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McKinney announces Director of Planning

Jennifer Arnold named McKinney's new Planning Director

McKINNEY, Texas (Nov. 5, 2018) – The City of McKinney is pleased to announce Jennifer Arnold as Director of Planning. Arnold most recently held the position of Planning Manager and first joined the city in 2007.

Arnold has overseen several high profile projects within the City of McKinney that have been critical to shaping the city's growth, including the Town Center Study, the Northwest Sector Study, and the recently adopted ONE McKinney 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Arnold holds a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Renewable Natural Resources from Texas A&M University in College Station Texas. She is also a Certified City Planner by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

"We've heard loud and clear from the development community and from our residents that McKinney needs a Planning Director who values relationships and is invested in facilitating the construction of high-quality developments. Mrs. Arnold embodies all of those ideals and more. I'm genuinely excited to see what she and her team will accomplish for the community with her leadership," said Michael Quint, Executive Director of Development Services.

The Planning Department, a part of the Development Services Division, facilitates the creation of safe, balanced, efficient, visually appealing and economically sustainable developments within McKinney's ultimate planning area by offering streamlined development processes that ensure timely and reasonable economic returns for members of the development community while simultaneously protecting the larger public interest, soliciting and incorporating the public's feedback in land use and policy recommendations and working with elected and appointed officials to ensure that existing policies and regulations accurately reflect City Council's goals and objectives for the community.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest growing cities in America, McKinney has a current population of more than 180,000. The city was #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America in 2014, published by *Money Magazine*. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city's website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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