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Input needed: BAR Policy Drop-In Session

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Hopkins, Rebecca <hopkinsr@charleston-sc.gov> Fri, Sep 16, 2022 at 12:32 PM

Good afternoon,

Please see the note below from Planning, Preservation & Sustainability leadership:

The Department of Planning, Preservation and Sustainability of the City of Charleston is seeking input on possible changes to the Old City Height Districts (Ordinance Sections 54-306, 54-307, & 54-308). The proposed amendments include changing or removing the ability to earn extra building height through architectural merit. Planning staff would like your feedback and invite you to a **drop-in** session on this topic:

WHEN: Thursday, September 29 from 2:00-4:00pm

WHERE: 2 George Street, First Floor Public Meeting Room

BACKGROUND:

The Old City Height Districts were substantially revised in 2017 after a 2-year analysis that included many public meetings. The changes included opportunities for applicants to seek additional height through rezoning or architectural merit. Criticisms of that policy include:

- Lack of certainty for development teams, citizens, and the city
- Possibility for applicants to seek additional height through **both** rezoning **and** architectural merit, potentially reaching 2 height districts beyond the height district originally applied to a property in 2017

The City would like your input and recommendations regarding this policy.

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