

While every neighborhood belonging to the Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) has its own unique circumstances and concerns, we have found items of shared interest in the proposed Land Development Code draft document. Over the last year, members have worked through the code as it relates to their individual neighborhoods and shared our findings with each other. Through this, we have identified 4 items for which we have a unified position. These are: **The value of LAN and individual neighborhood associations feedback; parking code concerns; the homogenous approach of widespread R2 designations; and our overall support for a Land Development Code update.**

- We believe that individual neighborhood associations' input should be the primary consideration for decisionmakers on topics related to the respective neighborhoods. As LAN members, we believe strongly in the importance of the voices of our neighborhood associations and their right to ask for what they believe is best for their specific neighborhood circumstances. Furthermore, when the interests of all LAN members align, that collective feedback should be given serious consideration and honored to the greatest extent possible. ***Request: Elevate these concerns as they represent the active participation and collective voices of 14 Lawrence neighborhoods.***
- The elimination of parking requirements from the code without a plan in place to mitigate the many challenges already faced by our existing neighborhoods is irresponsible. Many neighborhoods have a decades long history of advocating for parking improvements. The parking needs for the majority of our neighborhoods are not currently being met. A change of this significance must be done through a phased and informed process that **follows** the implementation of a new parking plan instead of preceding it. The permitted parking plan does not yet exist and there is no guarantee that it will serve the needs of each neighborhood or even pass the city commission in 2025. ***Request: Implement creative parking solutions and address existing issues before eliminating code requirements for parking minimums.***
- Eleven of our 14 member neighborhoods will become R2. The R2, "one-size-fits-all" approach may, in some instances, ignore or minimize the existing built environment and characteristics of the unique needs of each neighborhood in service of simplicity and uniformity code application. Plan 2040 and the Citywide Strategic Plan repeatedly state the importance of preserving the character of existing neighborhoods. A homogenous application of the R2 designation only serves the citywide integration aspects of the overall neighborhood goals in Plan 2040. It does not accommodate the many unique needs and circumstances of our established neighborhoods. We are requesting that if, and only if, changes are incorporated that directly affect a neighborhood, then the residents zoning preferences should be carefully considered, as residents in existing "infill" neighborhoods deserve to have confidence that their greatest investment is protected from significant changes that don't align with the context in which they purchased their home. ***Request: Instead of waiting a full year to test the new zones, trust neighborhoods to know what best serves them and allow neighborhoods to request zoning changes ahead of the new code implementation.***

- We support updating the code and know that the existing code is unwieldy. We support evidence-based solutions that increase the supply of affordable housing, serve our community's climate goals, and increase the quality of life for all Lawrence residents. We simply believe, in order to accomplish this, code changes for established neighborhoods must be considered in their own context, separate from the city goals for new development. *Request: Know that we appreciate your hard work and share your goals!*

Sincerely,  
Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods

1. Alvamar RS7 > R2
2. Brook Creek RS5 > R2
3. Centennial RS5 & RS7 > R2
4. East Lawrence RS7 > R2
5. Heatherwood Heights PUD > PUD (huh?)
6. Hillcrest RS7 > R2
7. Old West Lawrence RS5 > R2
8. Oread Residents This is a whole thing...
9. Pinkney RS 5, 7 , 10 and more > R1, 2, 3 etc.
10. Schwegler RS7 > R2
11. Springwood Heights RS7 > R2
12. Sunset Hill RS7 > R2
13. University Place RS5 > R2
14. Westwood RS7 > R2