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The CARES Act was passed on March 27th, 2020. It contained many helpful tools to assist people through this trying time. At SECOG, we know you are struggling during this COVID-19 pandemic, and we want to help. Although our staff is primarily working from home, we are available to assist you via e-mail or phone. We are safe and hope you and your family are doing well, too. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Lynne Keller Forbes Executive Director

Governor Noem's Small Business Relief Fund

South Dakota small businesses have taken a major hit due to the economic slow-down related to the pandemic. To respond to this, the South Dakota Legislature has approved SB192 to create a new \$10.5 million State loan fund to assist businesses impacted by COVID-19. The loan program provides up to \$75,000 per business at a 0% rate. Additional information can be found at the link below.

Governor's Office of Economic Development - COVID 19

Comparison of the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Paycheck Program (PPP)

For our business clients, there are two main federal programs available. The Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) programs. The link below provides a side-by-side comparison of the two programs to help you make a decision on what may be the best option for your business or borrower.

Comparison of EIDL and Paycheck Protection Programs Article

These programs are currently out of funding. However, it is believed that Congress will appropriate additional dollars this week to assist small businesses. Please contact SBA for assistance with the EIDL program or your local lender for assistance with the PPP program. While Dakota BUSINESS Finance remains committed to assisting with SBA 504 Loans, it is not involved in either of these programs.

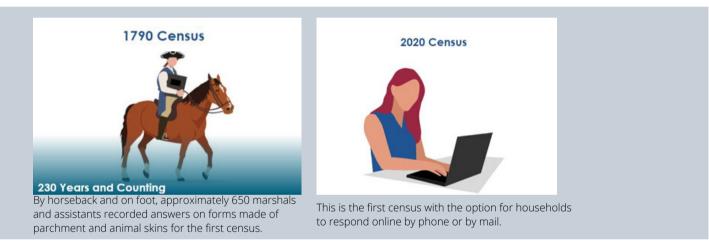
Shape Your Future: Be Part of the 2020 Census

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The Decennial U.S. Census is here! Did you know that conducting a census every 10 years is mandated by the Constitution? Every household in your community will receive a postcard requesting those living at that address to complete the online census questionnaire. If they do not respond, the Census Bureau workers will follow up in person during the months of May or June to collect responses.

Over the three day period of March 30 – April 1, Census workers counted people who would otherwise be considered homeless or in transition, including sheltered and non-sheltered individuals. The resulting count of residents determines federal funding that comes back to our community and also assists with district boundaries, business decisions, and electoral districts.



The Sioux Falls Complete Count Committee formed in September 2018, with the mission to educate the public about the Census in order to prepare them to complete their Census forms on April 1, 2020. One challenge the committee set out to address was reaching historically under-counted populations by using trusted voices to talk about the importance of completing the Census form and to address residents' concerns about filling out this government document.

The Census questionnaire asks five basic questions of each individual: name, sex, age, Hispanic origin, and race. Next, residents are asked about their housing and relationships between people in that household. For example, residents should count all people, including babies, who live and sleep in their house or apartment "most of the time." However, the household would not count anyone living away from that address on April 1, 2020 (such as those at college or in the Armed Forces or those who may be in a nursing home, jail, prison, detention facility, or other type of facility).

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect each resident's answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every Census employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

According to George Washington University's Counting for Dollars Project (August 2017), South Dakota loses as much as \$1,597 for each missed person in a Census count. That equals \$15,970 over ten years per person missed. In Fiscal Year 2016, South Dakota received \$2,386,951,373 through 55 federal spending programs guided by data derived from the 2010 Census.



The 2020 Census is more than a population count. It's an opportunity to shape the future of your community.

For additional information about the 2020 Census visit <u>https://www.2020census.gov/</u>

For additional information about the 2020 Census and efforts in Sioux Falls, please contact:

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Meetings & Dates

Citizen Advisory Committee May 13th, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

Technical Advisory Committee May 14th, 2020 @ 2:00 p.m.

Urbanized Development Commission May 14th, 2020 @ 4:00 p.m.

Sioux Falls Metropolitan Area 2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization is updating its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is being conducted through a community-driven, data reinforced process that will provide a comprehensive look at the current and future multi-modal transportation needs in portions of Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties, including the cities of Brandon, Crooks, Harrisburg, Hartford, Sioux Falls, and Tea.

The LRTP Spring Open House and other pubic engagement activities have been cancelled due to Coronavirus related

health concerns. Please check the Get Involved link at <u>Go Sioux Falls 2045</u> to review materials from the January Open House and leave a comment to provide your input on the projects and strategies that will shape the Sioux Falls region's transportation network.

