



CONVERSATIONS ABOUT COMMUNITY

Updating Medical Lake's Comprehensive Plan

April 2026

Draft Comp Plan for Public Review

The purpose of a comprehensive plan is to create a unified vision for the future of Medical Lake with a roadmap on how to get there. This document will guide decision making while coordinating land use, transportation, housing and infrastructure.

The upcoming Medical Lake Comprehensive Plan is laid out in three parts.

- Part One: The People
- Part Two: The Place
- Part Three: The Future

Part One has been released to the public we would like to hear from you. You can view the [draft plan](http://www.medical-lake.org/city-government/comprehensive-plan/) on the City website at www.medical-lake.org/city-government/comprehensive-plan/.

Part Two Coming Soon

Staff is working diligently to produce a draft of Part Two: The Place, of the Comprehensive Plan. The Periodic Update Steering Committee convened on April 2nd to discuss goals and strategies for the Comprehensive Plan. The conversation was productive and helped to prioritize strategies. A draft of Part Two will be made public in mid April and will be discussed at the Planning Commission during the April 16th meeting. Let us know what you think by submitting comments online or attending the Planning Commission Meeting.

Planning Commission Meetings

Meetings are on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.



April 16th

May 28th

June 25th

Watch meetings live or later at <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofMedicalLake>

Public Hearing on Zoning

Zoning is a system of land-use regulation used to control how property can be developed and used. It divides land into different zones (or districts), each with specific rules about permitted uses, density, and design standards. The City Council is considering a proposal to replace the existing 10 zoning districts specified in the municipal code with 5 new districts. The proposed amendments allow more housing options for a variety of household needs and makes it easier to provide infill housing where appropriate, while upholding the character of the community. The [proposed language](#) and other valuable [information](#) can be found on the City website. The public hearing will be held at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. You can attend in person at City Hall, watch on [YouTube](#), or participate by clicking the zoom link on the agenda.

Accessory Dwelling Units

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) will soon be allowed in the City of Medical Lake. An ADU is, generally, a smaller unit that is on the same property as a house. It may be in a basement, built as an addition, or built as a separate building in the back yard. The State Legislature is mandating that ADUs be allowed in every jurisdiction. The City Council will hold a public hearing at their May 19th meeting where you can provide comment in person or online.

Visit the City Website for More Info

The Periodic Update includes both the Comprehensive Plan and many updates to development regulations in the municipal code. You can stay up to date on these activities by visiting the City's Comprehensive Plan Update page on the website.

