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What is CodeNEXT?

- The 3-year process to update Austin's Land Development Code.
- A community collaboration between Austin's residents, businesses and the City of Austin.
- To align our regulations with the Imagine Austin vision of a better future for all Austinites.

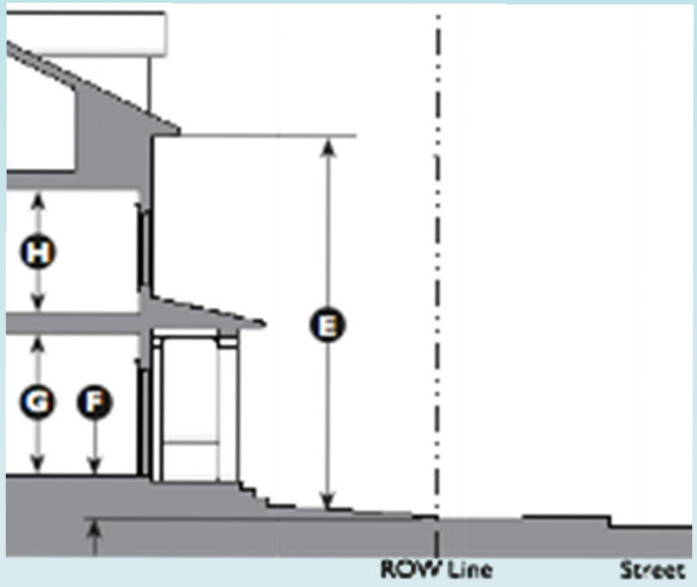
Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan

- Adopted community vision
- Guide for managing change
- Reference for decision making
- Direction for more detailed city plans, investments, initiatives

What is the Land Development Code (LDC)?

Regulations for the use and development of land:

- WHAT can be built
- WHERE it can be built
- HOW MUCH can be built
- HOW it can be used
- WHEN it can be used



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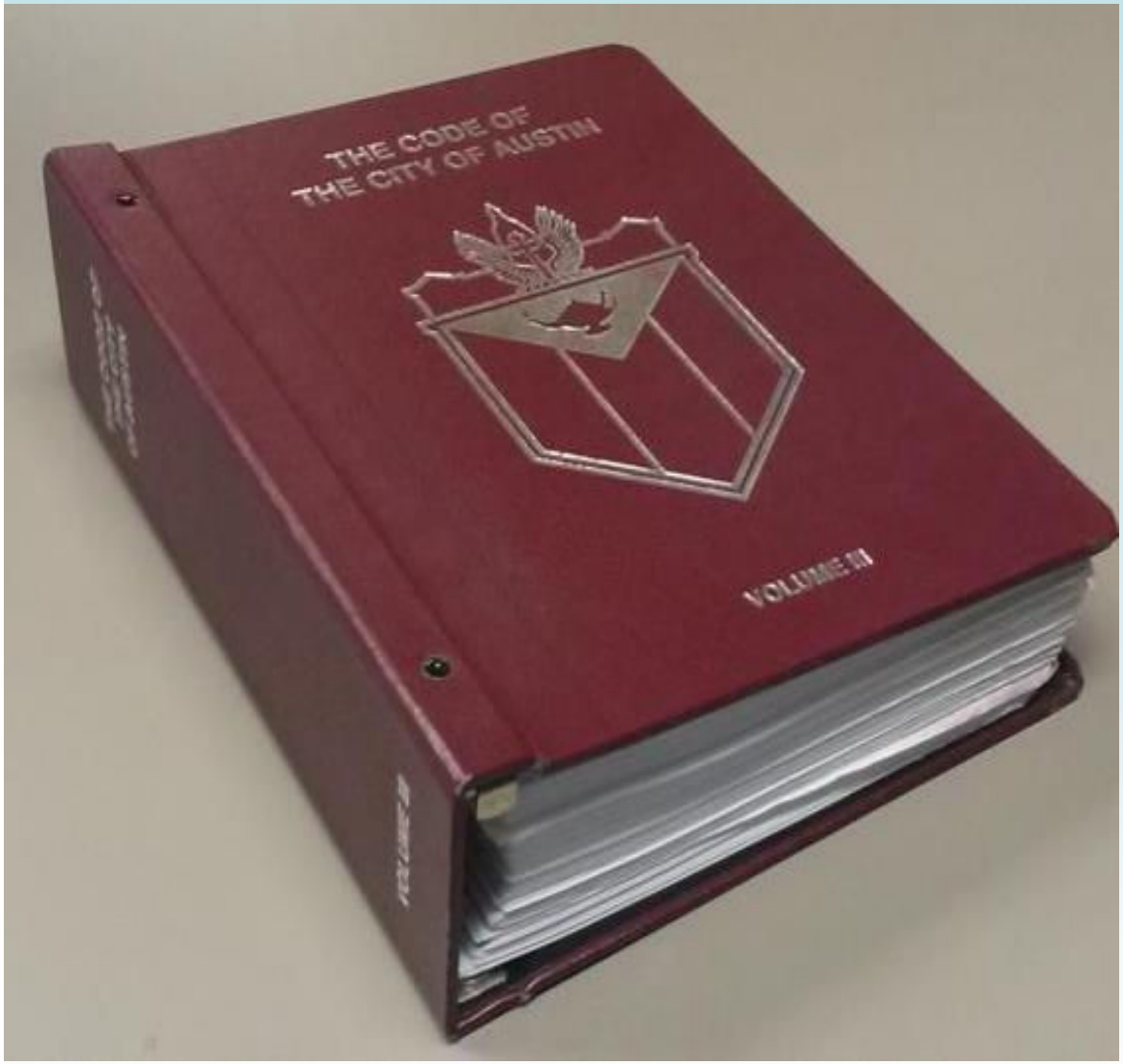
Height		
Principal Building		
Stories	4 Stories max.	
To Eave/Parapet	40' max.	E
Overall	52' max.	
Outbuilding	2 Stories max.	
To Eave/Parapet	18' max.	
Overall	28' max.	