Sioux Falls MPO 2019 Year End Report

The Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) receives federal funding to conduct continuous, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning and programming activities for the Sioux Falls metropolitan area. The 2019 Year End Report for the Sioux Falls MPO is now posted at: <u>http://siouxfallsmpo.org/resources/ publications</u>. Highlights of the transportation planning activities from 2019 include: completion of the 2019 Long-Range Transportation Plan Market Research Study, completion of the Lincoln County Master Transportation Plan, completion of the Maple Street/Park Street Corridor Study, completion of the I-229 Exit 9 (Benson Road) Interchange Modification Justification Report (IMJR), and work on the I-229 Exit 3 (Minnesota Avenue) and Exit 4 (Cliff Avenue) IMJRs. Additional information on these activities and more can be found at <u>http://siouxfallsmpo.org/</u>resources/transportation_studies. Overall, the Sioux Falls MPO completed \$2 million in transportation planning activities in 2019, which continues work to improve a coordinated multi-modal transportation system in the region.





South Dakota Department of Transportation Economic Development Grants

The next deadline to apply for a South Dakota Department of Transportation economic development grant is approaching quickly. Applications are due on July 15. Below is a brief overview of available funding.

 The Industrial Park Road Grant is available to any local unit of government for the development of new or expanded access for new industry located within industrial parks.

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

May 1 State Water Plan

- July 1 DENR State Revolving Loan Fund
- July 15 Transportation Economic Development Grants
- The Agri-Business Access Grant is available to any local unit of government for the development of new or expanded agri-business industries.
- The **Community Access Road Grant** is available for towns with a population of less than 5,000 people. The grant is for the construction or reconstruction of major streets, such as Main Street, and roads providing access to important services such as the elevator, schools, or hospital.

These programs provide for 80% of the construction cost of the project, not including engineering or utility work. Grant size is limited to \$600,000 for Community Access and Agri-Business Grants and \$500,000 for Industrial Park Grants.

Please contact Leslie Mastroianni or Sara Lum if you are interested in applying for these funding opportunities. The information we need to assist with an application and other project requirements are listed below:

Application Information

- Clear map showing the project location
- Engineer's Estimate
- Resolution of support from the local sponsor

Project Requirements

- Designed in accordance with the South Dakota Department of Transportation guidelines
- Must comply with the American's with Disabilities Act
- Funds cannot be used for routine maintenance
- Must have plans and specifications stamped by a registered professional engineer

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Planners' Plans

SB 157-Special Permitted Uses

There have been a lot of rumors and speculation regarding South Dakota Senate Bill 157 (SB 157), which goes into effect on July 1, 2020. As many of you have heard, it includes a few changes to state law relating to the county zoning and appeals process, namely it: (1) defines who may appeal a decision; (2) clarifies various permitting processes; and (3) establishes the concept of special permitted uses. This article will not discuss every aspect of SB 157 but will instead focus on special permitted uses as it is the topic that has generated the most questions and concerns.

While its name may be unfamiliar, the concept of special permitted uses is already utilized by many counties and cities across the State. It's probably easiest to think of them as a hybrid of permitted and conditional uses. They are treated just like any other permitted use found within your zoning ordinance, except that specific standards, conditions, and requirements are written directly into the text to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Therefore, in order to proceed with a such a use, the applicant need only provide the person responsible for the administration of your zoning ordinance with sufficient information to demonstrate that all specified criteria are met.

Not surprisingly, there are many competing positives and negatives regarding special permitted uses. Perhaps the most apparent is the fact that, as permitted uses, they avoid the sometimes costly and lengthy review and approval process associated with conditional use permits. This works well in situations where a project is relatively routine, not controversial, and minimally impactful, yet standards are necessary to make sure it's done correctly. However, it may pose a problem where some uses are potentially so controversial, impactful, and unique that the traditional conditional use permitting process is vital to ensure all factors are considered. Naturally, trying to strike the balance is far easier said than done.

If you are interested in discussing special permitted uses and ways in which they can be effectively incorporated into your zoning ordinance, please contract Patrick at (605) 681–8176 or patrick@secog.org.



Why having and updating a Comprehensive Plan is vital

Every five, 10, or 20 years, every community that has a Comprehensive Plan will need to update it. For the Planning Commission and elected officials, it is a lengthy process where the only immediate result seems to be the new document. However, the Comprehensive Planning process itself should be taken as an opportunity to expand the understanding of the needs and desires of the locality by the appointed and elected officials.

Visioning, using current knowledge to imagine what the community could and should look like in the future, is extremely difficult when the community has immediate needs such as street and utility replacement. Then there is the mental wall of the notions that the way things are now is the way that they will always be. The argument that farmland will never be sold for development, or that people don't want to live in this community can stymie the ability to envision a more prosperous future.

However, a community's failure to look beyond the present can cause major issues down the road. If a city fails to determine an appropriately laid out land use plan it could lead to incompatible developments being right next door to each other. There are many things that can cause problems across a community and it is important to understand that the Comprehensive Plan will not be able to address all of them. A Comprehensive Plan is primarily a guide to future land use. It should be the foundation upon which you develop your zoning policy, and the goals laid out within it should be used to guide decisions pertaining to land use changes. Think of it as a blueprint for community development. It is the "where" and general "when" of development.

