



Land Use and Development Ordinance (LUDO) Update

Review Procedures (Chapter 2) Update Overview

Summary

Chapter 2 of the LUDO provides the procedures for processing development applications and other land use actions by the Wasco County Planning Department. This chapter includes information like application requirements, notification requirements, hearing procedure, and review process.

Staff conducted an audit of this Chapter in 2019 and developed a revised Chapter that offers more direct information from state law, clearer criteria and process, and new charts for accessibility. The Chapter was reviewed by a consulting land use attorney to ensure it is consistent with state law and parliamentary procedure.

Although significant changes are proposed to the content, including formatting and new wording, the impact of the revisions should be minimal. Instead, Planning staff intends this Chapter to be easier to read and follow, making the process for permitting or hearings easier to understand.

Key Revisions

- Restructuring of Chapter to be easier to read and follow
- Removing unnecessary content
- Table of all uses by review procedure/notification requirements
- Streamlining procedures into less sections; consolidating review and notice procedure
- Adding State Law references where applicable

How to Understand Changes

Because the majority of the revisions to this Chapter involved significant restructuring and moving sections, consolidating sections, removing sections or adding new sections, the prepared draft does not have the typical annotations.

While the restructuring is optional, the content is all mandatory. We are interested to hear if the restructured Chapter makes it easier to read for you.

Public Meetings

April 6 3pm-5pm Virtual Meeting with the Planning Commission to review proposed changes

April 12 Virtual Open House Goes Live

April 14 5pm-6:30pm, Virtual Public Presentation

April 29 6pm-7pm Ask a Planner Chat

Hearings Process for Rulemaking

September 7 3pm-5pm Planning Commission Hearing

October 20 Board of County Commissioner Hearing

November 3 Board of County Commissioner Hearing

How to Provide Feedback

- Provide written comment via email, mail, or submit a comment on the project website (wasco2040.com)
- Participate in one of the work sessions and/or hearings to provide comment verbally or participate in group exercises

Other Ways to Engage

- Use our Ask a Planner function, or participate in the Ask the Planner Chat
- Read the FAQs, posts, and more information on the project website (wasco2040.com)
- Follow the Department on social media for the latest updates
- Sign up for the notification emails to get newsletters sent with news and event information