

Nome Fall 2020 Comprehensive Plan Survey

Introduction

Please help us plan for the future you want to see in Nome. This survey will take approximately 30 minutes.

The Nome 2030 Comprehensive Plan will guide physical and economic development in the City for the next ten years. The State of Alaska requires that this Plan address land use, physical conditions, the environment, open space, natural resources, community services and facilities, transportation, and economic development. We are also asking for your input on subsistence, social services, and recreation. Our goal is to create a Plan for development priorities that reflects our shared community values, builds on our strengths, identifies our challenges, and seeks creative and collaborative solutions.

In addition to this survey there will also be other opportunities to provide input at public meetings that follow federal Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines later this year and early 2021. If you would like to be more involved in developing the Plan, there is a place at the end of the survey to provide your contact information or you can let the City Clerk know of your interest. Thank you! Quyanna!



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Land Use and Housing

1. Front Street has long been Nome's "Main Street". It is located in a flood zone and requires special building codes to protect people and buildings. These requirements can add additional expenses for property owners. Should Front Street continue to be a focus of commercial development?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ No opinion

Other Suggestion

2. What area(s) should be the focus of commercial development, such as offices, stores for grocery, shopping and services, restaurants, bars and entertainment? Please select your top three priorities.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Front Street | <input type="checkbox"/> East End area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bering Street | <input type="checkbox"/> Harbor area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Building/Recreation Center area | <input type="checkbox"/> Airport area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Commercial area | <input type="checkbox"/> High School area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Norton Sound Regional Hospital area | <input type="checkbox"/> Icy View area |

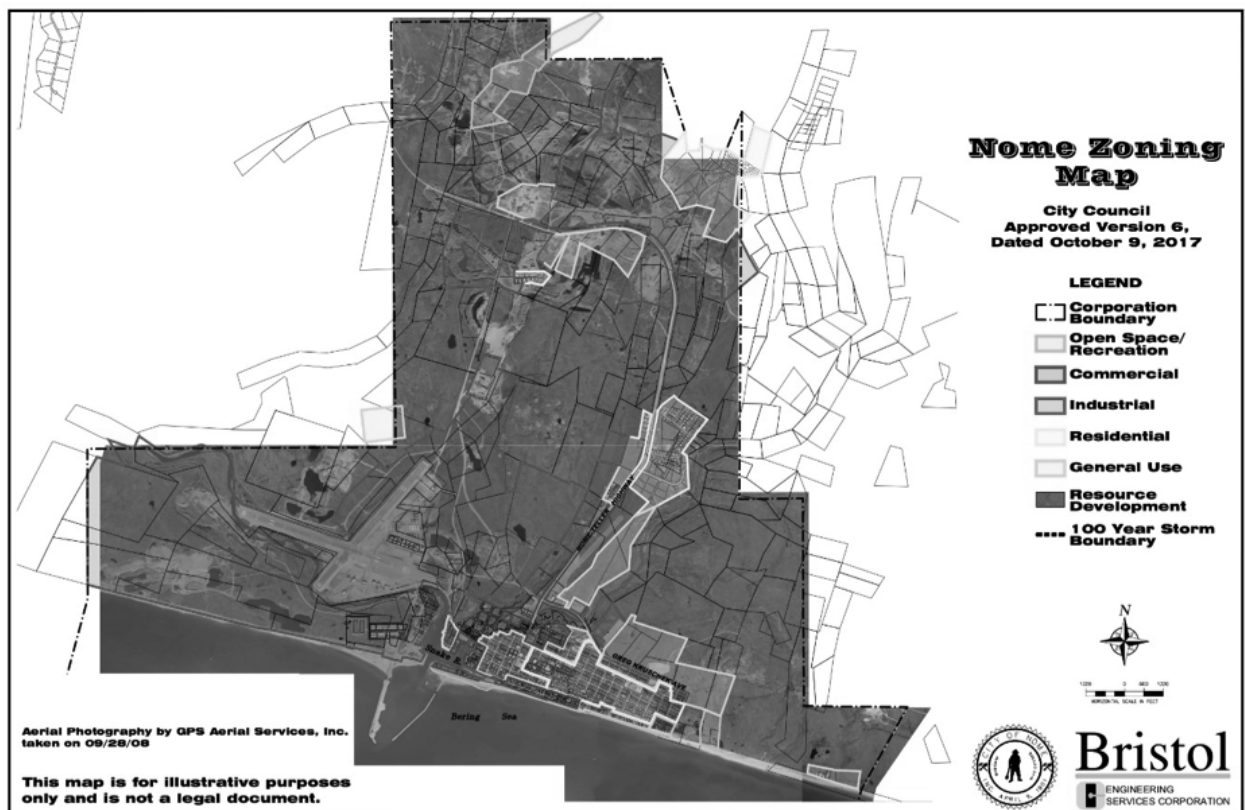
Other suggestions

3. Nome's Zoning Code identifies locations for commercial, industrial, residential, and resource development, open space/recreation (see attached zoning map). Do you agree with the locations?

