

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE TOWN OF SOUTHERN PINES
TOWN COUNCIL
TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The Town of Southern Pines Town Council regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 12, 2023**, at 6:00 PM at the E.S. Douglass Community Center, 1185 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Southern Pines, North Carolina. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on adoption of the new Southern Pines 2040 Comprehensive Plan during the meeting. The plan establishes community policy regarding future growth and development for all of Southern Pines municipal limits as well as the extra-territorial planning jurisdiction.

North Carolina law states that all communities that adopt and apply zoning regulations must also adopt a comprehensive plan. The current Southern Pines plan was adopted in 2016 and the pace and nature of development since that time has changed. In August 2022, Southern Pines planning staff and a planning consulting firm started the process of writing a new plan by visiting properties throughout the planning jurisdiction, holding meetings throughout the community, attending community events, conducting surveys and asking anyone and everyone who was willing to participate to talk about future growth and development. A Community Advisory Committee was created by the Town Council to act as a sounding board for the planning process. From this outreach effort, a new comprehensive plan consisting of 6 chapters was created. A Public Review Draft of the new comprehensive plan was posted online on June 30, 2023 and the public was encouraged to read the document and submit comments. Meetings with the Community Advisory Committee and the public were held in July of 2023 and planning staff made themselves available to the public at office hours events to answer questions and collect comments.

A revised version of the Public Review Draft entitled “Public Hearing Draft” was posted online on August 4, 2023. The public is invited to review the Public Hearing Draft of the new comprehensive plan and attend the hearing and be heard. The Public Hearing Draft may be downloaded at <https://www.southernpinesclrp.net/draft-plan-for-review>. A paper copy of the Public Hearing Draft of the new comprehensive plan may be reviewed at the Planning office, located at 801 SE Service Road, Southern Pines, North Carolina. Questions may be emailed to Project Manager Rachel Mann at rmann@southernpines.net or Rachel may be reached by calling the Planning Office at (910) 692-4003.