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*City of Merced*  
**MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** November 9, 2016  
**TO:** Planning Commission  
**FROM:** Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Final Adopted Version of New Zoning Ordinance (Effective October 19, 2016)

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City staff is pleased and proud to present the final adopted version of the new Merced Zoning Ordinance, which went into effect on October 19, 2016. On September 6, 2016, the City Council unanimously voted to introduce the ordinance adopting the new Zoning Ordinance upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Ordinance Focus Group.

This was the first comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance since its adoption in the early 1960's and represents a complete redesign, update, and modernization of the Zoning Ordinance in order to make the Ordinance easier to use and understand for the general public and to provide specific guidance to developers, making the development process simpler and faster. The goal was to facilitate the City's overall growth and development and enhance the community's overall appearance, access to services, and economic health. The process began in 2012 and involved extensive public outreach including the work of the Zoning Ordinance Focus Group, which met from July 2013 to February 2016.

The new Zoning Ordinance is also available for download, either as a whole or chapter by chapter, on the City's website at the link below.

[https://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/cd/planning/new\\_merced\\_zoning\\_ordinance\\_effective\\_10\\_19\\_2016.asp](https://www.cityofmerced.org/depts/cd/planning/new_merced_zoning_ordinance_effective_10_19_2016.asp)

In the coming weeks, the new Zoning Ordinance will also be incorporated into the City's Municipal Code webpage (see link below), which will make it fully searchable.

[https://www.municode.com/library/ca/merced/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances](https://www.municode.com/library/ca/merced/codes/code_of_ordinances)

If you have any questions about the new Zoning Ordinance, please feel free to call the City Planning Division at (209) 385-6858 or come visit us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Merced Civic Center at 678 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street.