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ No Opinion

Other suggestions?

A 50.0% Area Zoning Map





4. Nome's Zoning Code was adopted in 2008. Zoning and land use rules and regulations are intended to protect public health, public safety and welfare, natural resources, and promote orderly development (see attached zoning map). Zoning and land use is:

- ☐ Too strict
- ☐ Adequate
- ☐ Not strict enough
- ☐ No opinion

Suggested changes to the zoning map?

5. Nome has enough housing

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Other suggestions?

6. What additional housing types are needed in Nome? Please select your top three priorities

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market rate housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Market rate rentals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-time home purchasing opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Efficiencies for very low-income individuals |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build to own housing opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> Sober housing for people who need additional support to stay sober |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency shelters, identified and stocked with emergency supplies - overnight and day use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized apartment rentals | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitional housing for veterans and other people who need a temporary home |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidized house/duplex/triplex rentals | |

Other suggestions?

7. If **new residential areas** are created, what are some possible locations

- ☐ East end of town - N Street to Bypass Road
- ☐ Hospital area - North of Greg Kruschek Road (to the east)
- ☐ Dog lot area - North of Greg Kruschek Road (to the west)
- ☐ Icy View area

Other suggestions

8. What resources are needed to maintain and renovate existing housing? In Nome one-third of the houses are vacant or in severe disrepair and on the abatement list to correct the conditions or demolish.

Please select your top three choices of solutions that could address this problem.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban homesteading - for a small fee, Nome would offer City-owned abandoned properties to applicants in exchange for a commitment to renovate and reside in the property for three to five years. | <input type="checkbox"/> Continue the Nome Vacant Property Registration program to encourage rehabilitation of vacant structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spot blight elimination - Nome offer market value for properties that have history of land use violations. | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a focus area on which to concentrate abatement, clean-up and repair and replacement housing to measure impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Identify an historic district and seek resources for historic preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a program of pooling with other governmental and native agencies and nonprofits the purchase of building supplies to lower purchase and transportation costs |

Other suggestions



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Recreation

9. What existing recreational facilities are most important in Nome? Please select your top three priorities:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling alley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covered ice rink | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball fields |

Other suggestions

10. What other types of recreational opportunities would you like to see in Nome?

Please select your top three priorities

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More parks | <input type="checkbox"/> More pavilions and picnic tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Better walking paths/sidewalks | <input type="checkbox"/> Public restrooms/outhouses that are maintained |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails for biking, skiing, walking, hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Sledding areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmachine trails/routes within the City | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Covered ice rink | <input type="checkbox"/> Berry picking areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis court | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicap accessible playground | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full-size outdoor basketball court | <input type="checkbox"/> Campgrounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> More pavilions and picnic tables | |

Other suggestions



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Environmental and Natural Resources

11. What types of natural areas do you enjoy and most contribute to your quality of life.

Please select your top three priorities.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oceans | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Open tundra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Hills and mountains |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Streams and ponds | |

Other suggestions

12. Please identify any specific areas you feel need protection from development

13. Nome's energy (electricity/power) is currently generated primarily by diesel-burning engines. What other types of energy production would you like to see in Nome in the future? Please select three options.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand wind | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural gas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wave driven energy | <input type="checkbox"/> None |

Other suggestions

14. What can Nome do within the City limits to maintain and enhance the ability of residents to practice a subsistence way of life and provide continued access to fish and wildlife?

15. What areas of the City do you use for access points to subsistence resources? Please provide any recommendations:

16. What, environmental issues in Nome concern you? Please select your top three priorities

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road dust | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other air quality issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous materials disposal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of good recycling opportunities for household waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Off shore gold dredging |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of good recycling opportunities for electronic waste (e.g. household appliances, computers, cell phones, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Uplands gold mining dredging damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overall quality of drinking water | <input type="checkbox"/> Lingering effects of historic gold mining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluoride in drinking water | <input type="checkbox"/> Indoor air quality in older housing and office buildings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other water quality issues (e.g. water quality in streams, rivers, ocean) | <input type="checkbox"/> No concerns of environmental issues |

Other suggestions

17. What actions should the City take to prepare for the impacts of climate change?



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Economic Development

18. What type of development and growth would you like to see in Nome.

Please select your top three priorities:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> More commercial and small businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> More tourism opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial and manufacturing businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and nature preserves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Port development | <input type="checkbox"/> Service sector (e.g. health care, beauty salons) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries development | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Value added fisheries production | |

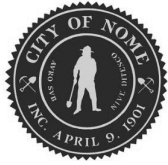
Other suggestions

19. What type(s) or specific businesses or services would you like to see in Nome? Please include large or small business or services.

