

Unified Development Code User's Guide

The Unified Development Code (UDC) is the official body of rules and regulations to guide land use and development in the City-Parish. For ease of reference and access by the public, the UDC document is now available electronically online, packaged in Adobe PDF format. The document may be accessed through the City-Parish Planning Commission website at:

<http://brgov.com/dept/planning/udcodeonline.asp>

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The UDC is periodically updated and revised. Revised versions of the Code are posted to the web as soon as they are enacted and published.

Select the link "[2009 Unified Development Code with Amendments & Appendix](#)" on this page to view the latest version of the UDC. This is a PDF document which is uniquely hyperlinked to provide access to the entire UDC in one virtual location.

Tips for online access:

- The online UDC is in PDF format, and is best viewed with Adobe Acrobat Reader version 8.0 or greater. If you do not possess the current version of Acrobat on your computer, it can be downloaded for free at <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html> on the Adobe website. Using the latest version of Acrobat Reader enables you to utilize the special navigational features and links contained within the online UDC documentation.
- For computers with limited resources (slower processors and/or small memory), the Adobe Reader performs best when large documents are opened within the Adobe program rather than opening within the web browser window. Adobe documents from the web will open in your web browser by default unless you have changed the software settings. To edit these settings, follow the steps below:
 - Choose the "Edit" command from the taskbar menu at top.
 - Scroll down through the list of commands and select "Preferences."
 - A pop up window should appear. At the left under "Categories", select "Internet" if it is not already highlighted. The options in the body of the window should change.
 - At the top under "Web Browser Options", uncheck the box next to "Display PDF in browser."
 - Press "OK" at the lower right of the pop up window to save your revised preferences.

The Reader preferences should be modified again to allow Adobe documents to open within the web browser in order to effectively navigate the rest of the Planning Commission website.

To use the Online UDC:

- Select the link "2008 Unified Development Code" on the web page. This will open the PDF document containing the UDC.
- The cover page appears. This page contains a list of Chapters and Appendices; each of these is a link to the appropriate chapter or appendix.
- Also, individual chapters can be selected through the bar on the left by selecting the appropriate document (scroll down to access additional chapters and appendices).
- You may use the Bookmarks feature to skip to specific subsections or pages within chapters. Or you can use the "Search all UDC" bookmark to locate a word or a phrase in a Chapter or in the entire document.
- The document can be downloaded in its entirety to your computer at any time. This is recommended for frequent users. Check the website in the future for any UDC updates.