

Update to the Schedule of Land Development Code Amendments October 17, 2023

This is an update to staff's recommended timeline to draft and adopt all active Land Development Code (LDC) amendments. Staff understands the urgency of these amendments, particularly those that have the potential to increase housing supply and income-restricted housing for the Austin community and is committed to compressing timelines to adoption where feasible and as additional resources are identified.

An updated Schedule of Active Code Amendments chart (attached) will be provided prior to each Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee meeting. The updated Schedule of Active Code Amendments chart is included as Attachment A. Recent updates to the Schedule of Active Code Amendments chart include the following:

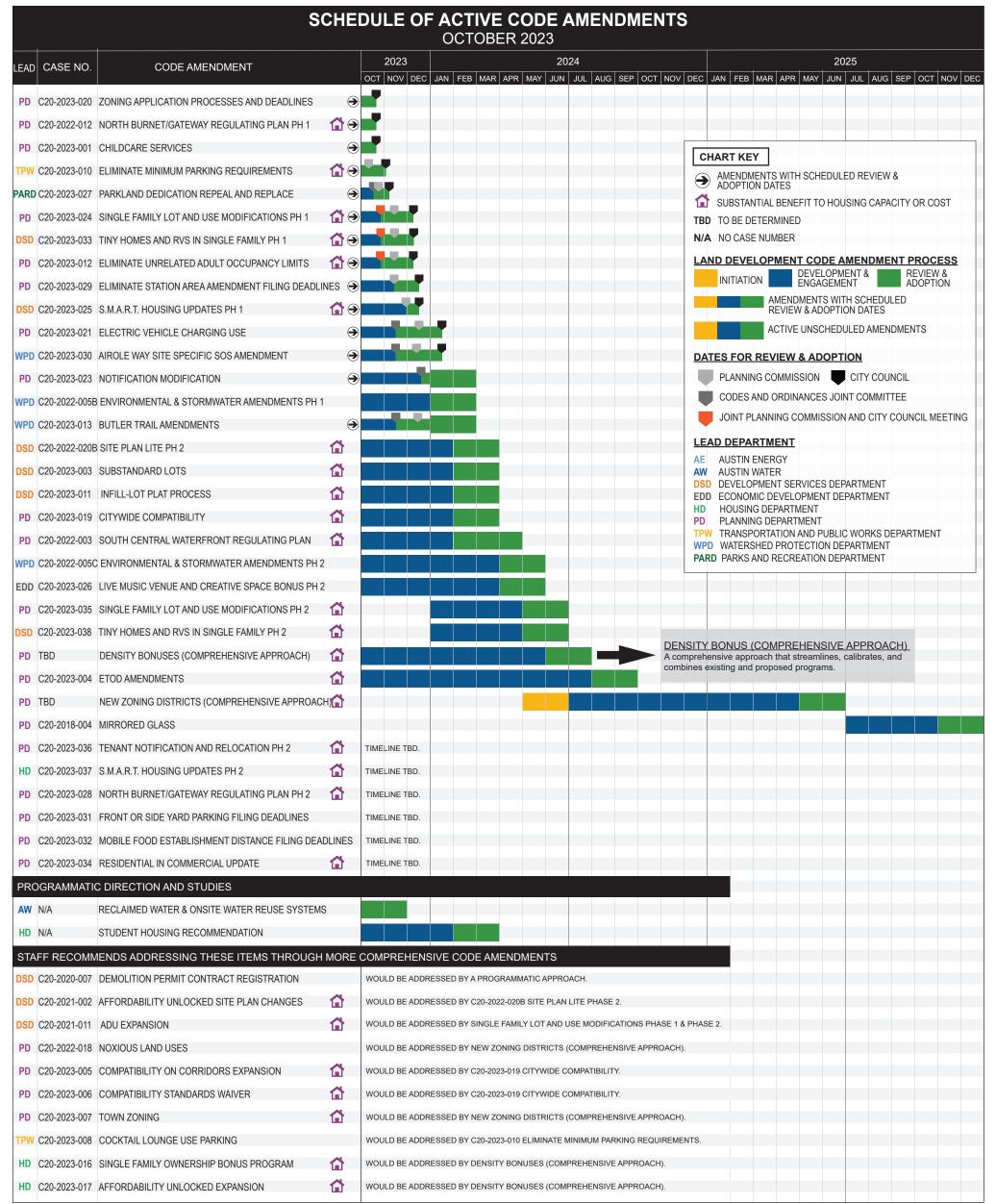
- 1) The following code amendments ordinances were adopted at the Sept. 21 City Council meeting and have been removed from the schedule:
 - a. C20-2023-022 SOS Site Specific Barton Springs Bathhouse
 - b. C20-2021-001 UNO Sign Correction
 - c. C20-2022-016 SOS Site Specific Brodie Oaks PUD
- 2) The Citywide Compatibility Analysis was distributed to City Council in September and removed from the schedule.
- 3) C20-2023-029 Eliminate Station Area Plan Amendment Filing Deadlines was postponed by staff at the Oct. 10 Planning Commission meeting and moved to the Nov. 14 Planning Commission and the Dec. 14 City Council meetings.
- 4) The following review and adoption schedules were shifted to allow additional time for development and/or engagement:
 - a. C20-2023-021 Electric Vehicle Charging Use timeline was shifted to the Dec. 19 Planning Commission and the Jan. 19 City Council meetings.
 - b. C20-2023-023 Notification Modification timeline was shifted to Planning Commission in January and City Council in February. Dates will be updated following approval of the Planning Commission 2024 meeting schedule in November.
 - c. C20-2023-030 Airole Way Site Specific SOS Amendment timeline was shifted to the Dec. 12 Planning Commission and the Jan. 18 City Council meetings.
 - d. C20-2022-020B Site Plan Lite Phase 2 was shifted to review and adoption in February and March 2024.

