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Community and Economic Development

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For Immediate Release,

Cortez, CO - The City of Cortez is holding two open house events for residents, business owners, and community members to learn about and provide input on the Land Use Code Update.

The Land Use Code Open House will take place on Thursday, October 26th from 4 – 7 PM at City Hall, 123 E. Roger Smith Avenue, and Friday, October 27th from 12 – 2 PM at the Cortez Chamber of Commerce, 20 W. Main Street. Brief presentations of the proposed changes will be given on the hour, although the public is encouraged to stop by at any time.

The Open House will center on Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Zoning Districts in the City of Cortez.

The current Land Use Code was adopted in 1996 and has been amended numerous times over the years. Since its initial adoption, almost 30 years ago, the City of Cortez has grown, and the needs have changed. The current Land Use Code needs an update specifically for ease of administration and simplification of review processes, as well as inclusion of standards that support the City's housing needs. For context, the Land Use Code is comprised of zone district regulations, use regulations, subdivision standards, site development standards, and administration/ application procedures.

While this event is focused on the Land Use Code update, kids and costumes are welcome! Candy will be distributed to kids and adults in costume.

The City has created a new webpage, <https://www.cortezco.gov/870/Land-Use-Code-Update>, where people can learn more about the City's Land Use Code and the process for updating it.

For more information, please visit www.cortezco.gov or contact the City of Cortez Community & Economic Development Department at 970-565-3402.