

General Plan Overview

The General Plan serves as a blueprint for the future, prescribing policy goals and objectives to shape and guide the physical development of the City.

In the State of California, all cities are required to develop a General Plan. A General Plan is a comprehensive policy document that informs future land use decisions. It establishes land use designations and policies that identify a range of zoning ([/zoning/overview](#)) options that can be applied to property. These policies assist decision makers ([/about/decision-makers](#)) as they review planning approvals ([/development-services/land-use-process/planning-processes](#)) for a new project or consider a proposed ordinance ([/plans-policies/proposed-land-use-regulations](#)) or policy.

By identifying land use categories and corresponding zones, the General Plan provides the foundational guide for planning, outlining how land is used and how the City allocates its resources. The General Plan is, however, more than just the legal basis for all local land use decisions; it is the vision for how the City will evolve, reflecting the values and priorities of its communities.

GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS

The Framework Element (/plans-policies/framework-element) can be considered the organizing Element. Its policies address and connect all the Elements of the General Plan.



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