

Appendix A

City Charter Requirements

Comprehensive Plan Building Blocks and Elements

Austin's City Charter requires that the Comprehensive Plan include the City Council's policies for growth, development, and beautification of land within the corporate limits and the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the city, or for geographic portions thereof including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans. According to the Charter, the comprehensive plan shall include the following elements:

- 1) Future Land Use;
- 2) Traffic Circulation and Mass Transit;
- 3) Wastewater, Solid Waste, Drainage, and Potable Water;
- 4) Conservation and Environmental Resources;
- 5) Recreation and Open Space;
- 6) Housing;
- 7) Public Services and Facilities, which shall include but not be limited to a capital improvement program;
- 8) Public Buildings and Related Facilities;
- 9) Economic element for commercial and industrial development and redevelopment; and
- 10) Health and Human Services.

The Austin City Council endorsed the inclusion of new elements not required by the Charter but established through the public input process:

- Historic and Cultural Preservation
- Children, Families, and Education
- Arts, Culture, and Creativity
- Urban Design

These elements have been grouped into the "Building Blocks" of the *Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan*. The plan's seven building blocks are:

- **Land Use and Transportation**
- **Housing and Neighborhoods**
- **Economy**
- **Conservation and Environmental Resources**
- **City Facilities and Services**
- **Society**
- **Creativity**