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Aberdeen, Maryland (April 16, 2018)- With two years of vigilant planning, the City of Aberdeen formally adopted their updated Development Code at a City Council Meeting on April 9, 2018. The newly structured Development Code implements the land use policies of the City to align with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The intent of the regulations outlined in the Development is to promote several goals of the City. With the implementation of the Code, the City aims to establish new commercial uses and development standards that enhance opportunities to blend residential uses with unique commercial and business districts.

Phyllis Grover, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Aberdeen said, "The updated Development Code will serve as a catalyst for future residential growth and make Aberdeen more marketable and competitive in the Baltimore region. We are hopeful that the changes will be received by the development community and discussions for future development will begin immediately."

As major revitalization, efforts continue in Aberdeen's Transit Oriented Development Area, the City of Aberdeen continues to amplify their position as a Multi Modal Transportation Hub by using the Development Code to diversify and improve transportation options through the linkage of land use and transportation.

In conjunction with the Development Code, the City also introduced new Business Incentives that couple with the Development Code to spur economic opportunities within the City. The proposed Incentives, adding to the City's already existing Enterprise Zone and Façade Improvement Grant, include a specifically focused Business Improvement Tax Credit and a Water and Sewer Area Charge Waiver.

For more information on the City's Development Code and proposed Business Incentives, visit the City's website at www.aberdeenmd.gov.