Why Revise the Code?

The Code has been amended hundreds of times over the years.



- Zoning
- Subdivisions
- Site Plans
- Drainage
- Transportation
- Environment
- Buildings
- Signs . . . and more!

Understanding Community Character

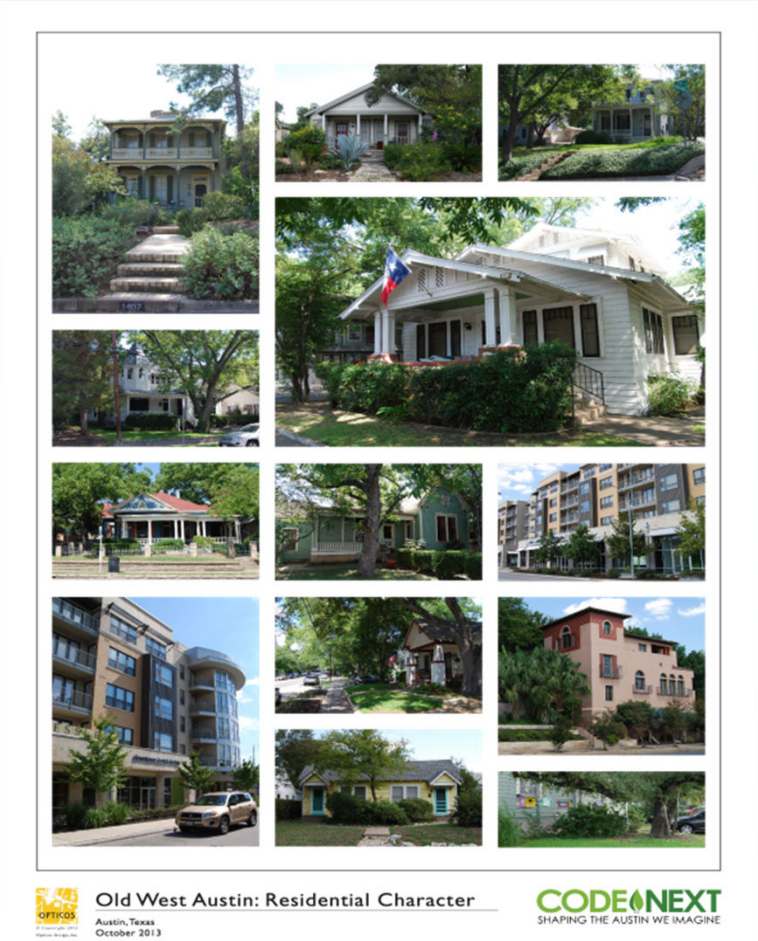
The Code should respond to the "DNA" of an area: the streets, blocks, parks and open spaces, that make each place unique.

