

Unified Development Code (UDC) Project Update

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The City has begun work on the creation of a Unified Development Code (UDC), which will combine the various city ordinances related to development into a single document. This will include zoning regulations and subdivision regulations, as well as procedures and standards related to construction and public works. This project is a major step toward implementing the Boerne Master Plan, which was adopted in 2018.

What is a Unified Development Code (UDC)?

UDC is a common term used to indicate the integration of a City's land regulation ordinances sharing articles of enforcement, process and definitions.

By combining our codes, the City can reduce the number of pages, better relate all sets of regulation to assure less contradiction, minimize redundancy and provide a streamlined organizational structure that is much simpler to use.

What is to be expected in the upcoming year?

As an outgrowth of the comprehensive planning process, the City will use inputs, recommendations and policies found within the comprehensive plan to guide the UDC project process. There will be periodic town hall meetings to provide project updates and focus group meetings to specifically gather community input to the development process. Each chapter of the new UDC will be presented at both Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and City Council meetings to provide adequate orientation to the new structure for development regulations.

Where can I find updates and contact information on the process?

The City will maintain information about the project on its website throughout the process. Information about upcoming meetings and who to contact will be posted monthly, as well as summaries of events from each month that has passed. Once community input has been gathered and content has been drafted it will also be posted on the City's website.

What are the changes to expect?

Conversion to a Unified Development Code is intended to make the development process more efficient in Boerne and to facilitate design oversight and in keeping with community vision. In addition to a change in the structure of these regulations, the City will also be converting to a web-based format, so that the development code is more accessible and user-friendly. Finally, the City will be drafting a Handbook which will serve as an abbreviated and illustrated version of the complete UDC, with sections addressing frequently asked questions, contact information and a summary of the development process in Boerne. For further information please contact

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