- 5) Review and adoption dates were scheduled for the following code amendment:
 - a. C20-2023-025 S.M.A.R.T. Housing Updates Phase 1
- 6) The following code amendments have been added with timelines to be determined:
 - a. C20-2023-036 Tenant Notification and Relocation Phase 2
 - b. C20-2023-037 S.M.A.R.T. Housing Updates Phase 2
 - c. C20-2023-038 Tiny Homes and RVs in Single Family Phase 2
- 7) The following code amendments are scheduled for the Oct. 26 Joint Planning Commission and City Council, Nov. 14 Planning Commission, and the Dec. 7 City Council meetings:
 - a. C20-2023-024 Single Family Lot and Use Modifications Phase 1
 - b. C20-2023-012 Eliminate Unrelated Adult Occupancy
 - c. C20-2023-033 Tiny Homes and RVs in Single Family Phase 1

The timing presented is subject to change based on future changes to priorities, resources, commission and community bandwidth, and additional analysis related to the complexity of certain amendments. With additional staffing and approval of additional resources, staff will look for opportunities to expedite code amendment timelines.

Attachment B: Active Code Amendments table provides further detail about each active code amendment on the chart, including a description of the amendment, the stage within the code amendment process (initiation, development and engagement, or review and adoption), current status, and the lead department.

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Active Code Amendment Cases - October 2023

Case Number	Name	Description	Initiated By	Resolution Deadline	Stage	Status	Lead Dept.	Sub Dept.
C20-2023-038	Tiny Homes and RVs in Single Family Phase 2	Amend City Code Title 25 (Land Development) to allow occupancy of recreational vehicles and portable tiny homes within single-family districts.	<u>City Council</u>	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Planned to be part of Single Family Lot and Use Modifications Phase 2 with review and adoption by June 2024.	DSD	
C20-2023-037	S.M.A.R.T. Housing Updates Phase 2	Amend the City's S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program, and Title 25 to improve the operational and functionality of the program.	City Council	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Pending Code Cabinet determination of timeline.	DSD	
C20-2023-036	Tenant Notification and Relocation Phase 2	Amend site development regulations for mobile home parks to preserve mobile home parks as longterm residential uses, such as increasing the minimum number of days for residential stays.	<u>City Council</u>	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Pending Code Cabinet determination of timeline.		
C20-2023-035	Single Family Lot and Use Modifications Phase 2	Amend Title 25 to modify site development regulations, including minimum lot size and maximum number of dwelling units, applicable to development on lots with single-family zoning.	City Council	12/14/2023	Development and Engagement	Pending Code Cabinet determination of a scheduled timeline. Anticipating City Council review and adoption by June 2024.	Planning	
C20-2023-034	Residential in Commercial Update	Amend City Code Title 25 (Land Development) to modify the Residential in Commercial (RIC) voluntary incentive program that allows residential uses in commercial zoning districts.	<u>City Council</u>	2/1/2024	Initiation	Pending Code Cabinet determination of timeline.	Planning	
C20-2023-033	Tiny Homes and RVs in Single Family Phase 1	Amend City Code Title 25 (Land Development) to allow occupancy of recreational vehicles and tiny homes within single-family districts.	City Council	11/30/2023	Review and Adoption	Phase 1: → Joint PC & CC 10/26/2023 → Planning Commission 11/14/2023 → City Council 12/7/2023	DSD	Planning
C20-2023-030	Airole Way Site Specific SOS Amendment	Site specific variances and amendments to the Land Development Code, including site-specific amendments to City Code Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), as minimally required to allow for proposed development of the lots located at 1905 and 1908 Airole Way.	City Council	9/8/2023	Development and Engagement	In Process: → Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee 11/15/2023 → Planning Commission 12/12/2023 → City Council 1/18/2023	WPD	
C20-2023-029	Eliminate Station Area Amendment Filing Deadlines	Amend Title 25 to allow applicants to request changes at any time to Station Area Plans and Specific Area Plans adopted as elements of the Comprehensive Plan	City Council	7/20/2023	Review and Adoption	In Process - → Planning Commission 10/10/2023 (Staff postponement) → Planning Commission 11/14/2023 → City Council 12/14/2023	Planning	
C20-2023-028	North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan Amendments Phase 2	Amend Title 25 to modify the North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan to implement the second set of recommendations in the resolution.	City Council	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Timeline to be determined following adoption of Phase 1.	Planning	

