WHAT IS A



Engage in our land use and transportation future.

A Unified Development Ordinance, or UDO, is a modern and efficient approach to managing land use and development. It combines various local regulations into a single, user-friendly document, ensuring that all development standards are consistent and work together to achieve the community's vision outlined in its comprehensive plan. By consolidating multiple sets of regulations, a UDO simplifies the development review process, making it more consistent and predictable for residents, developers, and elected officials. This streamlined process saves time and resources and fosters a more collaborative environment for shaping the future of Knox County.

Adopting a UDO is considered a best practice for several key reasons. It provides a clear and comprehensive framework for implementing county's long-range goals, ensuring that new development aligns with the community's vision for growth. It enhances transparency and public participation by making development regulations easier to understand access. And bv eliminating inconsistencies redundancies and found in separate ordinances, a UDO creates a more efficient and effective set of regulations that support quality development and intentional outcomes.

WHAT WILL THE UDO INCLUDE?

In Knox County, the UDO will combine 6 currently separate ordinances.

- » Zoning Ordinance
- » Subdivision Regulations
- » Stormwater Regulations
- » Building Codes
- » Fire Protection and Prevention
- » Roads, Bridges, Traffic & Vehicles





WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE



Improves Efficiency.

Reduces excessive interpretations, review times and confusion. Streamlines processes that will save time and resources for residents, developers, and staff.



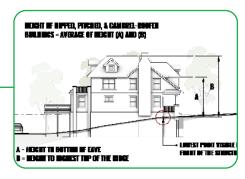


Ensures Equitable Regulation.

Applies consistent standards throughout the community.

Increases Ease of Use And Transparency.

Provide predictability through clear standards and procedures for residents, developers, and staff. The UDO will be better organized and easier to navigate for all users.



Eliminates Conflicts.

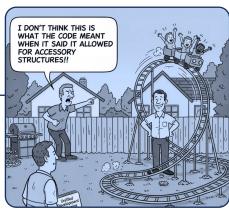
Replaces outdated, inconsistent rules and procedures, and definitions spread across separate ordinances.



Updates outdated language, antiquated dimenional standards, and incorporates modern best practices in land use and development. These updates will be designed with input from stakeholders and the community.

Aligns regulations to the policies and future land use goals set in the Knox County Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan.

Adjustments regulations to align with the adopted policies, future place types, and land uses of the current comprehensive land use and transportation plan.





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