

Welcome to the City of Republic “*Growing Together*” Comprehensive Plan page!

With new leadership comes renewed vision and focus which necessitates the need to evaluate the current state versus the desired future state of the community. In 2017, the Republic City Council approved the city’s new mission, vision and values. Our mission is, “We will be aggressively progressive through *processes, relationships* and *trust*”. Therefore, in keeping with our mission we are creating a new Comprehensive Plan (The Plan) in order to improve the *processes* for both current and long-term needs; and, decision making to support a planned approach to growth and development. Most importantly, we need you to be part of the process.

In spring 2018, the City of Republic will kick off a 12- to 18-month process of establishing a new Plan to help shape the long-term vision of the community. The overall community leadership has changed significantly in the last several years and there is a renewed focus towards a planned approach. We are currently recognizing an increase in all categories of residential, commercial and light industrial growth. In an effort to stay ahead of infrastructure necessities our community needs a renewed plan of attack. The previous plan on the books was revised in 1988 and we are eager for fresh insight and a realigned sense of community aspiration and identity.

Under the skilled and experienced leadership of our Community Development staff, the department will set out to strengthen and build new *relationships* through engaging residents of all ages and backgrounds in a process that will again span the course of several months. The product will be result of collaboration to the highest degree, from high-school students to senior executive leadership. The process also includes extensive fieldwork, data collection, market analysis, public outreach and consensus building. The Plan is comprehensive in both breadth and scope with recommendations for areas encompassing land use, housing, parks and recreation, transportation, and community facilities such as schools and more. The Plan provides the framework for regulatory tools like zoning, subdivision regulations, annexations and other policies.

Our overall objective of The Plan is to establish a detailed road map guiding land use, development, capital improvements, community investment, growth and overall quality of life for 15 to 20 years. This Plan will be yours - *the Community’s* vision, goals, and objectives for a planned approach for growth and development. It is designed to serve as a foundation for decision-making for the City, developers, residents and area stakeholders.

This overall process will demonstrate how Republic is *Growing Together* and will be The Plan our community can own, *trust* and invest resources to make it a reality. It is with great anticipation we look forward to the next chapter in our community and see initiatives start to unfold. Our efforts will not be successful without the collaboration and participation of the community we serve. Therefore, thank you in advance for your engagement as we all look forward to *Growing Together*.

Sincerely,

David Cameron
City Administrator