



JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

JACKSON COUNTY UDO Unified Development Ordinance Project

About the U.D.O.

A Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) combines subdivision regulations, development standards, environmental regulations, etc. into one, easy-to-read reference document. It is intended to eliminate redundant or conflicting code provisions, help streamline the review and approval process and clarify the steps and requirements with clear illustrations and language.

In Jackson County, more than twenty-one (21) separate ordinances currently regulate land use preservation, development and environmental management throughout the County.

The County has retained Stewart Inc. to assist the Planning Department in reorganizing its land use regulations and providing updates per recent North Carolina General Statute changes and case law into a coordinated, user-friendly document.

What are the goals of the project?

- To update, re-organize and provide recommendations to the existing land development codes;
- To update the overall structure and format of the existing ordinances;
- To create a document that is easy to use, understand, administer and enforce;
- To assure the document is consistent with the latest North Carolina General Statutes;
- To produce a document that is clear & concise with graphics and charts to illustrate the intent of the applicable sections of the UDO;
- To standardize definitions, administrative procedures, and enforcement processes;
- To combine and reformat the various development standards into one, single unified document which is easy to read and understand, with improved efficiency and a more streamlined review and approval process.