

Burlington's Unified Development Ordinance



What is the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)?

A single document that combines Burlington's zoning, subdivision, and environmental regulations. It applies to land both within Burlington and its' Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

What does the new UDO do?

It governs all new development within Burlington; where it will go, how big it will be, what it will look like, and what will be allowed.

How does the UDO affect my property?

It will affect where new structures will be placed on your property, how they will look, and guide new structures to be compatible with the neighborhood.

Why did the City adopt a new UDO?

In 2015, City Council adopted a new comprehensive plan (Destination Burlington) that sets an overall big-picture vision for Burlington. To help implement that vision, the UDO was created!

Did my property get rezoned as part of the UDO?

The new UDO did not add any new zoning's but, it did combine and rename some districts as well as create new ones that property owners can apply to change to.

When does the new UDO take affect?

November 1, 2019

Will the UDO impact my already-in-progress application?

No, it won't but City staff will encourage the submittal to honor the intent of the UDO.

Where can I get a copy of the UDO?

It can be downloaded from www.designburlington.com and paper copies can be purchased for \$150.00 by calling (336) 222-5110.

Who can I speak with for more information about the UDO?

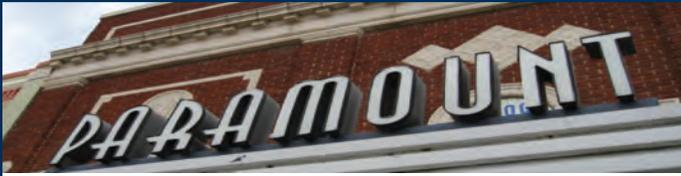
Feel free to call our main line at (336)222-5110!



6 UDO THEMES

OVERARCHING
THEMES
DEFINED

1: DOWNTOWN



Establishes Downtown as Burlington's economic and civic center.

- A new downtown planned development district option of more than 40 blocks around the core of Burlington.
- New district that encourages mixed-use developments that build upon street life and walking.
- Sets a regulatory foundation to facilitate revitalization.

2: EFFICIENT



Prioritizes timely and accurate review of development applications.

- Includes a procedural flowchart.
- Outlines criteria to make decisions, amendments, and appeals.
- Delegates decision-making authority to staff.
- Digital submittal for development applications.
- New optional pre-application conferences.

3: USER-FRIENDLY



Organizes development rules into a single document that is easy to use and understand.

- Detailed table of contents and index.
- New summary tables of information, procedural flow charts, and over 500 graphics.
- Contains hyperlinks and details of regulation purpose and reasoning.
- Standardizes language for consistency.

4: FLEXIBLE



Incorporates a broad range of mechanisms and incentives to encourage development.

- Allows staff to make minor reductions to standards on difficult sites.
- Allows applicants to negotiate special development standards.
- A conservation development process that allows density increases for open spaces.
- Includes alternatives to landscaping and parking requirements.

5: QUALITY



Acknowledges appearance and quality of development as a determinant of success.

- New overlay districts and design standards and guidelines.
- Expands Burlington's tree canopy cover.
- Screens equipment areas and outdoor storage and maintenance requirements for fences.
- Prohibits new pole signs and limits ground sign heights.
- Creates standards for exterior lighting to prevent glare.

6: MODERN



Encourages mixed land uses to include residential and nonresidential uses.

- Consolidates several residential districts and adds a new by-right mixed-use district.
- Includes two new planned development districts that balance flexibility and quality.
- Recognizes 30+ new types of land use and establishes a new process for classifying beneficial unlisted land uses.
- Page layout, typefaces, and type colors improve readability.