Meetings.

- (a) The commission shall fix the time for holding regular meetings, but it shall meet at least every two months. Special meetings of the commission may be called by the chairperson or by two members upon written request to the secretary. The secretary shall mail to all members, at least five days in advance of a special meeting, a written notice fixing the time and place of the meeting and the purpose thereof. Written notice of a special meeting is not required if the time of the special meeting has been fixed at a regular meeting, or if all members are present at the special meeting or file a written waiver of notice. (Code 1968, § 16-4)
- (b) **Proposed Order of Business**
 - (1) Call to Order.

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- (2) Roll Call
- (3) Determination of a Quorum
- (4) Approval of Agenda
- (5) Approval of Minutes
- (6) Public Expression
- (7) Application Requests and Petitions (public hearings)
- (8) Reports by any Committees
- (9) Report of the Planning/Zoning Administrator
- (10) Report of the Special Sub-committees
- (11) Unfinished Business
- (12) New Business
- (13) Adjournment

Sec. 58-34. Quorum; majority vote.

A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum, and no action of the commission shall be valid unless authorized by a majority vote of those present and voting. (Code 1968, § 16-5)

Sec. 58-35. Officers and employees; expenditures, rules and records; special surveys.

- (a) The commission shall elect, as a first order of business at the January meeting, from the appointed members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson, whose terms shall be for one year. The commission may:
 - (1) Create and fill such other offices as it awards necessary;
 - (2) Appoint such employees and staff as it deems necessary for its work; and
 - (3) Contract with consultants for such services as it requires.

The expenditures of the commission, exclusive of gifts or grants, shall be within the amounts appropriated for such purpose by the town council.

- (b) The commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of business and shall keep a record of its transactions, which shall be a public record. Upon request of the commission, the town council or other public officials may, from time to time, for the purpose of special surveys under the direction of the commission, assign or detail to it any members of the staffs of town administrative departments, or the town council or other public official may direct any such department employee to make for the commission special surveys or studies requested by the commission. (Code 1968, § 16-6)

Sec. 58-36. Duties.

To effectuate Code of Virginia, §§ 15.2-2200--15.2-2327, the planning commission shall:

- (1) Exercise general supervision of, and make regulations for, the administration of its affairs;

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- (2) Prescribe rules pertaining to its investigations and hearings;
- (3) Supervise its fiscal affairs and responsibilities, under rules and regulations as prescribed by the town council;
- (4) Keep a complete record of its proceedings; and be responsible for the custody and preservation of its papers and documents;
- (5) Make recommendations and an annual report to the town council concerning the operation of the commission and the status of planning within its jurisdiction;
- (6) Prepare, publish and distribute reports, ordinances and other material relating to its activities;
- (7) Prepare and submit an annual budget in the manner prescribed by the town council; and
- (8) If deemed advisable, establish advisory committees. (Code 1968, § 16-7)

Section 58-37. Public Hearings.

- (a) In addition to those required by law, the Commission may hold public hearings on any matter, which is deemed to be in the public interest.
- (b) Notice of a public hearing shall be published once a week for two successive weeks (at least one [1] week apart) in a newspaper of general circulation in the area, with not less than six (6) days elapsing between the first and second publication. Such notice shall specify the time and place of hearing, which cannot be less than five (5) nor more than twenty-one (21) days after the second newspaper advertisement.
- (c) The chairman or designee shall summarize the matter before the Commission, allow interested parties to speak, and accept written statements and other documentation pertinent to the matter being addressed. All speakers must identify themselves by name and address before speaking. Speakers will be limited to five (5) minutes, unless extended by the approval of a majority of the Commission.
- (d) In an effort to assure the maximum available time to each public speaker, the Commission should not interrupt the speaker except to ask informational questions.
- (e) An accurate, written record shall be made of the proceedings of the public hearing and maintained as part of the Commission's files.
- (f) Once the Public Hearing is closed the Planning Commission will discuss the matter and agree, by consensus, on a recommendation to be presented to Council. The Planning Commission shall have a written recommendation, when appropriate, to present to the Altavista Town Council.

Section 58-38. Committee(s)

- (a) Special committees may be appointed by the chairman or designee for purposes and terms approved by majority vote of the Commission.
- (b) The chairman shall be an ex-officio member of every committee.
- (c) Committees may request the participation of the Planning and Zoning Director and/or the Town Attorney at committee meetings.
- (d) All committees will present a report to the commission.

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Section 58-39. Reports to Council

- (a) The Planning Commission shall prepare an annual report to be presented to Council, which shall include the Commission's goals for the upcoming year. The report will be presented to Council at the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year.
- (b) The Planning Commission shall review, annually, the Comprehensive Plan, track progress towards meeting the goals and objectives contained in the plan, and determine if development is accordance with the plan. The Commission shall prepare an annual report to be presented to Council at their first meeting of each year.

Section 58-40. Rules of Order

Roberts Rules of Order, Revised, shall be the accepted Parliamentary law for this organization.

Section 58-41. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the entire membership after thirty (30) days prior notice.

These bylaws were adopted by the Planning Commission on the 2nd day of May, 2005 by a unanimous vote.



Every town is an important part of the American story.

Make sure your town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help your town get the most out of the American dream.

Responding Is Important for Your Community

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding Is Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

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