

PRESS RELEASE

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City of Aurora – Dearborn County Planning & Zoning Department Interlocal Agreement for Code Enforcement Authority

The City of Aurora is pleased to announce that as of June 2015, the Dearborn County Planning Commission, thru an interlocal agreement, will become the designated Enforcement Officer and enforcement authority for the City's Code of Ordinances and applicable IN Statutes related to zoning, planning and unsafe buildings. *"Code Enforcement in the City of Aurora is a #1 priority. The initial primary focus of the Department of Planning and Zoning staff will be to address existing code enforcement violations and continue to proactively respond to ordinance compliance issues,"* said Mayor Donnie Hastings, Jr..

The Dearborn County Planning & Zoning Department, as directed thru the City Manager, shall provide code enforcement, planning, zoning, and coordinate all City permit services for the City of Aurora. *"Both City of Aurora, County officials and staff are committed to improving our communities' quality of place and long term strategic growth within the region. This agreement allows for a departmental benefit of highly qualified, educated personnel to address Code Enforcement and City planning at a cost-savings benefit, ensures a standardized streamlined approach to permit applications and code enforcement activities, and increases the level of service to our residents and community members by providing enhanced, effective inter-governmental cooperation and communication,"* said City Manager, Guinevere Emery.

Duties to be provided include enforcement of the City of Aurora zoning and subdivision control ordinances; respond to ordinance violation complaints; provide status reports of Code Enforcement activities, actions taken and remediation status by property owners; shall serve as the City of Aurora FEMA Floodplain Administer; shall assist the Aurora Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Hearing Authority as needed; shall assist with updating zoning and planning ordinances and subdivision control provisions; shall assist with grant writing service and administration as a collaborative effort with the City of Aurora.

The Dearborn County Planning & Zoning Department will be reviewing all City of Aurora zoning related permits, improvement location permits and Certificate of Appropriateness applications. This shall include all applicant meetings during the permit cycle, collection of necessary permit documentation, site analysis and investigation. All City of Aurora permits, guidelines and applications may now be found online at www.aurora.in.us and/or can be picked up at City Hall, 235 Main Street, Aurora (2nd Floor Clerk Treasurers Office) or at the Dearborn County Planning and Zoning Department in the Administration Building, 215 West High Street, Lawrenceburg (3rd Floor).

Officials in the City of Aurora are expecting that there will be an increased number of notices to citizens regarding weed and grass removal, abandoned and junk vehicles, illegal outside storage, unsafe buildings, and unauthorized uses and building occupancy —so they are asking that residents and business owners take action on these types of issues / items as soon as possible. In the meantime, if citizens have questions, concerns, or potential complaints with relation to Code Enforcement, they are encouraged to contact Guinevere Emery, City Manager at [513-505-7647](tel:513-505-7647) (gemery@aurora.in.us), the Dearborn County Planning & Zoning Office at [\(812\) 537-8821](tel:812-537-8821) or by email to either Mark McCormack, Director of Planning & Zoning (mmccormack@dearborncounty.in.gov) or Vinnie Fazzino (vfazzino@dearborncounty.in.gov).