

LDC Rewrite
Summary of Input from Phase One – Internal
August 22, 2017

<i>What Changes Would You Like to See in the LDC Rewrite?</i>	<i>Number of Responses</i>
Increase Diversity of Uses in the LDC	2
Provide for More Flexibility in the Uses in the LDC	
Simplify LDC/Easier to Navigate/Improve Organization	20
Provide a Mix of Rural and Downtown Development Options	
Increase the Amount of Applications that Are Subject to Administrative Approval	4
Preserve Hudson's Historic Character	2
Ease Development Restriction Outside of the City's Historical District	
Shorten the Application Processes in the LDC	3
Promote a Mix of Lot Sizes and Shapes	
Promote an Increase in Trail/Path Connectivity	
Sidewalks on Only One Side of Street	
Promote an Increase in Walkability w/in the Neighborhoods	
Improve Code Enforcement/Increase Penalties	8
Ensure Consistency Between the Comprehensive Plan and any Proposed LDC Changes	2
Retain the Checks and Balances on Applications, but Reduce the Unnecessary Length and Complexity of the Application Process	3
Be More Judicious When Granting Variances to Riparian Setback/Wetland Areas	
Deal with the Marijuana Issue Now	2
Provide for and Regulate Cottage Homes	4
Create a Larger Critical Mass for the Downtown Area Through Development of Veteran's Way	
Allow Bed and Breakfasts	
Incorporate the International Property Maintenance Code into the LDC	
Keep Things at an 8 th Grade Reading Level	2
Include Footnotes to the Proper Application/Process Section within the LDC	
Add Start/End Dates for Substantial Completion of Projects	
Signs – Clarify Location Restrictions	
Create the Ability to Intervene in Situations Where Grading Effects Drainage	2
Clearly Distinguish Between Regulations that Apply City-Wide and Those That Do Not	
Clarify What is Needed in Any Given Application	2
Simplify Section 1203 and 1204	
Promote Residential Growth	
Simplify and Standardize Standards Between Districts	
Ensure that the LDC Does Not Prohibit Affordable Housing	
Allow Flexibility in Garage/Garage Door Orientation	6
Allow Drive-Thrus	2
Streamline the Table of Contents and Make it More Useful	3
Employ More Charts, Tables, and Visual Aids	5
Do Not Include Zoning Regulations in Definitions	
Clarify Definitions	3
Allow for Administrative Time Extensions on Projects that Have Received Approval	
Promote a Variety of Housing Types	8
Implement More Overlay Districts	2

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Include Regulations that will Attract Millennials, Young Families, and Empty Nesters – From Both a Style and Affordability Standpoint	5
Signs – Regulate Sandwich Board Signs	3
Signs – Add More Forgiveness for Sign Setback and Size in Industrial Districts	
Revise the Parking Code to Accommodate Both Downtown and Current Needs	4
Consistently Apply the LDC in Both the Historic and Outer Areas – Or, Lighten Regulation for Non-Historic Areas	
Ensure Accountability for Contractors Who Willfully Violate LDC Standards	
Require Grading Permits for Residential Projects w/in 10 Feet of Property Line	
Craft Regulations that Will Encourage Property Owners to Update Existing Nonconforming Uses and Structures	
Allow Variable Roadway Width on Secondary Streets and/or Cul-de-Sacs	
Require LED Lighting in New Developments	
Revise Accessory Structure Regulations so that The Regulations on Size Match Current Standard Building Materials and Sizes	2
Add Regulations for Wind Turbines	
Improve Storm Water Regulation	
Review Sidewalk Regulations	
Grant Planning Commission the Authority to Relax Landscaping Requirements	
Promote and Incentivize Green Building Techniques	
Promote Improved Bicycle Connectivity	
Promote and Incentivize Revitalization of the City's Southern Corridor	
Promote and Incentivize Building Rehab	

<i>What Works in the Current LDC?</i>	<i>Number of Responses</i>
Robust Collection of Definitions	
Districts Mapped Well	2
General Rules for Number and Size of Signs	
Parking Code	
Relaxed Development Standards in Districts 6 and 8	
Roles of Reviewing Boards and Commissions	

Changes Most Frequently Requested:

1. Simplify the LDC/Make it Easier to Navigate/Improve Organization (20)
2. Improve Code Enforcement/Provide for Enhanced Penalties for Noncompliance (8)
3. Promote a Variety of Housing Types (8)
4. Allow Flexibility in Garage/Garage Door Orientation (6)
5. Employ More Charts, Tables, and Visual Aids (5)
6. Include Regulations that will Attract Millennials, Young Families, and Empty Nesters (5)

Facts About Input from Phase One – Internal (the City's Elected and Appointed Staff):

- 19 individual interviews, 1 online survey available to interviewees, and input from the City's land use boards during public meetings (AHBR, BZBA, and PC)