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**Council expands rezoning notification areas**  
*City launches zoning change webpage, e-alert notification, signs*

Focused on government communication and transparency, the Burleson City Council in August voted to expand the city's outreach measures for citizens whose property lies near those being considered for rezoning or a Special Use Permit (SUP).

Currently, the city notifies property owners within 200 feet of the proposed project, the standard set by state law. This change to the city's Code of Ordinances will expand the notification area by 100 feet, to 300 feet.

"This council is focused on transparency and providing an open dialogue with our residents," Mayor Ken Shetter said. "This change is a natural step to ensure that those living and working closest to the projects receive ample communication about requested changes."

In addition to the Code of Ordinances update, the city has launched a webpage, [burlesontx.com/zoningchange](http://burlesontx.com/zoningchange), which allows anyone to view requested zoning changes and a new e-alert option that will allow those interested to receive the information directly to their email inbox at least 10 days ahead of Planning & Zoning meetings. To sign up for the new e-alert subscription, log in to – or sign up for – Burleson's 'Notify Me' system [HERE](#).

Starting Sept. 1, the public will also see notice signs placed on the property that is requested to be rezoned.

"Development Services staff, the Planning Commission and City Council have periodically received request from our residents to increase our notification radius for zoning notifications," Michelle McCullough, development services manager said. "Feedback from our citizens is crucial to our process, and this change further extends our communication with them."

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