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Imagine Austin: Rebuild the Code

A comprehensive revision of the City's Land Development Code is a landmark opportunity to fundamentally rethink Austin's development standards and review/approval process. The project strives to translate what is important to the lives of the people in Austin into a land development code that is understandable, predictable and easy to use, fair and consistent in balancing trade-offs, and helps achieve results consistent with Imagine Austin's vision.

Imagine Austin Priority Programs

Imagine Austin, our plan for the future, identifies 8 priority programs to organize policies and actions into related groups to make it easier to implement the plan. Priority Program #8 calls for revising Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city, which speaks to the Land Development Code (LDC) Revision project.

What is a Land Development Code?

A Land Development Code is on-the-ground rules for how a city develops. Austin's current LDC is more than 800 pages and regulates new development, redevelopment, zoning, subdivisions, transportation and parking, outdoor signs, site plans, drainage, watershed protection, open space and more.

Why are we revising Austin's land development code?

- ✓ **City Council set this project as a priority:** This is not another planning exercise or a small text edit. Rather, we are taking a hard look at the City's development rules on the books to ensure they sync with Imagine Austin.
- ✓ **It's the law:** Austin's City Charter requires land development regulations to be consistent with the City's comprehensive plan.
- ✓ **The current code has flaws and we can do better:** The Land Development Code was last revised in 1984 and it has been amended numerous times in a piecemeal fashion without an overall community vision. Imagine Austin provides guidance for how to revise the code, associated technical and criteria manuals, and administrative procedures.

Who's working on this?

The City of Austin Planning and Development Review Department is leading the project in close collaboration and ongoing dialogue with the Advisory Group, relevant boards and commissions, consultant team, community members, and City departments. Ultimately, revisions require approval by the Planning Commission and City Council

Citizens Advisory Group

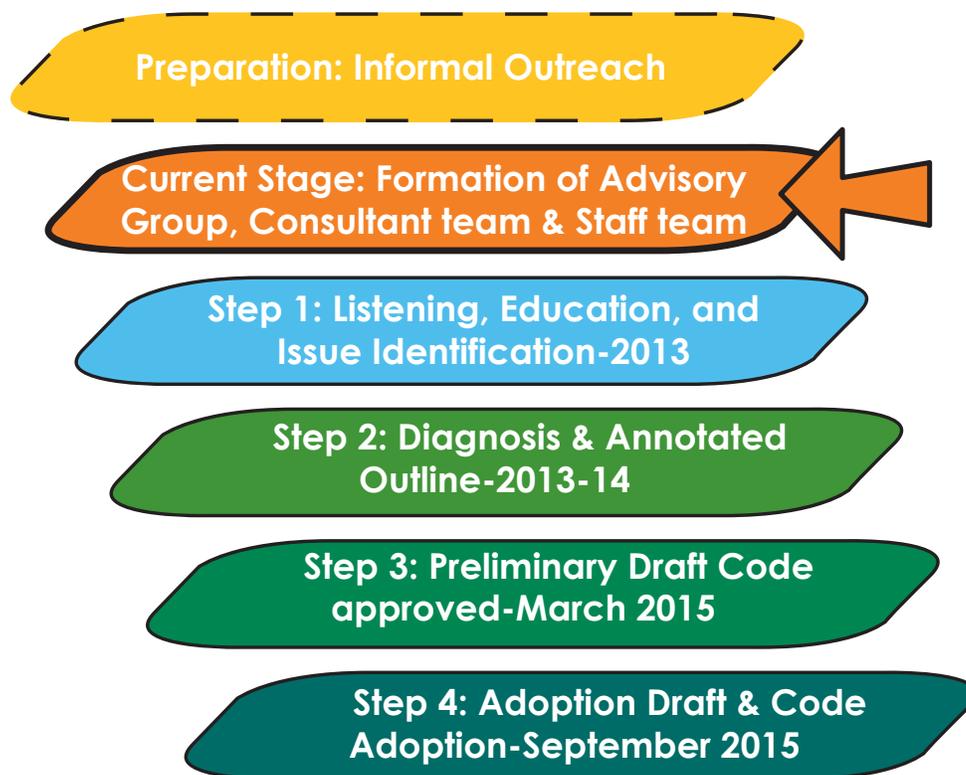
An Advisory Group of Austin residents is charged with public outreach and providing feedback on developing a revised code. The LDC Revision Advisory Group meets on the **third Monday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall**. They may gather more or less frequently during future stages of the project. All meetings are open to the public.

What we DON'T know...

- We do not know if every section of the code will be revised or left unchanged.
- We do not know yet how the code will balance competing interests.

What we DO know...

- We have the vision from Imagine Austin as the foundation.
- Every aspect of the Land Development Code is on the table for discussion.
- Revising the code will be a multi-year effort.



How to get involved

Sign up for project updates by e-mail and watch for upcoming input opportunities at:

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