20. Nome should use tax dollars to recruit new business and industry.

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ No opinion

Any comment?



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Infrastructure

21. If Nome uses tax dollars to recruit new business and industry, what should those businesses be?

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Transportation

24. Please identify any re-occurring safety concerns with city roadways which need to be addressed.

25. How important is improving the quality of various modes of transportation within Nome such as bus, biking, walking, etc.?

- ☐ Very important
- ☐ Not so important
- ☐ Not at all important

Other suggestions



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City Facilities and Services

26. To what extent are you satisfied with the following City services?

	Highly Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No Opinion	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Police	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ambulance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Landfill/monofill	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Road maintenance of city buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
City planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kegoayah Kozga Public Library	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parks and Recreation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Port & Harbor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cemetery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Quality of Life

27. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the quality of life?

	Highly dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	No opinion	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
Nome is a good place to live and raise a family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome's appearance is inviting and appealing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indigenous cultures and histories are valued	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is safe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is affordable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is a friendly welcoming community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proximity to nature and open space is valued	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome is a tight knit community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nome's public schools provide a quality education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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28. To what extent do the following areas need to be addressed

	Not at all – this is not a concern	To a small extent	No opinion	To a moderate extent	To a great extent – this is a large concern
Vacant and derelict buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Substance and alcohol use	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cleaning up litter around town	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community-wide beautification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Junk vehicles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community health care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elder services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Arts and Culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of our historic buildings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preservation of our cultural sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dog feces	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Animal welfare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Homelessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public intoxication on Front Street	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dust control	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

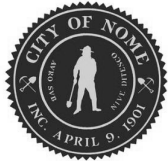
29. What is Nome doing well?

30. What does Nome need to do better? How can Nome improve and thrive?

31. In one sentence, describe your vision for the City of Nome in 2030.

32. What issues need to be addressed that we didn't ask about?

33. Would you be interested in being involved in a zoom focus group to assist with the Comprehensive Plan development? Please contact the City Clerk's Office with your name and contact information or add your name below.



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About You

These questions are optional. However, your response is important in the planning process, as it helps us to know if outreach efforts represent the population of the area.

34. How long have you lived in Nome?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than one year | <input type="radio"/> 16 to 20 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 to 5 years | <input type="radio"/> More than 20 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 6 to 10 years | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="radio"/> 11 to 15 years | |

35. How long do you plan to live in Nome?

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than one year | <input type="radio"/> 11 to 20 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 to 5 years | <input type="radio"/> More than 20 years |
| <input type="radio"/> 6 to 10 years | <input type="radio"/> Prefer not to answer |

36. What is your connection to Nome (select all that apply to you)

- ☐ Resident - full time
- ☐ Resident - part time
- ☐ Non-resident
- ☐ Business owner
- ☐ Employed in Nome
- ☐ Property owner
- ☐ Other (please specify)

37. With what gender do you identify?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other/prefer not to answer

38. What is your age?

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 18 | <input type="radio"/> 45 to 64 |
| <input type="radio"/> 19 to 29 | <input type="radio"/> Over 65 |
| <input type="radio"/> 30 to 44 | |

39. What is your race?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> American Indian or Alaska Native | <input type="radio"/> Black or African American |
| <input type="radio"/> White or Caucasian | <input type="radio"/> Asian or Asian American |
| <input type="radio"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="radio"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

40. If you are 25 years old or older, what is your level of education?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Less than High School | <input type="radio"/> Associates Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> High School/GED graduate | <input type="radio"/> Bachelor Degree |
| <input type="radio"/> Some college | <input type="radio"/> Masters or higher |

41. Which best describes your living situation

- ☐ I own the place I live
- ☐ I rent the place I live
- ☐ I live with family or friends
- ☐ I am homeless
- ☐ Other (please specify)

42. In what area of Nome do you live

- ☐ Inside of City limits
- ☐ Outside of City limits
- ☐ Not sure

43. What is your current employment status? Check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed - full time | <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed - part time | <input type="checkbox"/> Stay at home caretaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employed - seasonal | <input type="checkbox"/> Student |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-employed | <input type="checkbox"/> Retired |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |

44. What is your primary mode of transportation around town?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> I drive | <input type="radio"/> I take the bus |
| <input type="radio"/> i walk | <input type="radio"/> I ride my bike |
| <input type="radio"/> i take a cab | <input type="radio"/> A family member/friend drive me |
| <input type="radio"/> I drive my off road vehicle | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |