

What we're doing on this meeting:

P&Z WORKSHOP AGENDA

- Purpose and Workshop Ground Rules - 15 min
- Break Out and Review in Subcommittee Groups - 65 mins
- Full Group Discussion / Q&A - 30 mins
- Wrap Up and Next Steps - 5 mins

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday July 9th Workshop #3:

Additional Article Comparisons

Code Specifics:

- Alternative Compliance
- Traditional Neighborhood Development PUD Manual

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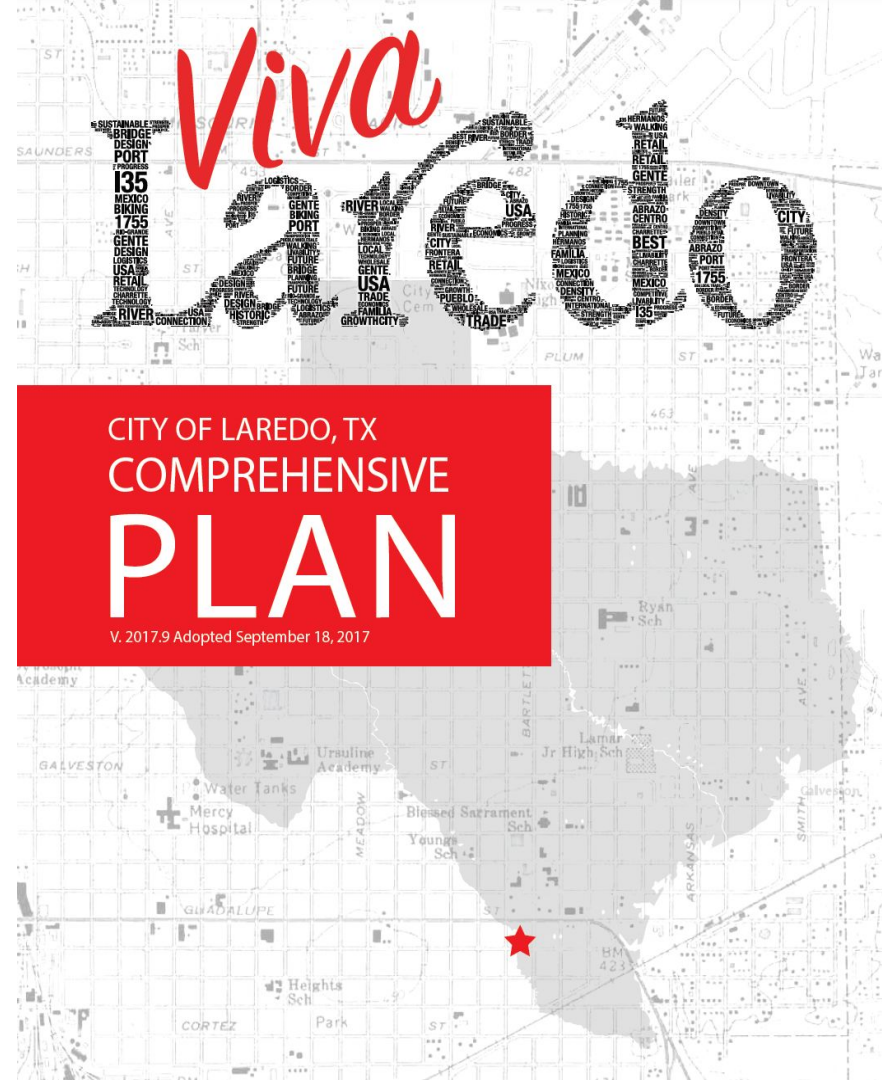
WEBSITE INFORMATION

The screenshot shows the City of Laredo website home page. The navigation bar includes 'GOVERNMENT', 'DEPARTMENTS', 'BUSINESSES', and 'SERVICES'. A left sidebar menu lists 'PLANNING AND ZONING' with sub-items like 'About', 'Code & Ordinances', 'Committee Meetings', 'Zoning', 'Platting', 'Historic Preservation', 'Other Services', 'Plans & Projects', and 'Maps'. Below this is a 'CONTACT' section for Planning & Zoning. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail 'Departments > Planning and Zoning > Plans & Projects >' and a large heading 'ReCode Laredo'. Below the heading is a social sharing bar and a section titled 'UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:' which contains a promotional poster for the ReCode Laredo Workshops. The poster lists three dates: Thursday, June 13, 2025; Thursday, June 20, 2025; and Thursday, July 3, 2025, all at 6:00 PM at the City Hall Council Chambers.

The screenshot shows a page titled 'Draft Unified Development Code'. The main text explains that the ReCode effort will update and unify the existing Land Development Code, Subdivision Ordinance, and other codes. A highlighted box contains the text: 'Responses to Previously Submitted Comments: [Download PDF](#) Draft Unified Development Code (Single PDF Containing All Chapters): - [Download PDF](#)'. Below this is a section titled 'INDIVIDUAL CHAPTERS' which lists a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' and articles 1 through 12, each with a plus sign to expand. At the bottom, there is a link for the 'TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PUD MANUAL'.

PURPOSE OF RECODE

1. Implement Viva Laredo
2. Incorporate Best Practices
3. Position City for Changing Market Demands and Conditions
4. Create a user-friendly and simplified UDC



Land Development Code vs Unified Development Code

USABILITY

Land Development Code (LDC)

Land Development Code is a loose collective of disjointed chapters. Zoning, subdivisions, building requirements, and environmental protection exist as separated codes, occasionally managed by different legal structures or boards.