The Comprehensive Plan is also an analysis of what the community is today. What the community currently has is its foundation for the future. Maintenance of existing infrastructure and development should always be the first goal. Retention of community amenities is just as important as gaining new ones. The second goal is anticipating the community's needs for future development.

The Future Land Use Map provides a framework for locating such things as land for additional housing units, commercial buildings, and industrial uses. New development may happen in your city, but if poor siting negatively impacts to the community, quality development opportunities aren't likely to happen again.

Completing the Comprehensive Plan is not the end, but just the beginning. This should be a living breathing document that is referenced in all city land use decisions and whose goals are revisited on an annual basis to ensure that the path set forth in the plan is still the one that the community wishes to follow. Successful communities don't wait for something to happen; they take part in making it happen.

If you have any questions about your Comprehensive Plan, or if your is ready for a revision or amendment, please contact Kristen Benidt at 605-681-8174

Now is a Great Time to Compile Your Ordinances!

It's been a little less than a year since HB 1215 went into effect. That legislation added SDCL 7-18A-25.1 and SDCL 9-19-14.1 which require that the most current version of all your ordinances be posted to your website should you choose to post them to your website. While many have done that, others haven't for perfectly understandable reasons. You may simply just not have had the time since it's a difficult and often exhausting job to ensure that your city or county is running efficiently. However, it might be time to cross off a few things on your to-do list. If compiling your ordinances is one of those, we are here and ready to help!

If you're interested in discussing how SECOG can help with the compilation of your ordinances or otherwise cross things off your to-do list, please contact Patrick at (605) 681-8176 or patrick@secog.org.



SEDF Housing



Moving Right Along

Several exciting events have been happening within the South Eastern Development Foundation (SEDF). Recently, SEDF partnered with the City of Sioux Falls Housing Division to find new locations for four housing structures purchased by the city of Sioux Falls last year as a part of the City's drainage and flood improvement programs.

The City donated the homes with the agreement SEDF would relocate them. The plan is to sell them at affordable rates to individuals and families at between 80 and 100 percent of the median household income level. The homes will be placed on new foundations and will have modest rehabbing completed.



One of the homes the City donated was a twin home that SEDF split in half and moved from its original location near the Augusta University Campus to SEDF's Grasslands development in the northwest part of the city.

Neighborhood Redevelopment

SEDF is in the process of purchasing the old Boys and Girls Club land at E 13th Street and Sneve Avenue in the eastern part of Sioux Falls. The plans for this property will be to subdivide it into 24 lots with 17 of the lots being developed with Governor's Houses. The remaining lots have been tentatively identified as sites for the relocation of existing homes from other parts of the City.



Pictured above is the progress SECOG's Construction Manager Dave Swier and his team have made on a home that was privately donated to SEDF and relocated to the Grasslands development.

Dakota BUSINESS Finance South Eastern Development Foundation



New

Heirloom Creations Sioux Falls, SD SBA 504 Loan through DBF Purpose: Construction of a new building Participating Lender: Pam Rippentrop, CorTrust Bank

Betz Blinds Sioux Falls, SD SBA 504 Loan through DBF Purpose: Purchase and renovation of building Participating Lender: Josh Hofer, First Dakota Bank





Advanced Moving Tea, SD SBA 504 Loan through DBF Purpose: Refinance existing eligible debt Participating Lender: Matt Teller, The First National Bank in Sioux Falls

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Houndstooth House Sioux Falls, SD SBA 504 Loan through DBF Purpose: Purchase of a building SEDF Loan Purpose: Down payment and renovation Participating Lender: Paula Brown, CorTrust Bank

EVENTS & LIGHTING DESIGN



DJ Jer Events & Lighting Design Tea, SD SBA 504 Loan through DBF Purpose: Purchase of land and construction of building. Participating Lender: Shawna Fosheim, First Dakota Bank

Social Indoor Sioux Falls, SD SEDF Loan Purpose: Purchase of a business franchise



Carousel Preschool & Daycare Spirit Lake, IA SBA 504 Loan through DBF Purpose: Construction of a new building Participating Lender: Brett Johnson, Central Bank



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Helping Hands Assisted Living Brandon, SD SEDF Loan Purpose: Working capital, refinance existing debt, improvements



RBS Sanitation Hartford, SD SEDF Loan Purpose: Purchase equipment







Sunderman Mfg. Co Baltic, SD SBA 504 Loan through DBF Purpose: Construction of new building Participating Lender: Bill Kuhl, One American Bank We working with our communities! Please leave a Google review and/or rating to let us know how much you love SECOG.



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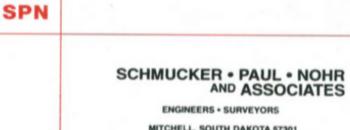
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