



## About the Project

The City of Lawrence recently launched an effort to overhaul its Land Development Code (LDC). The LDC is the set of regulations that guide how development should occur in our community. It is also one of the primary tools used to implement Plan 2040—the comprehensive plan for the City of Lawrence and Douglas County—and the Lawrence Strategic Plan.

Overarching goals for the LDC update include:

- Establishing a simpler and more consistent set of development procedures
- Identifying opportunities to achieve City goals related to climate change, sustainability, housing, economic development, and other community priorities
- Making the LDC more user-friendly, searchable, and easy to understand
- Creating more predictable development outcomes

The LDC update is being managed by a project team comprised of City staff from the Department of Planning and Development Services and City Communications and Creative Resources Division, with support from Clarion Associates, a national land-use consulting firm.

## Process Overview

The LDC update will take approximately two years to complete. Major milestones in the process are illustrated below.





## Questions to Consider

The following questions will help the project team understand your perspective and concerns as they relate to the LDC:

- 1. General.** What is the biggest criticism (if any) that you have regarding the City's development regulations? What sections of the development regulations do you believe are working well and should be retained?
- 2. Zoning Districts.** Do you have suggestions for improvements to current menu of zoning districts in the LDC? Are the dimensional standards (height, setbacks, etc.) working well? Why or why not?
- 3. Land Uses.** Are land uses in the zoning regulations well-defined? Should they be more flexible? More specific? Are some land uses missing from the list of allowed uses? Which ones? Are certain land uses in Lawrence especially problematic because they are hard to regulate or controversial? Are new standards needed for specific land uses?
- 4. Development Standards.** Do the current regulations result in high-quality development? If not, what are some areas where you believe the regulations could be improved? (Building design, parking, landscaping, signage, etc.)
- 5. Infill and Redevelopment.** Are there provisions that prevent desirable infill and redevelopment from occurring in Lawrence (e.g., parking standards, site dimensional requirements, building height restrictions)?
- 6. Development Review.** Do the development approval procedures result in a fair, predictable, and timely process? If not, how could they be improved?
- 7. Priority Issues.** If you could solve just three problems in the current LDC what would they be?



## Get Involved!

The LDC update is a major undertaking that will require input from and collaboration among a wide range of community interests. The entire community is invited to participate. [Sign up](#) to receive e-mail updates about the LDC update process. Select the "Planning & Development News" list.

An initial round of public meetings is planned for **August 30 through September 1**. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more details!

