



JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

JACKSON COUNTY UDO Unified Development Ordinance Project

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

What is the UDO Project? The Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) project is an effort to re-organize the existing development related standards of the county 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.

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.

What is a land use code assessment report? The land use code assessment report is one of the first analysis steps to be taken in the project. It is a summary of the major issues identified by the public, county staff, citizen boards and the consultant team which should be addressed in the future drafting of the new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The report will act as a “checklist” of items which should be addressed, corrected or recommended for correction when the UDO is created. The UDO, once drafted, will eventually replace the existing development related ordinances.

What is the Project Timeline? The official kickoff for this project commenced in August 2017. It is anticipated that this project will take 12-14 months to complete.

How can I get involved, or submit comments and questions? There will be open public meetings over the course of the project to discuss the work in progress – check the [Project Updates](#) page of this site for announcements. Draft work products will be published here for easy access and review to ensure that everyone has a chance to review. If you can't make it to one of the public meetings, you can submit comments or questions via email at planning@jacksonnc.org.