



City of Ocean Springs

## Press Release

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### Ocean Springs Releases Updated DRAFT of the Unified Development Code

**Ocean Springs, MS.** – Following public meetings held April 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the DRAFT of the Unified Development Code (UDC) has been updated. Comments received from the public, stakeholder groups, and city staff were reviewed and the draft modified to reflect concerns and recommended changes. The updated draft is dated **May 14, 2018** and is available on the city’s website at the address listed at the bottom of this release.

Written comments will continue to be accepted on the most current DRAFT document. They can be submitted either:

- Via email to [planningadmin@oceansprings-ms.gov](mailto:planningadmin@oceansprings-ms.gov) with “UDC COMMENTS” in the reference line, OR
- Standard mail to:     Attn: UDC Comments  
                                  OS Planning Department  
                                  PO Box 1800  
                                  Ocean Springs, MS 39566

The next step in the process will be an internal review by city staff and Planning Commissioners, followed by Public Hearings. The Public Hearings are anticipated to be scheduled in or about early August 2018.

Both the scheduled Public Hearing dates and a deadline for input will be announced once scheduled.

The purpose of the UDC is to consolidate and replace the current Zoning Ordinance Code and Subdivision Regulations that were first adopted in 1984. The UDC will update, streamline, and clarify these land development regulations while incorporating lessons learned and current development and regulatory issues. Elements of the UDC include but are not limited to: Zoning and subdivision regulations; development review procedures; landscaping and design standards; stormwater and floodplain management; roads and sidewalks; utility standards and the public approval process for development.

City residents and those that do business with the City are encouraged to review the Draft UDC and participate in the review and Public Hearing process.

The current UDC Draft is available to view or download as a pdf document at: [UDC DRAFT - 05-14-18](#)

[[http://assets.convergeapp.net/ClientSite/7685/Resources/UDC%20March%2029%20Review\\_Draft.pdf](http://assets.convergeapp.net/ClientSite/7685/Resources/UDC%20March%2029%20Review_Draft.pdf)]

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