



UDC Amendment Request Application for Internal Parties ***(City of San Antonio Departments)***

Part 1. Applicant Information

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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)
- ☒ City of San Antonio Staff Amendment

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)

Adds language to Sec. 35-523. - Statement of Purpose related to the role of tree canopy in mitigating climate change, Urban Heat Island (UHI), and equity.

Part 5. Cost Impact Statement

Section 35-11(a) of the UDC requires that all requests for amendments include a Cost Impact Statement. The Cost Impact Statement should be justified with substantiating information, such as cost estimates or studies.

The requested change to the UDC (*please check appropriate box*):

By how much?

(Indicate either a dollar amount or percentage above or below current construction and/or development costs)

- A. ☒ Will not impact the cost of construction and/or development.
- B. ☐ Will increase the cost of construction and/or development.
- C. ☐ Will decrease the cost of construction and/or development.

Part 6. Cost Impact Narrative and Back-Up Information

Please fully quantify the Cost Impact Statement that was provided in Part 5. Attach all relevant data and associated costs that you wish to have considered as well as a narrative explaining how the Cost Impact Statement was developed. If you need additional space, please attach additional sheets.

Be sure to:

- *Consider and indicate initial and long-term maintenance costs;*
- *Consider city cost (i.e. personnel costs and costs to enforce);*
- *Indicate and be able to rationalize the baseline (current costs) and the cost projections associated with your request.*

The edits to the Statement of Purpose have no cost impact.

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UDC 2021 Proposed Amendment

Amendment 18-4**Applicant: Office of Sustainability****Amendment Title** – ‘Sec. 35-523 – Tree Preservation.’**Amendment Language:**

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

While allowing the reasonable improvement of land within the city and city's ETJ, it is stated public policy of the city to maintain, to the greatest extent possible, existing trees within the city and the ETJ, and to add to the tree population within the city and the ETJ to promote a high tree canopy goal. The planting of additional trees and preservation of existing trees in the city and the ETJ is intended to accomplish, where possible, the following objectives:

- [To ensure that the City of San Antonio maximizes tree canopy as a tool to address climate change, as trees sequester carbon, mitigate extreme heat, and improve air quality. This is particularly important in areas with a high combined equity score in the City of San Antonio's Equity Atlas, as well as areas with significant Urban Heat Island \(UHI\) impacts. Tree species selection should consider future climate change impacts to ensure that San Antonio's overall tree population is more resilient to climate trends as outlined in the SA Climate Ready Plan.](#)
