

Codes & Ordinances

What are Codes & Ordinances

The **Unified Development Code (UDC)** is a single document that includes all development-related regulations, including zoning and subdivision regulation. These codes outline the minimum requirements for how to build and develop structures and land. This includes building codes, electrical codes, drainage requirements, etc.

An **ordinance** is a local law or decree adopted by a municipality, or a city/town government. In East Baton Rouge Parish, these laws dictate how the parish must build and develop in their communities.

Importance of Codes & Ordinances

Codes and ordinances serve as mechanisms to ensure development is constructed with a set of rules and regulations/standards that are in the best interest of the parish and its residents. The codes and ordinances provide a basic set of standards for structures and larger developments to be built.

2021 Interim UDC Changes

STORMWATER CONVEYANCE CHECK: Requires that Drainage Impact Studies include a measurement of the impact of conveyance change caused by proposed development to avoid increases in water surface elevations upstream and downstream.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIZATION: Incorporates requirements for the prioritization of green infrastructure solutions in transportation improvements. It creates a planning methodology for incorporating green infrastructure "opportunity areas" within proposed projects.

UDC CHAPTER 15 CLARIFICATIONS: The goal is to clarify requirements in the UDC to ensure compliance with the intent of the requirements.