



QUESTION: How can important community values expressed in the existing Land Development Code be respected while simplifying and streamlining the code?

Priority Program #8

Development Regulations:

Revise Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city.



Problem

- The existing Land Develop Code was written nearly 30 years ago
- Amended hundreds of times over the years
- Too complex/Difficult to Understand
- Does not allow Austinites to create the prosperous, affordable, environmentally sustainable, socially equitable, and creatively cool city we want.

There is real concern among neighborhoods, businesses, and citizens that a rewrite may change Austin's character and may be inconsistent with our historic and historical values

Goal

Produce a clear, predictable, user-friendly code that implements Imagine Austin and reflects our values.

We want a **BOTH-AND** and not an EITHER-OR.



step
1

Identify & preserve the important community values in the current Land Development Code.

step
2

Identify the specific obstacles and pain points in the current Code.

step
3

Implement solutions that will simply and streamline the new Code.



Step One: Our Values

Substantive

Affordable Living

Commercial Design Standards

Environmental Protection (Tree, Watershed, etc.)

Compatibility Standards

Transportation Planning

Impervious Cover

Flexible Development (PUD, Density Bonus, etc.)

Unique Neighborhoods

Procedural

**Extensive, Inclusive
Community Input**

Widespread Notice

Meaningfully Different Options

Iterative Comment Process

Step 2 PROBLEMS	Step 3 SOLUTIONS
Focus on Use	Focus on Form
Default Prohibition of Uses	Default Permitting of Uses
Autocentric Code	Focus on People, Not Parking
One Size For All	Starting Point of Minimum Requirements

