



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
AUTONOMOUS MUNICIPALITY OF ARECIBO
ARECIBO, PUERTO RICO

PUBLIC HEARINGS NOTICE
October 30, 2020

ABOUT

TERRITORIAL PLAN OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARECIBO ADVANCE DOCUMENT AND FINAL PHASE (MEMORIAL, PROGRAM, REGULATION, ZONING MAP, GEODATA, SOIL CLASSIFICATION MAP, INFRASTRUCTURE MAP, ROAD PLAN, AND AREA PLAN)

For general public knowledge and according to the provisions of Act No. 107 of August 14, 2020, Municipality Code of Puerto Rico, Act No. 38 of June 30, 2017; the Government of Puerto Rico Uniform Administrative Procedure Act and Act No. 75 of June 24, 1975, Puerto Rico Planning Board Organic Act; as amended; Act No. 550 of October 3, 2004, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Land Use Plan, as amended, the Autonomous Municipality of Arecibo hereby notifies that will hold public hearing regarding the Final Phases of Arecibo's Territorial Plan. Final Phase includes the following document: General Summary, Program, Road Plan, Classification, Zoning Regulations, and Area Plan (The Arecibo Territorial Plan proposes the following Area Plans: Arecibo Central Urban Rehabilitation Area Plan (PA-1) and San Luis and Buenos Aires Area Plan (PA-2)).

The proposed Territorial Plan of the Municipality of Arecibo, in addition to taking into account the Joint Regulations for the Evaluation and Issuance of Permits Related to The Development, Land Uses and Business Operation (Planning Regulation No. 38) of the Puerto Rico Planning Board of 2019, will adopt the following special plans: Plan and Regulations of the Caro Special Planning Area (PRAPEC) and the Tourist Interest Zone (ZIT) Arecibo-Barceloneta.

In compliance with all the security measures required by the state of emergency decreed by the Government of Puerto Rico because of the COVID-19 pandemic, public hearings will be held following the protocols of social distancing so that the number of available spaces subject to the recommendations established by the executive orders is limited. Each citizen, after access to the place of public hearing, will be discerned according to the security protocols for mass activities established in the executive orders. The use of masks at all times will be required for the end of public hearings and maintaining social distancing for both citizens and government officials. Access conditions may vary according to the provisions enacted on the state of emergency, in force at the time of public hearings.

The public hearing will be held as follows:

Documents	DATE	TIME	PLACE
1. Advance	October 30, 2020	9:00 AM	Casa Ulanga, Calle Gonzalo Marín #7, Arecibo, PR.
2. Final Phase	October 30, 2020	1:30 PM	Casa Ulanga, Calle Gonzalo Marín #7, Arecibo, PR.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Act No. 107 of August 14, 2020, Municipality Code of Puerto Rico, recognizes that the land resource in Puerto Rico is limited and states as public policy to promote a prudent and optimum use of it to ensure the well-being of present and future generations; promoting an orderly, rational and comprehensive planning process. The purpose of the Review of Arecibo's Territorial Plan is to promote the social and economic development of the municipality and guide the territorial land use planning by recognizing the existing activities and land uses up to date.
2. Advance Document: will serve as an instrument for disseminating the General Ideas of the Plan, as well as a means of promoting citizen participation and the public agencies concerned. The Advance document includes the following: 1) Memorial on physical-spatial development throughout history; up-to-date economic, social and physical status; the role of the municipality in its region; housing needs; and rustic soil conditions; 2) Enumeration of public policy and the goals and objectives of social, economic and physical development that are proposed for the municipality; 3) The goals and objectives related to land use will be linked to the three types of land: urban, urbanizable and rustic; 4) Classification of the municipality soils according to Act 550-2004, "Ley para el Plan de Uso de Terrenos del Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico".
3. The Final Plan Phase consists of: 1) Memorial Document: Inventory, diagnostics and public policies and programming; 2) The Actions Program Document: Agency Investment Projects Program, Area Plans and Road Plan, and 3) Regulations Document (Zoning Districts Regulations, Classification and Zoning Maps, and Infrastructure Map).
4. Proposed conversion of the zoning districts according to the Join Regulation Document approved on June 7th, 2019.

DOCUMENTS EXPOSITION:

Copy of the documents to be discussed at the public's hearings will be available in working hours from October 15, 2020 at the Arecibo City Hall, Municipal Secretary Department Office, Second Floor, located on De Diego Avenue #100 in the Municipality of Arecibo. For additional information please contact 787-882-2795. Ext: 1047. In addition, they will be available in the Secretary Office of the Planning Board, located on the 16th floor and in the Office of Permit Management (OGPE) located on the 13th floor of the North Tower of the Roberto Sánchez Vilella Government Center, Avenida De Diego corner Baldrío de Castro in Santurce and in the Office of Permit Management (OGPE), Arecibo Regional Office located at Galena del Norte Building, Second Floor, State Road #2, km 81.7, in Hatillo, PR.

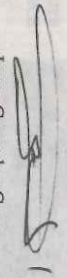
Also, the documents related to these public hearing will be available at the Puerto Rico Planning Board website: www.jp.pr.gov.

Any person, entity, citizen, association, institution, or corporation that requires additional information about this matter would obtain it on the mentioned places.

INVITATION TO GENERAL PUBLIC:

The Municipality of Arecibo invites all government agencies, private entities, other municipalities and the general public to participate in these public hearings and submit comments and written recommendations on this matter.

Section 2.2 of Act No. 38, supra, grants a thirty (30) days period, after the publication date of this notice, to submit written comments. Comments must be submitted by regular mail to: Municipality of Arecibo, P/C of the Puerto Rico Planning Board, PO Box 41119, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00940-1119, or through the following email address: comentariosarecibo@jp.pr.gov. The Puerto Rico Planning Board, on behalf of the Municipality of Arecibo will acknowledge receipt of comments received via email in writing within two (2) business days of receipt, in accordance to section 2.1 of Act No. 38, supra.


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Municipal Secretary

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