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C20-2023-026	Live Music and Creative Space Bonus Phase 2	Amend Title 25 to modify land use definitions related to theater and personal improvement services, modify regulations applicable to home occupations, and add performance venues and related alcohol sales. These amendments are intended to enhance the development and preservation of live music venues and creative sector businesses.	City Council	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Review and Adoption process will begin in April of 2024.	EDD	Planning
C20-2023-025	S.M.A.R.T. Housing Updates Phase 1	Amend the City's S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program, and Title 25 to update fee waivers under the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program.	City Council	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Phase 1 will consist of updates to the fee schedule and waiver process: → Planning Commission 11/28/2023 → City Council 12/14/2023	DSD	Housing
C20-2023-024	Single Family Lot and Use Modifications Phase 1	Amend Title 25 to modify site development regulations, including minimum lot size and maximum number of dwelling units, applicable to development on lots with single-family zoning.	City Council	12/14/2023	Review and Adoption	Phase 1: → Joint PC & CC 10/26/2023 → Planning Commission 11/14/2023 → City Council 12/7/2023	Planning	DSD
C20-2023-023	Notification Modification	Amend Title 25 to modify public hearing notification requirements and procedures.	City Council	8/23/2023	Development and Engagement	In Process: → Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee 12/20/2023 → Planning Commission January 2024 → City Council February 2024	Planning	DSD
C20-2023-021	Electric Vehicle Charging	Amend Title 25 to create a new land use for "Electrical Vehicle Parking" and consider options and recommendations regarding the application of the land use.	City Council	8/17/2023	Review and Adoption	In Process: → Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee 11/15/2023 → Planning Commission 12/19/2023 → City Council 1/18/2024	Planning	DSD,TPW
C20-2023-020	Zoning Application Processes and Deadlines	Amend City Code Title 25-1 and 25-2 to create a six- month pilot program modifying certain deadlines related to zoning and rezoning applications and neighborhood plan amendment applications.	City Council	None Specified	Review and Adoption	In Process: → Planning Commission 8/22/2023 (Staff Postponement) → Planning Commission 9/26/2023 (Recommended as amended) → City Council 10/19/2023	Planning	
C20-2023-019	Citywide Compatibility	Amend Title 25 to modify height and setbacks triggered by proximity to single-family zoning and uses (also known as "Compatibility Standards").	City Council	12/1/2023	Development and Engagement	Recommendations released through Compatibility Study mandated in Ordinance No. 20221201-056 in briefing to the Housing and Planning Committee. Anticipating review and adoption by March 2024.	Planning	DSD
C20-2023-017	Affordability Unlocked Expansion	Amend Title 25 to create a new tier within the Affordability Unlocked Development Bonus Program ("Affordability Unlocked") for developments that do not utilize City of Austin housing development assistance programs.	City Council	10/19/2023	Initiation	Planned to be part of Bonuses (Comprehensive Approach). Anticipating review and adoption July 2024.	Housing	Planning

