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**Albany Common Council Completes Review of Revisions to City's Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance – Public Hearing Scheduled for Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7PM**

**ALBANY, NY** – The City of Albany's Common Council's Planning Economic Development and Land Use Committee has completed its eight month comprehensive review of the proposed USDO revisions and has presented findings and recommendations to the full Council in preparation for adoption. The Albany Common Council will hold its final Public Hearing on the proposed changes on November 1, 2021 at 7 PM and is encouraging the public to participate in the process. Parties interested in speaking should register for the meeting by either registering at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84858555036?pwd=UGtxcU5sOWdINHpweWRhU1NZZVFLQT09> or by email to: [commoncouncil@albanyny.gov](mailto:commoncouncil@albanyny.gov). Speakers are encouraged to register by 12 noon on November 1, 2021.

The original Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance took effect in 2017 and was the first major rewrite of the City's development-related regulations in over 50 years. The changes proposed now are the result of an anticipated regular review of the USDO that occurred between March and October 2021 during which Planning Department staff worked closely with the Common Council's Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee to review content, solicit feedback and develop solutions to identified code deficiencies and ambiguities. The result is a more concise, clear and user-friendly code document that provides enhanced transparency for critical decisions affecting interpretation and development.

To review the USDO documents including a full explanation of the changes to the above mentioned articles please visit our website at: [www.albanyny.gov/1919/USDO-Review](http://www.albanyny.gov/1919/USDO-Review).

[here](#). The Council's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages have recorded videos of the Common Council's Planning Economic Development and Land Use meetings where proposed changes were discussed.