



Met Council Discusses a Comp Plan Extension Policy

The Metropolitan Council is discussing whether to set a policy granting extensions on submitting local comprehensive plan updates to cities which request them. The Community Development Committee discussed the issue Monday.

70 cities received extensions during the last round of comp plan updates, due at the end of 2008. Most of those cities requested extensions up to six months that staff approved administratively. Communities that requested extensions beyond six months were required to obtain formal Council approval.

Councilmembers commented how extensions would spread out the work load of Met Council staff who review updates as well as provide some additional flexibility for cities.

Council staff were directed to provide additional information on benefits and drawbacks for a potential extension policy. Metro Cities will continue to track the issue and report on future discussions. Contact Charlie Vander Aarde at 651-215-4001 or charlie@metrocitiesmn.org with any questions.

Land Use Advisory Committee Vacancies in Scott, Carver Counties

The [Land Use Advisory Committee \(LUAC\)](#) of the Metropolitan Council is recruiting candidates to fill two open seats in the southwest metro on the committee. Locally elected officials are encouraged to apply. The [committee](#) gives the Metropolitan Council advice and assistance on regional land use and comprehensive planning, and matters of metropolitan significance. Meetings are held six times per year, on the third Thursday of every other month. Districts currently unrepresented are District 3 and the Carver County portion of District 4. The Council is looking to appoint at least one and possibly two local elected officials to fill these two vacancies. The Council's [district map can be accessed here](#).

District 3 includes the city of Chanhassen in Carver County and the Hennepin County cities Chanhassen, Deephaven, Eden Prairie, Excelsior, Greenwood, Long Lake, Minnetonka, Minnetonka Beach, Minnetrista, Mound, Orono, Shorewood, Spring Park, St. Bonifacius, Tonka Bay, Wayzata and Woodland. This appointment will fill the remainder of the term for this seat – until January 2019.

District 4 includes Benton Twp., Camden Twp., Carver, Chaska, Cologne, Dahlgren Twp., Hamburg, Hancock Twp., Hollywood Twp., Laketown Twp., Mayer, New Germany, Norwood Young America, San Francisco Twp., Victoria, Waconia, Waconia Twp., Watertown, Watertown Twp., and Young America Twp. This appointment will fill the remainder of the term for this seat – until January 2019.

[Application materials can be accessed here](#). Contact Zoe Mullendore at the Met Council at 651-602-1377 or appointmentscoordinator@metc.state.mn.us with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE – Metro Regional Meeting / Policy Adoption Meeting Set for November 29!

The metro regional meeting co-hosted by the League of MN Cities and Metro Cities will be held Wednesday, November 29. The day starts with a pre-meeting workshop and MAMA luncheon (10:30-12:30), afternoon sessions beginning at 1:00, policy adoption meeting at 4:30 and a late afternoon social hour.

Mark your calendar! View the [meeting agenda and REGISTER here](#):

Policy Committee Survey

Thanks to the 100+ city officials who participated in Metro Cities' policy committee process this year. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. The legislative policies recommended by committees and subsequently adopted by the Board and membership serve as the foundation of Metro Cities work at the Legislature, Executive Branch and Metropolitan Council. Metro Cities staff will be sending a survey to committee participants soon to get feedback on what worked, and what could use improvement. Thank you in advance for participating in the survey!

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