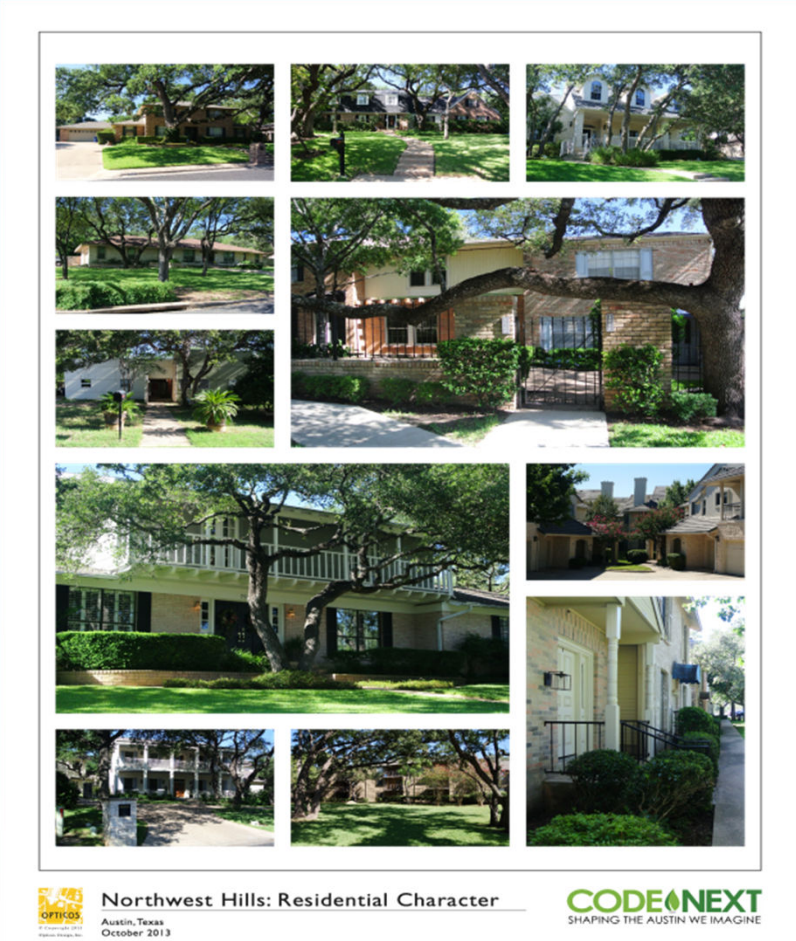
Old West Austin

Northwest Hills

Understanding Community Character

The Code should respond to the look and size of buildings as they relate to the street and to one another.





Encouraging Missing Middle Housing: Key to Code Success

Austin's Missing Middle

Timeline: Code Revision

2013 2014 2015 2016

STEP 1 — JUL 2013-JAN 2014 — LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

STEP 2 — JUL 2013-JUL 2014 — CODE DIAGNOSIS & DRAFT CODE OUTLINE

STEP 3 — AUG 2014-SEPT 2015 — CODE DEVELOPMENT

STEP 4 — OCT 2015-JUNE 2016 — CODE ADOPTION

Outreach Efforts to Date

- Interviews with about 100 stakeholders
- 4 large public listening sessions
- Direct contact with over 150 community organizations
- Presented to over 40 community groups
- Recruiting ambassadors from traditionally underrepresented communities

Listening to the Community

- What's important to people about the places where they live, work, and play

- How the current code is impacting them

To Date, Hundreds of Austinites, Thousands of Comments

What people **Like** about the places they live:

- Parks and natural areas
- Neighborhood character and diversity

What people **Dislike** about the places they live:

- Traffic, lack of transit options
- Lack of neighborhood businesses
- Increased cost of living and impact of rapid growth

Input about **Biggest Issues** to address:

- Streamline, simplify, and eliminate Code conflicts
- Mobility, affordability, density, and diversity of housing
- Protection of neighborhood character and parks and open space

Ways You Can Participate

Small-group meetings (like this one)

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