



Memo

To: City of Albany Common Council
From: Department of Planning & Development
Re: Copyedits to City Code Chapter 375 (Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance)
Date: December 11, 2020

The City of Albany Common Council adopted the Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance (USDO) on May 15, 2017, to be effective June 1, 2017. The USDO was the result of a 2.5-year effort to comprehensively rewrite the City's zoning ordinance and other relevant land development regulations, such as the sign ordinance and the land subdivision handbook.

Upon passage of the ordinance, there were insufficient funds remaining in the account maintained by the City for the purposes of updating GeneralCode.com, the City's online codification provider, to incorporate legislative amendments to the City Code. The Planning Department was able to identify and allocate funds from its bonded account for the ReZone Albany process to complete this work.

The department has since engaged General Code in the review of the adopted 2017 code document. The adopted USDO has been fully copyedited by the editorial staff at General Code and incorporates legislative amendments through September 2020. A renumbering scheme was also recommended and has been incorporated into the document. The renumbering simplifies the overall numbering hierarchy [ex. §375-2(C)(5) is now §375-203(5)].

Tables throughout the USDO have also been simplified to make them more orderly and user-friendly. While the content has not changed, the tables have been reorganized to make them more readable with lengthy passages being incorporated as footnotes at the bottom of the tables or moved to other appropriate sections of the code.

Upon passage, the revised ordinance will be fully integrated into the existing City Code online at generalcode.com.