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C20-2023-016	Single-Family Ownership Bonus Program	Amend Title 25 to create an affordable housing bonus program related to ownership units in single-family residence zoning for developments not receiving development assistance from the city.	City Council	10/19/2023	Initiation	Planned to be part of Bonuses (Comprehensive Approach). Anticipating review and adoption July 2024.	Housing	Planning
C20-2023-014	Underground Electric Utility Distribution Lines	Amend Title 25 to implement converting existing overhead electric distribution lines to underground electric utility distribution lines and advancing the development of underground electric utility infrastructure in new construction projects.	City Council	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Pending assignment of Case Manager.	AE	DSD
C20-2023-013	Butler Trail Amendments	Amend Title 25 to allow the Butler Trail to remain within the setbacks applicable to Lady Bird Lake; and to allow capital improvements made to the Butler Trail to comply with the recommendations from the 2015 Butler Trail Urban Forestry and Natural Area Management Guidelines, maintenance standards of care listed in the Butler Trail POMA, and the recommendations provided in the Butler Trail Safety and Mobility Study.	City Council	10/1/2023	Development and Engagement	In Process - Postponement Memo to March 1, 2024. → Codes & Ordinances 11/15/2023 → PARD Board 11/27/2023 → Environmental Commission 12/6/2023 → Planning Commission 12/12/2023 → City Council Late January/ February 2024	WPD	PARD
C20-2023-012	Eliminate Unrelated Adult Occupancy Limits	Amend Title 25 to eliminate the dwelling unit occupancy limit for residential uses.	City Council	10/19/2023	Review and Adoption	In Process - → Joint PC & CC 10/26/2023 → Planning Commission 11/14/2023 → City Council 12/7/2023	Planning	
C20-2023-011	Infill-Lot Plat Process	Amend Title 25 relating to the plat process to facilitate the creation of infill lots within existing residential subdivisions through a streamlined amended plat process and changes to the resubdivision process.	City Council	11/9/2023	Development and Engagement	In Process - Will move forward with Substandard Lots (C20-2023-003).	DSD	Planning
C20-2023-010	Eliminate Minimum Parking Requirements	Amend City Code Title 25 (Land Development) to eliminate the minimum number of off-street motor vehicle parking spaces currently required except for accessible parking spaces.	City Council	12/31/2023	Review and Adoption	In Process - → Codes & Ordinances 9/20/2023 (recommended as amended on a vote of 5-2) → Planning Commission 10/10/2023 → City Council 11/2/2023	TPW	Planning
C20-2023-008	Cocktail Lounge Use Parking Requirements	Amend Title 25 to eliminate non-accessible parking requirements for cocktail lounge use.	City Council	10/19/2023	Review and Adoption	Will move forward with Eliminate Parking Requirements (C20-2023-010).	TPW	Planning,DS D
C20-2023-004	ETOD Amendments	Amend Title 25 to implement the ETOD Policy Plan including development and application of an ETOD Overlay that would include a bonus program in the vicinity of ETOD stations.	<u>City Council</u>	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Anticipate recommendations to staff by September 2024, presentation to Council February 2025.	Planning	
C20-2023-003	Substandard Lots	Amend Title 25 to allow the disaggregation of substandard lots and lots that qualify for small-lot amnesty.	City Council	None Specified	Development and Engagement	In Process - Will move forward with Infill Plat Process (C20-2023-011).	DSD	



