

# codenext THE BASICS

## AUSTIN LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

CodeNEXT is the City of Austin's initiative to update its land development code, which determines how land can be used throughout Austin, including what can be built, where it can be built, and how much can be built.

### Why is CodeNEXT important?

To implement the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan, the City's LDC must be updated to help achieve the goals articulated in Imagine Austin. The last revision was in 1984, when Austin's population was half the size it is now. The Code needs to be changed to help us create the kinds of places we want, as identified in Imagine Austin, and to address critical issues such as diminishing natural resources, household affordability, and access to healthy lifestyles – to name a few.



### Help us get it right.

Austin's Land Development Code is getting its most significant update in thirty years. As we work toward adoption of the new code, we invite you to review and comment on the draft code document, ask questions, and stay connected.

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The Code will play an important role in guiding Austin's future growth. The initiative means more than making the Code simpler to use and understand; it means creating a framework to help improve our quality of life.

What are the objectives for the Land Development Code revision process?

Revise the Land Development Code, so that it:

- Preserves and enhances the best qualities of our communities.
- Is fair, predictable, and easy to use.
- Aligns with Imagine Austin's vision, policies, growth concept map, and priority programs.

What are CodeNEXT Primary Outcomes?

- Increase effectiveness of zoning code by introducing form-based zones
- Update, simplify and roll forward existing use-based zones
- Improve organization of code and introduce graphics to demonstrate intent

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