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Tyler Selected To Test a Zoning App

ZoningCheck is a web and smart phone app that allows users to type in an address to quickly identify if a location is permitted for a specific land use. Alternatively, the user can type in a proposed use, and then view where that use is allowed within the city.

“We are excited to announce that Tyler was approved as a beta test city for ZoningCheck,” said Planning Director Heather Nick. “The program is still in Beta testing and we welcome all comments that can enhance the product.”



Comments can be directed to Amber Rojas at arojas@tylertexas.com or (903) 531-1175. The program is accessible through smartphones, tablets and desktops/laptops using Google Chrome.

“We look forward to entrepreneurs utilizing this tool to locate properties to establish their businesses and to allow small business owners to make location-based decisions,” said Planning Director Heather Nick. “Users do not have to have zoning expertise to use the program, which is designed to be simple to use and informative.”

Currently the app features 12 cities. All but one are located within California; with Tyler, Texas being the lone exception.

The link and information can be found on the Planning Department’s Webpage: www.TylerPZ.org or the direct link is www.zoningcheck.us.

Background on Code for America:

Code for America is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that works to help residents and governments develop and use technology to solve community problems. According to their website, Code for America was founded in 2009 to address the widening gap between the public and private sectors in their effective use of technology and design.

The organization began by enlisting technology and design professionals to work with city governments in the United States to build open-source applications and promote openness, participation, and efficiency in government. It has grown into a cross-sector network of practitioners of civic innovation.

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