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Milpitas Launches Development Review Handbook for Homeowners and Developers

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A Development Review Handbook is now available for homeowners and applicants who are considering remodeling or building their home or developing their property. The Handbook provides a comprehensive and step-by-step explanation of the City's development review process from beginning to end, including an overview of the roles and responsibilities of all parties involved, key planning regulations and building codes, the City's various development fees, and other relevant topics. The Handbook is a multipurpose tool because it will be also used as an internal operations manual to train new staff, provide elected/appointed officials with a detailed overview of the City's development review process and serve as a public-facing guide to inform applicants/developers and Milpitas residents about the process.

The Handbook is just one of the many accessible and user-friendly tools to help Milpitas residents, business owners, and developers navigate the City's development review process. Two additional resources – an ADU toolkit and Web-based ADU Visualization tool – are also available to Milpitas homeowners. These initiatives are all part of the Planning Department's work related to improving the City's land use and zoning tools to facilitate housing production and creating more housing options, especially affordable units.

Milpitas Planning Director Ned Thomas shares that, "The Development Handbook will help establish clear expectations for City staff, project applicants/developers, and the community, and thereby improve customer service, educate the public, and streamline ADU production to help Milpitas respond to the current housing crisis."

To access the handbook, visit <https://milpitas.info/DevReviewHandbook>

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About the City of Milpitas

Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of over 80,000. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration. For more information, visit: www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov

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