

Selected Resources for the Development of Local Government Public Engagement Principles Practices, and Policies



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Introduction

This brief document offers an inventory of public engagement-related principles and ordinances that may help local officials and the public design and guide effective public participation practices.

In addition to the examples of public engagement principles and ordinances, also included here are links to public engagement guides and reports from city, county, and other sources as well as links to selected Indiana county and city comprehensive plans where there is public engagement language.

The resources provided here are in service to the purposes of the Community Voices for Health in Monroe County (CVHMC) initiative as well as responsive to comments from members of the public who have participated in CVHMC activities to date. A table of contents for this document follows immediately below this Introduction section.

While all document links provided here have been checked for their accessibility, individual sites may change their requirements and/or may have firewalls, ask for registration or membership, or otherwise restrict access.

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A. Examples of Public Engagement Principles and Values

City of Portland Public Involvement Principles (from City of Portland OR) Find at: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/312804#:~:text=Public%20involvement%20processes%20invest%20in,with%20community%20partners%20and%20stakeholders.&text=Public%20dialogue%20and%20decision%20making,community%20in%20its%20full%20diversity>

Principles of Local Government Public Engagement (from the Institute for Local Government) Find at: https://www.ca-ilg.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/principles_of_public_engagement_jan_2015.pdf?1497552327

Principles of Equitable and Inclusive Civic Engagement (from The Ohio State University Kirwan Institute) Find at: <http://kirwaninstitute.osu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/ki-civic-engagement.pdf>

Core Values for the Practice of Public Participation (from the International Association for Public Participation) Find at: <https://www.iap2.org/page/corevalues>

B. Examples of Public Engagement-Related Local Government Policies/Ordinances

Revised Rules & Orders of the Portsmouth (NH) City Council (revised: 02/07/2022). This is included as these Rules and Orders contain an interesting rule (Rule 43B) which includes: “The City Council reserves the right to hold a noticed Public Dialogue session including at locations other than City Hall.” Find at: <https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/citycouncil/revised-rules-orders-portsmouth-city-council-adopted-city-council-02072022>

C. Public Engagement-related Guides and Reports

What's Next Alexandria: Handbook for Civil Engagement (from the City of Alexandria, VA) Find at:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/special/CivicEngagement/web_boxes/WNA%20HANDBOOK%20FINAL%20reduced_3_2014.pdf

Salt Lake City Public Engagement Guide (from the City of Salt Lake City)

Find at: <http://www.slcdocs.com/recorder/publicengagement.pdf>

Practices for Engagement in the Time of COVID (from the Salt Lake City Civic Engagement Team) This includes “resources for online and traditional (but adapted) engagement” information.

Find at: <https://www.slc.gov/can/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2020/04/Final-Best-Practices-for-Engagement-During-COVID-19-V2.pdf>

Index of Community Engagement Techniques:

from Tamarack Institute for Community Engagement at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada) Find at:

<https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/hubfs/.Resources/Index%20of%20Engagement%20Techniques.pdf>

Public Engagement Guide (from the Office of Public Engagement, City of St. John's, Province of Newfound & Labrador, Canada) Find at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/pep/files/Public-Engagement-Guide.pdf>

The Delaware Complete Communities Toolbox: Public Engagement (from the the Institute for Public Administration at the University of Delaware, with support from the Delaware Department of Transportation.) Find at: <https://www.completecommunitiesde.org/>

Public Engagement Guide (from the City of Fort Collins, Colorado) Find at:

<https://www.fcgov.com/excellence/files/publicengagementguide.pdf>

Public Engagement Guide (from the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) Find at:

https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/7843_Public_Engagement_Guide.pdf

Public Participation Toolkit (from Tompkins County, New York) Find at:

<https://www2.tompkinscountyny.gov/tccp/publicparticipation>

Fixing the Health-Care System: What People See—and What They're Willing to Do—After Deliberating (a report from the Kettering Foundation) Find at:

<https://www.kettering.org/catalog/product/fixing-health-care-system>

D. Public Engagement-Related Content from Selected Indiana Local Comprehensive Plans

These collected and only partial examples of public engagement-related language found in selected individual county and city comprehensive plans in Indiana have been compiled as word documents by Community Voices for Health in Monroe County (CVHMC) and the Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM). Some of these examples refer to engagement associated with the development of a particular local plan or decision.

All these compiled public engagement-related excerpts from the following comprehensive plans are accessible through a single link. Find at:

http://cjamcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Selected-Public-Engagement-Content-_IND-Comp-Plans-6-27-2022.pdf

- City of Bloomington Comprehensive Plan
- Allen County Comprehensive Plan
- Howard County Comprehensive Plan
- City of Indianapolis Comprehensive Plan
- Madison County Comprehensive Plan
- Randolph County Comprehensive Plan

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