

Press Release

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Re: Land Use Ordinance Update

We have received a great deal of input from property owners concerning the proposed land use ordinances and we encourage additional input and participation. As you may be aware, Kootenai County's comprehensive plan was adopted in 2010. We are now drafting the code, the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC), to implement the plan. The code will guide development in the unincorporated area of the county.

The proposed code recognizes the validity of existing land uses. It will clearly define and distinguish zones and assign appropriate development to them. It suggests suitable densities for these zones. It also offers a variety of ways development can occur, while protecting natural resources and communities. Further, the county is now negotiating with various cities to create workable Area of City Impact agreements.

We invite you to be involved in the code writing process. We have set up advisory and technical committees to assist the professional code writing firm hired by the county. When the representative visits, he meets with these committees and various interest groups and conducts a public meeting on the code. All the meetings are open to the public.

On the project website you will find chapter drafts posted, past comments submitted by the public, and instructions on how you can submit your comments. After the code draft is completed, we encourage you to share your views at planning commission and county commissioner hearings. Your questions and ideas are important to us and everyone living in Kootenai County.

The next Kendig Keast Public Workshop regarding Design, Housing, Neighborhoods, and Places will take place on Tuesday, June 26 at 5:45 pm in the Coeur d'Alene Public Library Community Room. We invite you to participate. Other meetings take place at various times on Monday

through Wednesday of next week. The times and locations are posted at <u>kccode.com.</u> Once there, click "Calendar," or call 446-1070.

For more information about the Unified Land Use Code (ULUC), we encourage you to visit the project website at http://www.kccode.com. The Board encourages the public and agencies to provide input online at http://www.zoningplus.com/regs/kootenai/, or attend and participate in the upcoming ULUC public meetings.