

## Legislation Text

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Subject:  
ULUC - Downtown Phase II Policy Discussion Part 2

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**PURPOSE:**

Further discussion on Phase II of amending the city's code relative to development in Downtown.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

<b>Staff Presenters:</b>	Kathleen Osher, Manager of Innovation & Performance Excellence
<b>Additional Presenters:</b>	Bret C. Keast, AICP, CEO, Kendig Keast Collaborative Brian Mabry, AICP, Principal-in-Charge, Code Practice Leader, Kendig Keast Collaborative Nore' Winter, Principal and Owner, Winter & Company

**SUMMARY:**

Kendig Keast Collaborative will further discuss the transition for Littleton's land use and zoning codes as they apply to Downtown. This transition is moving away from our current mostly use-based requirements with separate design standards and guidelines to be more character- and form-based with integrated design standards.

Character standards relate to how landscaped or open areas, paved surfaces, and building placement create a sense of place. Form-based regulations concentrate on the design of a building in terms of windows, step backs to reduce massing, roof forms, and building materials and the placement of the building relative to the street.

In this packet, Kendig Keast Collaborative has provided seven additional policy questions for Council discussion. This discussion combined with the input from both Envision Studios and the Council discussion on May 19 will inform the draft to be released on July 1 as Phase II draft amendments ready for public review and comment.

**PRIOR ACTIONS OR DISCUSSIONS:**

Envision Littleton was developed to be a multi-year and multi-milestone commitment to planning for the next 20 years of the city. The top priority identified in the Comprehensive Plan is to update the city's regulatory framework and transition to a Unified Land Use Code. The Unified Land Use Code kicked off during the February 10, 2020 community event hosted at Town Hall Arts Center and the February 11 Joint Leadership Session of City Council and Planning Commission. The first Envision Studio focused on Downtown, was held as a virtual webinar on March 23, 2020 with 70 participants. Staff provided a brief update to Council on the progress of the Unified Land Use Code project and adjusted timeline on May 5, 2020. The second Envision

Studio focused on Downtown, was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. as a virtual webinar with 72 community attendees plus about 20 staff, members of Council and Boards, and consultants. Council held a study session on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 to begin the policy discussion that will provide direction for the public draft of Phase II amendments to the city's existing code set to release on July 1, 2020. After the May 19, 2020 study session council provided written responses to the policy questions (attached) in preparation for the June 2, 2020 study session.

**ANALYSIS:**

Staff Analysis

The transition to the Unified Land Use Code is on schedule and on budget. Phase II amendments to the city's existing code relative to Downtown development are also on schedule and on budget.

Council Goal, Objective, and/or Guiding Principle

Council Goal 1 - Envision Littleton

Fiscal Impacts

N/A

Alternatives

N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A