VS.

Unified Development Code (UDC)

A Unified Development Code acts as a single, consolidated regulatory manual. It deliberately unifies zoning, subdivision layouts, sign restrictions, design templates, and water management procedures. This consolidation actively resolves internal legal contradictions and unites all public hearings under one predictable board structure.

Comparing

Article 4 Subdivisions

EXISTING LDC CODE STRUCTURE

PROPOSED UDC CODE STRUCTURE

PART B - CODE OF ORDINANCES
APPENDIX B SUBDIVISIONS

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Chapter 1 Definitions

Chapter 2 Subdivision Plats Required, Filing Process For All Petitions, Including Special Requirements

Chapter 3 Subdivisions

Chapter 4 Exceptions, Exemptions, and Variations

Chapter 5 Miscellaneous

Chapter 6 Amendments

CHAPTER 1 DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1: [Definitions]

For the purpose of interpretations and application of this ordinance:

(1) Grades:

a. For buildings having walls adjoining one street wall adjoining the street.

b. For buildings having walls adjoining more than one street curb at the centers of all walls adjoining the street.

c. For buildings having no wall adjoining the street ground adjacent to the exterior walls of the building.

ARTICLE III

PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE

Section 24.56.1 PURPOSE

This section is adopted to provide recreational areas in the form of neighborhood parks as a function of subdivision and site development in the City of Laredo. This section is enacted in accordance with the home rule powers of the City of Laredo, granted under the Texas Constitution, and the statutes of the State of Texas, including, but not by the way of limitation, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 212 (Vernon 1988, Vernon Supp. 1999). It is hereby declared by the City Council that recreational areas in the form of parks are necessary and in the public welfare, and that the only adequate procedure to provide for same is by integrating such a requirement into the procedure for planning and developing property or subdivisions in the City, consisting of new construction on vacant land.

Therefore, the following requirements are adopted to effect the purposes stated above and shall apply to any land to be used for residential purposes:

Section 24.56.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Parkland and Improvements shall cover both land dedications and park improvement fees for parkland for all types of residential development.

A. Parkland Dedication and Site Approval Process

- Every master plan that incorporates residential development (single family, multi-family or manufactured housing) must designate park space to be dedicated as a neighborhood park unless otherwise provided for hereunder.
- The proposed site of the park shall be shown on the master plan and shall be labeled "proposed park."
- The designation on a master plan of "proposed park" shall in no way obligate the City of Laredo to accept the proposed park until such time as the park site has been approved as set forth herein and submitted and accepted by the City Council of the City of Laredo through a separate dedication instrument, the form of which shall be approved by the City Attorney of the City of Laredo.

*Editor's note(s)—Printed herein is the Subdivision Ordinance adopted by the City of Laredo on January 17, 1964. For clarification and linking purposes, the sections have been renumbered to reflect the current structure of the ordinance as indicated by the asterisked notation notes.



Article 4 Subdivision Standards | 24.4.1 General Provisions

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24.4.1 General Provisions

(a) Standards

- This article establishes standards for any subdivision plat subject to the City's jurisdiction.
- Subdivision plats shall comply with Sections 24.3.2 (Access Management), 24.3.3 (Blocks, Lots and Yards), 24.3.6 (Landscaping & Tree Preservation), 24.3.8 (Riparian Buffers), and 24.3.9 (Site Design) of Article 3.

(b) Standard Technical Specification Manual

Purpose: the Standard Technical Specification Manual provides standardized procedures and materials for the orderly construction and installation of public improvements.

- Applicability.** The Standard Technical Specification Manual (the "Manual") applies to all public improvements. Divisions A, B, C, and D of the Manual applies to any public improvement to be awarded or constructed by the City of Laredo. Divisions A, C, and Sections B-1, 2, 3, and 5 do not apply to public improvements associated with the private platting of properties.
- Optional Specifications**
 - Where circumstances warrant, or at the request of the engineer of record, a separate set of specifications for development or public improvements may be submitted to the City Engineer for approval.
 - The City Engineer shall not approve specifications less restrictive than those provided in the Manual.
 - If the Manual does not address a facet of a proposed development or public improvement, a separate set of specifications shall be submitted by the engineer of record for approval by the City Engineer.
- Tax Payment.** Before a plat is finally approved, the applicant must provide the Planning Commission a statement from each governmental taxing unit showing that taxes on the

Track Changes

Article 4 Subdivisions

Article 4: Subdivision Standards Changes Worksheet

PROPOSED UDC

Using the Changes Worksheet, you can:

- Track the changes
- Locate the changes
- Add comments

Change ID	Existing Section	Existing Page	Proposed Section	Proposed Page	Change Type	Summary	Community Impact	Additional Feedback
SUB-1	COO 1.1	1	24.4.1(a)	171	Consolidated	Merges subdivision platting to comply with sections of Article 3	Streamlines cross-departmental development reviews.	Comments
SUB-2	COO 3.3		24.4.1(d)	171	Modified	Lot requirements should conform to Article 2 instead of LDU	Prevents loss of property pins during paving runs.	
SUB-3	LDC 24-57 (entire section)		Article 3, 24.3.10	171	Rearranged	Moves the environmental core of green space protection and buffer rules entirely out of Article 4 (Subdivision Standards) into Article 3	Consolidates natural resource management rules under a single, dedicated site design chapter.	

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Let's Begin!





THANK YOU