



City of Franklin, Tennessee
FY 2021 Operating Budget Request

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 annexation requests and current development applications in order to continue quality growth.**
- Provides assistance to Historic Zoning Commission, the Franklin Civil War Historical Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Sustainability Commission, and several other entities.**



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FY20 Accomplishments

- **Adoption of the Zoning Ordinance (web-friendly and interactive), Zoning Map, and Subdivision Regulations.**
- **Promoted 3 planners internally and hired 3 new planners.**
- **Review of approximately 200 land development applications.**
- **Completion of the National Register Nomination Update for Hincheyville.**
- **Completion of a Developments Map and Historic Property Address Map.**
- **Creation of online submittal and review applications for Annexations and Certificates of Appropriateness.**
- **Adoption of increased Planning review fees, including a new annexation review fee.**
- **Annexation of 26 properties, located outside of the UGB, by referendum.**
- **Held Planapalooza as public outreach for the Zoning Update.**
- **Hosted the TN Planning Association Conference in Franklin.**



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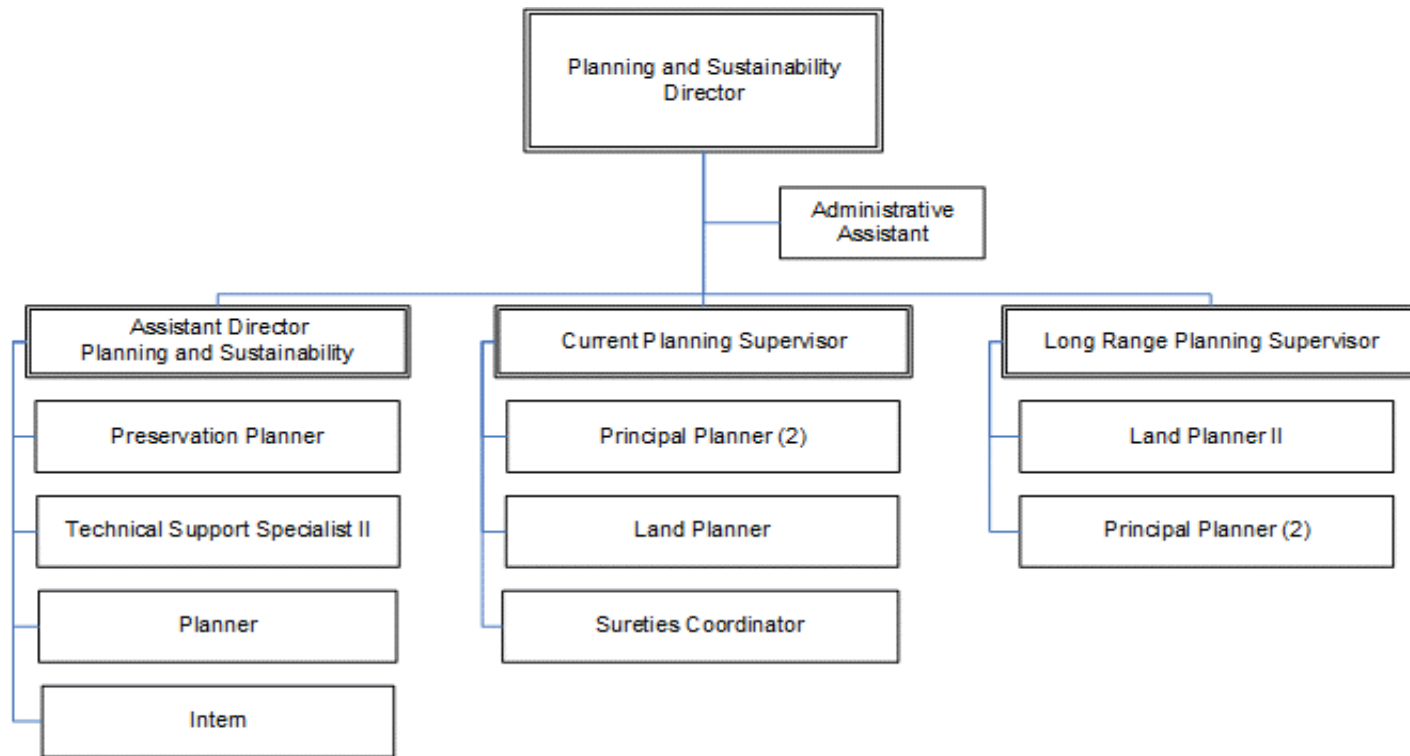
FY21 Goals

- **Implement, monitor, and evaluate the new Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations.**
- **Update the Preservation Plan.**
- **Create a Murfreesboro Road Small Area Plan.**
- **Conduct the annual review and update to Envision Franklin (specifically to single-family lot width and size policies).**
- **Concentrate on continuing education for staff and officials.**
- **Focus on improvement of workspace and technology in the P&SD.**

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Organization Chart





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Base Budget Request: Personnel

FY 2020: \$1,427,547

FY 2021: \$1,425,415

Change: -\$2,131 (or -0.1%)

- **No proposed base budget changes to personnel.**
- **One program enhancement request for a new position, to be discussed later in presentation.**



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Base Budget Request: Operations

FY 2020: \$228,488

FY 2021: \$212,108

Change: -16,380 (or -7.2%)

- Decrease a result of one-time consulting services for Zoning Ordinance not needed in FY 2021.
- Needed computer upgrades for all staff in the department.
- Continued emphasis on continuing professional education in order to develop urban design skills and observe best planning practices for the City staff and officials.



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Base Budget Request: Capital

No proposed budget requests for capital.



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Program Enhancement Requests

There are three (3) Program Enhancements proposed.

Historic Preservation Plan Consultant (One-Time Cost)	\$ 75,000
Murfreesboro Road Plan Consultant (One-Time Cost)	\$ 100,000
Transportation Planner (One-Time Cost)	\$ 84,500
Total	\$ 259,500



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Summary

It continues to be a busy and exciting time for the Department of Planning and Sustainability as we focus on:

- Managed growth and annexation practices**
- A long-term, vibrant economy**
- Housing choices and quality of place**
- Regional transportation and local mobility**

Our top priorities for FY21 include the Preservation Plan Update and the Murfreesboro Road Small Area Plan, in addition to monitoring, evaluating, and updating Envision Franklin and the Zoning Ordinance, where issues arise.

We have a department of talented and dedicated professionals, many who recently joined our department, and we expect to have another exciting year.