

News from the City of Austin Development Services Department



Reminder: New Technical Codes Go into Effect This Week

New <u>Technical Codes</u>, as <u>adopted by the Austin City Council earlier in June</u>, go into effect this Wednesday, September 1. Effective that date, new applications will be reviewed, processed and inspected based on the new requirements.

Virtual Preview of New Code Interpretation Library Coming Wednesday

As we mentioned in the August 9 Important Update, you are invited to a virtual meeting this week to preview and provide feedback on an upcoming new online resource.

Specifically, the City of Austin has taken steps to clarify and develop official interpretations for some portions of the Land Development Code (LDC) that may be confusing for customers and stakeholders. In October, the Development Services Department (DSD) plans to release a new Code Interpretation Library, which will provide this information in one centralized online location.

What is happening	Preview the Code Interpretation Library
When it will happen	Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 2 p.m.
Where it will happen	Zoom (virtual meeting only)
How to participate	Register Today; join online at start time

The new website will offer access to a range of historic, current and future code interpretations in a centralized, easily accessible location. Initially, it will focus primarily on portions of the Code that are managed by DSD and have the broadest impact among customers and stakeholders. Over time, more interpretations will be added, and the community will have an opportunity to request additions.

Register today. Then, join us on Sept. 1 to learn more and provide feedback on the proposed site, as well as the process for requesting formal code interpretations.

New Concept Site Plan Option Offers Feedback Before Formal Submittal

A new <u>Concept Site Plan application</u> is now available for customers seeking to develop a project in the City of Austin or its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

The Concept Site Plan is an optional step in the site plan review process, enabling applicants to assess the development potential of a project and receive general feedback and recommendations from City staff before submitting a formal application. The information requested in the new application will help staff gather the specific information needed to assess how City development regulations apply to the proposed project and to offer guidance regarding compliance with the Land Development Code and other requirements.

Additional information about this application and process are included <u>in the form</u>. If you have questions about completing this application, please contact Rosemary Avila <u>by</u> <u>email</u> or at 512-974-2784.

FY 2022 City Fees Begin October 1, Development Fees Remain Flat

As reported previously, the approved City budget for fiscal year (FY) 2022 goes into effect October 1. Updated development fees, which also go into effect in effect that day, remain generally unchanged. Fees for Residential Plan Review, which remain flat, will include a new tiered structure. This adjustment will reflect the costs of reviewing different home sizes more fairly and equitably. FY 2022 DSD fees also will include new services related to special events and alarm permitting. Customers can preview the **FY 2022 fee schedule here**. Fees will be posted to the DSD website by October 1.

Thank you for your continued interest in Development Services topics.

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