



*City of Franklin, Tennessee*  
**FY 2019 Operating Budget Request**

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# Department of Planning & Sustainability

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### **Purpose of Department**

**The Planning and Sustainability Department will strive to protect and enhance the built and natural environment by providing a comprehensive vision for future growth, protection of historic and natural resources, and excellent planning services for businesses and residents of Franklin.**

- Works with the Planning Commission to identify and complete long range planning initiatives**
- Processes current development applications in order to continue quality growth**
- Provides assistance to Historic Zoning Commission, the Franklin Battlefield Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Sustainability Commission, and several other entities**



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### **FY 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Assistant Director hired (internally) and P&SD reorganized for better effectiveness
- Envision Franklin completed and adopted!
- New Zoning Ordinance framework, base district map, base district uses, and general/legal provisions drafted
- Height Overlay Study completed and zoning map/zoning text amended to reflect it
- Riverfront Planning Study completed and subsequent amendments to Envision Franklin and the Zoning Ordinance adopted
- 2017 Special Census completed (along with multiple departments)
- Grant contract to update the National Register documentation for the Franklin Historic District and architectural survey of portions of Columbia Avenue completed
- Grant contract to restore several burial markers at City Cemetery successfully completed
- Site plan amendment process implemented to streamline the process to make minor changes to site plans
- Outreach to increase awareness for National Planning Month
- Multi-day educational trip to Georgia for the DRT accomplished! (May 2017)
- Mayes Creek Basin Study to be completed (March 2018)



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### **FY 2019 GOALS**

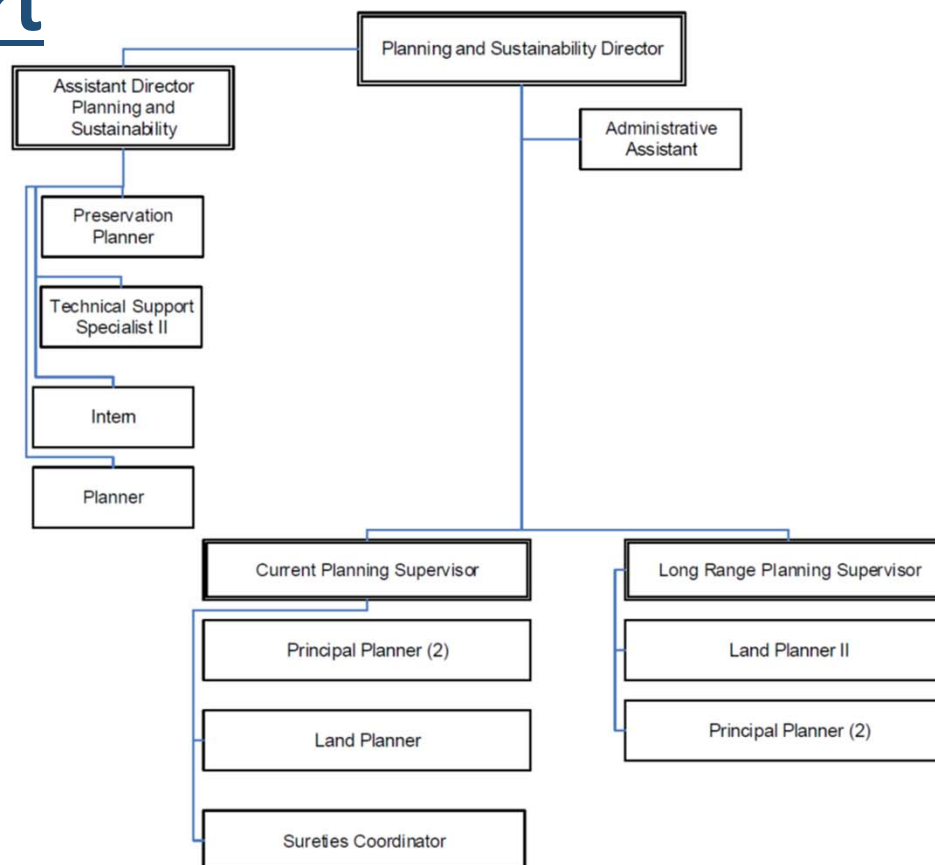
- **Complete the new Zoning Ordinance to implement Envision Franklin, with input from the FMPC and BOMA**
- **Conduct extensive discussion sessions with the BOMA and FMPC on a variety of topics addressed in the new Zoning Ordinance**
- **Draft and adopt a new set of Subdivision Regulations (current set adopted in 1966)**
- **Implement PUD process changes to streamline it and decrease number of days involved in review**
- **Conduct the annual review and update of Envision Franklin (December 2018)**
- **Concentrate on continuing education for City officials and staff regarding urban design and best planning practices.**
- **Continued improvement of workspace and technology in the P&SD**



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### Organization Chart





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### **Base Budget Request: Personnel**

**FY 2018: \$1,255,259**

**FY 2019: \$1,291,608**

**Decrease of \$36,349 or 2.9%**

**No changes to personnel in the base budget (outside of changes based on recent pay study).**



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### **Base Budget Request: Operations**

**FY 2018: \$226,771**

**FY 2019: \$193,776**

**Decrease of \$32,995 or -14.5%**

Continued costs of note:

**-National Register Listing Update for Hincheyville  
(\$4,000)**





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### **Program Enhancement Requests**

**There are three (3) Program Enhancements proposed.**

<b>New Zoning Ordinance On-Call Consultant</b>	<b>\$ 85,000</b>
<b>LEED for Cities</b>	<b>\$ 15,000</b>
<b>3D Modeling</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>



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### **Summary**

**It continues to be a busy and exciting time for the Department of Planning and Sustainability. Community vision, smart growth and annexation practices, long-term economic health, and quality of place are at the forefront of our minds, and we strive to foster and achieve a mix of uses and an urban design that enhances the lives of both new and existing citizens.**

**A new Zoning Ordinance is our top priority. It will go far in expanding and enhancing the built environment in Franklin.**

**We have a department of talented and dedicated employees, and we expect to have an exciting, busy year.**