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# **CITY OF KEARNEY** **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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## **Adoption of the 2016 Kearney Comprehensive Plan**

The 2016 Kearney Comprehensive Plan was adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council on July 26, 2016. The Comprehensive Plan provides clear direction for the development of the community. The plan covers all aspects of the community including demographics, land use, public facilities, transportation, housing, and energy. A long range transportation plan and parks' master plan were also incorporated into the document. This Comprehensive Plan replaces the previous plan which was adopted in 2004.

State law requires any First Class City that enacts land use controls (zoning) to create and maintain a Comprehensive Development Plan. Typically a community prepares an update to their Comprehensive Plan every 10 to 15 years.

A Comprehensive Plan is a community's vision of itself now and in the future. The plan serves as a decision making guide for growth by helping the community achieve its short and long term development goals.

The plan is based on residents' and community leaders' long-range vision for community. The public was given opportunities to provide input via town hall meetings, focus groups, and a design charrette. Public hearings for the Comprehensive Plan were held to at the April 15, 2016 and June 17, 2016 Planning Commission meetings and July 26, 2016 City Council meeting.

The Comprehensive Plan was completed with the guidance of the Plan's Steering Committee, Planning Commission, and City staff. A link to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan is provided on the City's web page at [www.cityofkearney.org](http://www.cityofkearney.org). Click on "2016 Comprehensive Plan" found under "Quicklinks" on the home page.

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