



2011 ALAPA Awards

Outstanding Media Coverage

This award recognizes outstanding media coverage of planning issues in written or broadcast media by a newspaper, television station, magazine, or radio station.

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Dothan Eagle

*Coverage of the City of Dothan
Zoning Ordinance Revision*

Nominated by Tim Brown, AICP

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- In 2008, the City of Dothan began a comprehensive rewrite of its zoning ordinance. This culminated in the ordinance being adopted by the City Commission on September 21, 2010.
- The *DOTHON EAGLE* covered this issue starting with the March 2010 Planning Commission meeting. The paper produced 10 articles, including two editorials on this subject.

City's zoning ordinance rewrite near completion

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lic work session with the people to know their prop-

Tuesday, April 27, 2010

Chickens must stay where they belong

Zoning rewrite allows people to see what can be on their property and what isn't permitted

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The City of Dothan allows breweries to locate in two business dis-

are strictly regulated on placement. Where things can and can't locate within a city is one of the more obvious jobs of planning officials, who must

as: "We picked up a blanket and shook it."

The city's existing ordinances were established in 1966 and underwent rewrites in 1976 and 1979. The current major rewrite, which reduces the number of zoning districts from 29 to 16, will be addressed

Want more info?

■ To read the new zoning ordinance drafts, go to www.dothan.org and click on "Important Changes to Zoning Ordinance" on the



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- The *DOTHON EAGLE* has demonstrated impartiality.
- The paper covered both sides of the issue in a fair and balanced way and provided adequate space to each view. With multiple public hearings held on this issue, citizen input was covered by the paper both in the articles written as well as in the editorial summing up the process.

City commission
denies hidden
agenda; passes
zoning ordinance

Lance Griffin

Residents
speak out
against
ordinance



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- The *DOTHON EAGLE* has demonstrated support for the planning profession and the planning process.
- Based on the paper's fair and balanced coverage of this issue all through the process, it is evident that the Dothan Eagle is very supportive of the planning profession and the work that was undertaken.

Opinion

The ridiculous notion that the United Nations is driving the city's zoning ordinance rewrite is a paranoid delusion of the tin foil hat and black helicopter crowd.

A rubric for growth

Democracy isn't pretty. There will always be someone who isn't happy.

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Accepting

Tim Brown, AICP on behalf of the Dothan Eagle.

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