C20-2023-001	Childcare Services	Amend Title 25 pertaining to childcare and day care services to modify land use definitions, create use-specific development regulations, ensure compatibility with adjacent uses, and adjust zoning district permitted uses to increase opportunities for childcare services around the city.	City Council	7/20/2023	Review and Adoption	In Process - → Early Childhood Council Briefing 8/12/2023 → Codes & Ordinances 8/16/2023 (Unanimously recommended as amended) → Planning Commission 9/26/2023 (Recommended) → City Council 10/19/2023	Planning	DSD
C20-2022-020B	Site Plan Lite Phase 2	Amend Title 25 to develop five to sixteen residential units, and create a site plan review process that is tailored appropriately for missing middle housing, with fewer requirements than that of full site plan review.	City Council	6/1/2023	Development and Engagement	Proposed response to second directive, which requires developing a revised process for larger missing-middle projects, requires further interdepartmental review and coordination, with review and adoption anticipated March 2024.	DSD	Planning
C20-2022-012	North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan Amendments	Amend Title 25 to modify the North Burnet/Gateway Regulating Plan to implement the first set of recommendations in the resolution.	City Council	10/19/2023	Review and Adoption	In Process - → Codes & Ordinances 8/16/2023 (Recommended as amended on a vote of 6-0-1 with Commissioner Thompson abstaining) → Planning Commission 9/12/2023 → City Council 10/19/2023	Planning	
C20-2022-005C	Environmental and Stormwater Management Amendments Phase 2	Amend Title 25 to provide increased stormwater management for redeveloping properties that do not have modern drainage infrastructure; previously referred to as "greenfields stormwater management."	City Council		Development and Engagement	Pending additional analysis and stakeholder input. Went to Council on 10/27/2022 and was partially adopted with remainder of content postponed. Several individual ordinances likely. Anticipating review and adoption May 2024.	WPD	Planning
C20-2022-005B	Environmental and Stormwater Management Amendments Phase 1	Amend Title 25 to increase water quality and erosion protections along the Colorado River below Longhorn Dam and to adopt new landscaping requirements for high-intensity development, with the goal of increasing health and well-being for people and the environment.		11/1/2022	Development and Engagement	Pending additional analysis and stakeholder input. Went to Council on 10/27/2022 and was partially adopted with remainder of content postponed. Several individual ordinances likely. Anticipating review and adoption February 2024.	WPD	Planning
C20-2021-011	ADU Expansion	Amend Title 25 to clarify and expand where ADUs can be allowed.	City Council	2/1/2022	Development and Engagement	Resolution accomplished through Single Family Lot and Use Modifications Phase 1 & Phase 2.		Planning
C20-2023-032	Mobile Food Establishment Distance Filing Deadline	Amend Title 25 to remove the February deadline for requesting additional distance requirements in n § 25-2-812 – Mobile Food Establishments.		None Specified	Initiation	Awaiting determination of timeline and case manager.	Planning	



C20-2023-031	Front or Side Yard Parking Filing Deadlines	Amendment to remove the February deadline for requesting parking restrictions in § 12-5-29 Front or Side Yard Parking	Planning Commission	None Specified	Initiation	Awaiting determination of timeline and case manager.	Planning	
C20-2023-007	Town Zoning	Amend Title 25-2 to create a new zoning overlay.	Planning Commission	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Anticipated to be included in New Zoning Districts (Comprehensive Approach).	Planning	
C20-2023-006	Compatibility Standards Waiver	Amend Title 25-2 relating to waivers for compatibility standards.	Planning Commission	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Recommendations released through Compatibility Study mandated in Ordinance No. 20221201-056 in briefing to the Housing and Planning Committee.	Planning	DSD
C20-2023-005	Compatibility on Corridors Expansion	Amend Title 25-2 Corridor Overlay Combining District to add additional corridors.	Planning Commission	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Recommendations released through Compatibility Study mandated in Ordinance No. 20221201-056 in briefing to the Housing and Planning Committee.	Planning	Housing
C20-2022-018	Noxious Land Uses	Amend Title 25 to create new land uses or conditional uses for certain zoning districts	Planning Commission	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Will be addressed with the New Zoning Districts (Comprehensive Approach).	Planning	
C20-2022-003	South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan	Amend Title 25 to implement the South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan to execute the Vision Plan and other applicable City of Austin goals and policies.	Planning Commission	12/1/2022	Development and Engagement	Review and Adoption Process will begin in February 2024 and progress through the Spring of 2024.	Planning	Housing
C20-2021-002	Affordability Unlocked Site Plan Changes	Amend Title 25 site plan regulations related to Affordability Unlocked.	Planning Commission	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Combining with Site Plan Lite 2 - Proposed response to this directive will be included in response to second directive under "Site Plan Lite."	DSD	
C20-2018-004	Mirrored Glass	Amend Title 25 to rewrite definition of mirrored glass to incorporate best practices.	Planning Commission	None Specified	Development and Engagement	Anticipating review and adoption December 2025.	Planning	
C20-2023-027	Parkland Dedication Repeal and Replace	Amend Title 25 to repeal and replace Article 14 - Parkland Dedication as required by HB 1526.		1/1/2024	Review and Adoption	Geographic Boundaries: → City Council 11/2/2023 Code Amendment: → Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee 10/18/2023 → Planning Commission 10/24/2023 → City Council 11/9/2023	PARD	

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