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Form Based Codes: An Alternative Approach to Regulating and Shaping Development

Featured Speaker:
Paul Crawford, Chairman
Form Based Codes Institute

Tuesday, August 8th, 6-9 p.m.
City Council Chambers, Evanston Civic Center

Hosted by Evanston Plan Commission, Downtown Plan Sub-Committee

Form Based Codes are emerging as one of the most interesting recent reforms to traditional zoning codes. Often associated with Smart Growth and the rise of “New Urbanist” planning concepts, form-based codes place primary emphasis upon the physical form of development, including building height, bulk, façade treatments, the relationship of the buildings to the street and to one another and the location of parking. Simply put, form-based codes emphasize the appearance and qualities of the *public realm* by addressing both structures and the places they create.

As individuals actively involved with development in this city, you are likely to have been part of discussions as to how Evanston can become the most livable city in America. There are several significant planning efforts now underway – including Downtown Planning and the West Evanston TIF Master Planning – which will be the focus of similar discussions. For this reason, the Plan Commission and its Downtown Plan Subcommittee has invited Paul Crawford, a nationally recognized expert on form-based codes, to speak on the subject. Please plan on joining us for an evening of information and discussion about this innovative alternative to traditional zoning. For additional information contact Tracy Norfleet, General Planner, at tnorfleet@cityofevanston.org or Susan Guderley, Neighborhood Planner, at sguderley@cityofevanston.org. They may also be reached at 847-866-2928.

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