



LOCAL ORDINANCES & SUSTAINABILITY ACTION

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WHY DO ORDINANCES MATTER?

- Policy integrates sustainability into practice for local government
- Ordinances support integrating sustainable practices in local government operations and the broader community
- Implementation of sustainability practices is more successful with supportive policies that have been adopted by Council



1. UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (2019)

Unified Development Ordinance

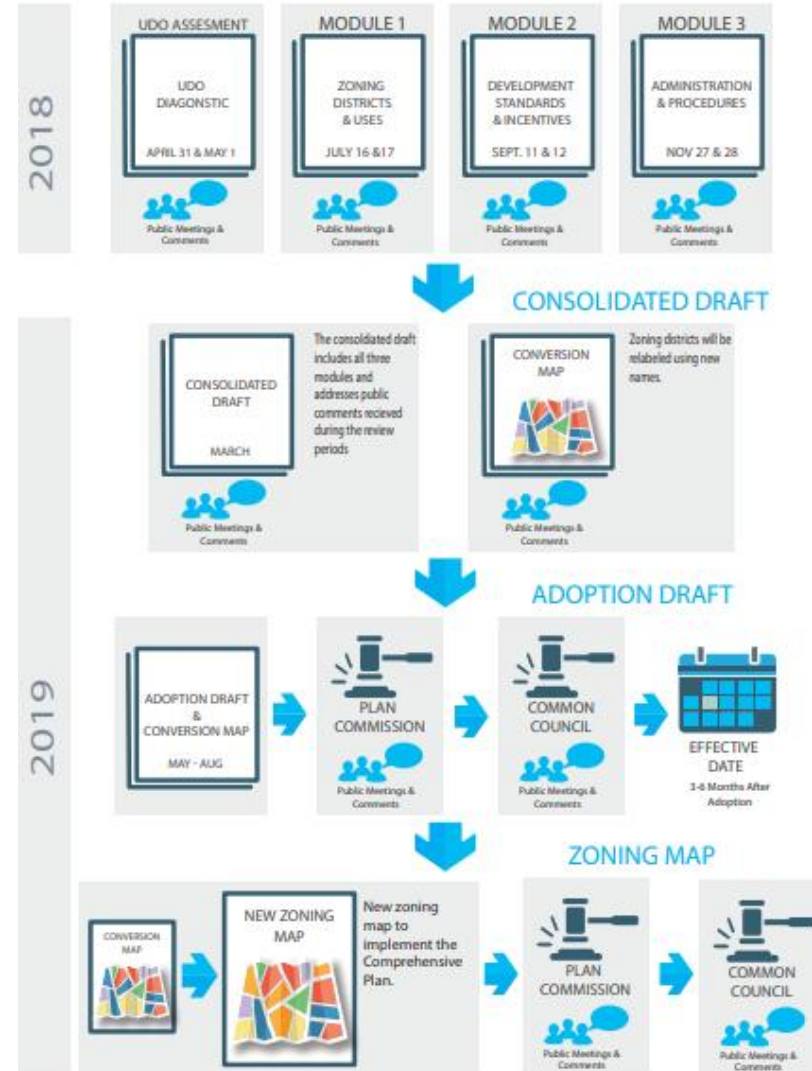
The City of Bloomington Common Council is currently considering a proposed update to the City's Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The UDO contains all the land use and development regulations that apply to construction in City limits.

These include rules for the approval of site plans by the City's Planning and Transportation Department for all petitioners proposing to build new or renovate existing property within City limits. Planning and Transportation Department staff also staff the Plan Commission, which has final approval authority on most plans.

ADOPTION PROCESS

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UDO UPDATE PROCESS

PROJECT KICK-OFF FEBURARY 2018



CURRENT APPROVED SUSTAINABILITY AMENDMENTS (UDO IN DRAFT)

- **Climate change adaptation and mitigation-** integrated as stated purpose for the unified development ordinance
- Reduction in impervious surfaces- to reduce surface flooding attributed to climate change (**stormwater management**)
- Pedestrian oriented design and multi-modal transportation prioritization (**transit and bicycle mobility**)
- Solar oriented building design to promote **renewable energy production**
- Integration of **sustainable design elements**
- Construction in a floodplain is a conditional use (**stormwater management**)

ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONS

- **Environmental Commission-** advises the City of Bloomington on how its actions and policies may preserve and enhance the quality of Bloomington's environment
- **Sustainability Commission-** advises the City of Bloomington on how to promote economic development, environmental health, and social equity in the community for present and future generations.

2. GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE (2009)

- All new construction and major renovation of occupiable City buildings be designed, contracted and built to achieve, at minimum, the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® Silver level of certification.
- After registering the project with the U.S. Green Building Council, the City shall adhere to the version of LEED in effect at the time of registration, regardless of any new LEED version that may 'be released subsequent to registration but prior to project completion.



CITY HALL & SWITCHYARD PARK



3. RESOLUTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY (2019)

- Providing increased walking and bicycle accessibility within city limits
- Emphasis on biodiversity and native species for tree planting- carbon sequestration
- Water bottling refilling stations
- Reduce utilization of natural gas for heating
- Encourage green roofs, solar roofs, vegetated roofs



STAY IN TOUCH

- facebook.com/sustainbtown/
- bloomington.in.gov/sustainability
- bloomington.in.gov/sustainability/action-plan (2018 Progress Report)
- bloomington.in.gov/sustainability/2018-greenhouse-gas-inventory/

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