



***UDC Amendment Request Application for External Parties***  
***(neighborhoods, external agencies, stakeholders, etc.)***

***Part 1. Applicant Information***

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(Include title if representing a governmental agency or public/private organization)

***Part 2. Basis for Update (check only one)***

- ☒ Clarification amendments to provide for ease of interpretation and understanding of the existing provisions of the UDC  
(Note: Clarification amendments should not change or alter the intent or meaning of existing UDC provisions)
- ☐ Editing change that does not alter the impact of the provisions being addressed including changes such as spelling,  
grammar correction, formatting, text selection, or addition of text in compliance with existing ordinance, statutes or case law
- ☐ Completed Rule Interpretation Determination (RID)
- ☐ Requested by the Zoning Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, HDRC, City Council or other appropriate  
city board or council (CCR, resolution or signature of the chairperson is required)

***Part 3. Reason(s) for Update (check all that apply)***

- ☐ Modify procedures and standards for workability and administrative efficiency
- ☐ Eliminate unnecessary development costs
- ☐ Update the procedures and standards to reflect changes in the law or the state of the art in land use planning and urban design
- ☒ See Part 4 (if none of the provided choices in this section apply, please discuss the reasons for the proposed update in Part 4)

***Part 4. Summary of Proposed Update with Suggested Text (see application instructions)***

This will be an update to the UDC for a water quality protection area in the West Side Creeks to include Martinez Creek,  
Zarzamora Creek, Alazan Creek, Apache Creek, and San Pedro Creek. This protection area would ensure adequate  
treatment of storm water runoff that may potentially adversely affect the water quality in the West Side Creeks.

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25. Tire repair - auto and small truck.
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**B. Nonconforming Uses.** Any use prohibited by section A which is existing on the effective date of the ordinance from which this chapter is derived may continue so long as the conditions herein are met. Prohibited Uses at the time of the adoption of this Section are exempt from the prohibition, for so long as that land use is continuous, is not subject to any other limitation listed under Section 35-702, et. al of the UDC. This exemption terminates if the property is redeveloped, or any other limitation listed under Sections 35-702 to 35-707 becomes applicable. Redevelopment is defined in Appendix H of the UDC. All single-family residential lots are exempt from the LID requirements in accordance with 35-###.

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maintenance agreement will be designed to maintain the function of the hydrology, ecological restoration and storm water run-off mitigation in keeping with this chapter and shall generally conform to best management practices as documented in Appendix E Recommended Plant List and section 35-210 of this chapter.

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