

**Agenda Item: Discussion Item**

Title: Original Ordinance No. 2016 amending various sections of Title 15.08 and 15.14 of Laramie Municipal Code regarding Downtown Commercial Zoning District regulations.

Background:

The present amendment is initiated by the City of Laramie as part of the continual effort to keep the Unified Development Code (UDC) accurate, correct concerns, and remove potential avenues of confusion. All prior revisions to LMC Chapter 15 (Unified Development Code) can be found online at www.cityoflaramie.org/UDC.

The proposed text updates will encourage development within the DC District and put less restrictive practices on developers, while also ensuring a more vibrant downtown by ensuring higher quality design and use of land. Laramie Downtown is many times the first place that visitors encounter and staff believes that this text amendment will contribute to a sustainable growth in the DC District, and surrounding areas as our downtown grows and implement best planning practices for downtowns.

The amendments and updates within this UDC Text Amendment have been gathered through efforts of City Staff and Laramie Main Street throughout the past few years. These amendments and additions were also prompted through project experience, new business models, enquiries from the public and staff's constant effort to improve Laramie's UDC as development continues to evolve.

The proposed amendments have been presented to the Laramie Main Street for review. Laramie Main Street has shown its support for these code updates and has also been present throughout the process of the update and creation of these codes.

Proposed Text Amendments:

- Update façade materials and percent allowed
- Update minimum and maximum building heights for the DC District
- Update code to prohibit temporary banners within the DC District
- Regulate percent of transparency required for public facing storefronts
- Include Patio design standards for the DC District
- Update protruding signage size
- Propose minimum Building Footprint
- Remove Maximum Building Size
- Propose no parking requirements for residential development in DC District

Legal/Statutory Authority:

- Laramie Municipal Code: Title 15 (Unified Development Code)

- Wyoming State Statutes Title 15 Cities and Towns, Article 5 Planning
 - Wyoming State Statutes Title 15 Cities and Towns, Article 6 Zoning
 - Laramie Comprehensive Plan
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