



Summary of the Proposed Unified Development Code (UDC)

Doña Ana County Community Development Department

The UDC is a single document that incorporates and updates all related land use regulations, including zoning, subdivision, and development standards, as well as establish an official zoning map for Doña Ana County.

Currently there are two (2) comprehensive plans used to guide future development in the County and nine (9) existing ordinances that regulate zoning, subdivision, and development standards. This causes confusion and navigation problems within the ETZ and overall county, costing county residents time and money.

The UDC accommodates key concerns of residents' public input meetings for Plan 2040, the Comprehensive Plan for Doña Ana County. The option of Community Types creates compact, walkable, and mixed-use developments including live-work units.

Positive Impacts of the UDC:

- Streamlines regulations and development process: “One Ordinance One Entity”
- Reduces number of public hearings for unopposed land use requests
- Offers alternative development options to create market-driven, mixed use communities
- Reduced response times for emergency services
- Positions County for success (economics, resources, amenities)

The following is a summary of the nine (9) articles that make up the UDC:

Article 1 Administration --- *Provides the legal framework and administrative responsibilities for enforcing and interpreting the Code*

Article 2 Procedures --- *Describes procedures necessary to implement and comply with UDC regulations*

Article 3 Sector Plan and Community Types --- *Outlines **optional** procedures to develop new Community Types using Development Intensities, matrices of land uses, and site development standards.*

Article 4 Subdivisions --- *Describes procedures for subdividing land, creating safe and convenient access and ensuring that lots, blocks, and thoroughfares create a compact, interconnected development.*



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Article 5 Zoning --- Establishes regulations and creates an official zoning map for (2) distinct types of zoning districts: **Transect Zones** for existing historical townsites and rural areas; and **Use Zones** for traditional zoning to mirror existing zoning classifications in current ETZ and PD existence.

Article 6 Development Construction Standards --- Provides development and construction standards for infrastructure compatible with design and engineering criteria.

Article 7 Glossary of Terms --- Definitions and acronyms used throughout the UDC

Article 8 Appendices --- Sample forms and illustrations to assist with the UDC development process.

Article 9 Official Zoning Maps of Doña Ana County—An overview map with North and South insets to provide greater detail to zoning maps.

Upcoming Meetings on the UDC:

The Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to discuss the Final Draft of the Unified Development Code (UDC) on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm** in the Commission Chambers of the Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007.

The Doña Ana County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to consider recommending adoption to the Board of County Commissioners on the Unified Development Code (UDC) on **Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 9:00 am** in the Commission Chambers of the Government Center at 845 N. Motel Blvd. Las Cruces, NM 88007.

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