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Development Services November 2010 Newsletter

UDC Updates

On November 18th, 2010 City Council approved the bi-annual amendments to the UDC. This year's UDC update process considered updates to 350 subsections of the code, grouped into 120 amendments. The amendments include a number of changes to the zoning provisions, development standards as well as administrative and procedural updates consistent with other policies currently in place. The UDC updates will take effect on January 1, 2011.

Zoning items of interest include simplification of the permitted use tables, the flex zoning districts and conditional use site plan requirements. Other zoning items include clarification of provisions for renewable energy generation facilities, fences, specified financial institutions and wireless communication systems consistent with rule interpretations issued since 2008.

Development standards addressed in the update program include technical criteria for parks, streets, storm water and floodplain development and signage provisions in the RIO and Historic Districts.

Administrative changes include clarification of Department and Director designations consistent with the approved FY2011 budget ordinance, legal instruments related to site improvements and updates to the City's public art program.

Special thanks goes to Andrew Spurgin who led this effort. Going forward, changes to the UDC will occur every five years instead of every two years.



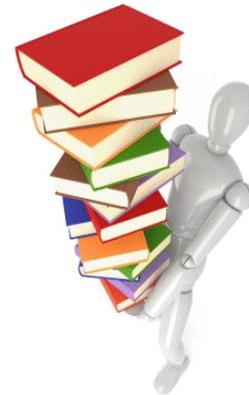
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Antonio

Be sure to attend the department's training on the UDC amendments which is scheduled for December 17th, 2010.

For more information please visit the UDC webpage at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/udc.asp>

Lunch and Learn Training

Development Services hosts monthly Lunch and Learn training sessions taught by experts in their respective disciplines. These sessions cover key issues in the development process, address current trends and concerns, and provide beneficial information to our customers, community and stakeholders. Each of these FREE sessions last about an hour and a half and are held in Training Rooms A/B on the second floor of the Cliff Morton Development and Business Services Center, 1901 S. Alamo. Our scheduled courses are listed below.



UDC Amendments

Dec. 17, 2010

Sign Policies and Procedures

Jan. 21, 2011

For more information and registration, visit our website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/lunchlearn.asp>

DSD Holiday Schedule



The Cliff Morton Development and Business Service Center (One Stop) will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26, 2010 (Thanksgiving)
- Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27, 2010 (Christmas)
- Friday, December 31 (New Years Eve)

To see the complete City of San Antonio Holiday Schedule, click [here](#).

San Antonio Bikes Program

San Antonio is one of 18 communities across the nation and the only community in Texas to be designated as a Bronze Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of

American Bicyclists. The city was evaluated on engineering, education, encouragement, evaluation and planning, and enforcement.

For more information, check out the website at:



<http://www.sanantonio.gov/oep/sabikes/default.aspx>

SABCA

Save the Date!

The San Antonio Building Codes Academy will host training sessions focusing on the adopted 2009 International Fuel Gas Code and the anticipated adoption of the 2011 National Electrical Code.

Registration fees for the 2009 IFGC Design, Installation and Inspection Principals are \$160. Registration fees for the 2011 NEC Analysis of Changes are \$75. The course schedule will be as follows:

Jan 25, 2011	2009 IFGC Design, Installation & Inspection Principals
Jan 26, 2011	2011 NEC Analysis of Changes--Morning Session
Jan 26, 2011	2011 NEC Analysis of Changes--Afternoon Session
Jan 27, 2011	2009 IFGC Design, Installation & Inspection Principals

For more information, check out the website at:

<http://www.sanantonio.gov/dsd/sabca.asp>



New Information Bulletins

We recently posted these [Information Bulletins](#) to our website www.sanantonio.gov/dsd:

[IB 148 - Requirements for Cooperative Parking Agreements](#)- the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to inform the public about the process for a cooperative parking plan to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy (COO). The IB contains the standards, policy exceptions as well as a copy of the application form.

[IB 527 - Sound Attenuation Compliance Certification](#) - the purpose of this Information Bulletin is to clarify the changes to the UDC with respect to the Military Sound Attenuation Overlay District (MSAO). The IB details the applicability, standards and options for compliance as well as applicant certification requirements.



City Council Items

[Electrified Barriers](#) - On October 21, 2010, City Council approved an ordinance to amend the City's electrical code to allow for the use of electrified barriers. The use of these barriers will be limited to commercial use.

New Employee Certification

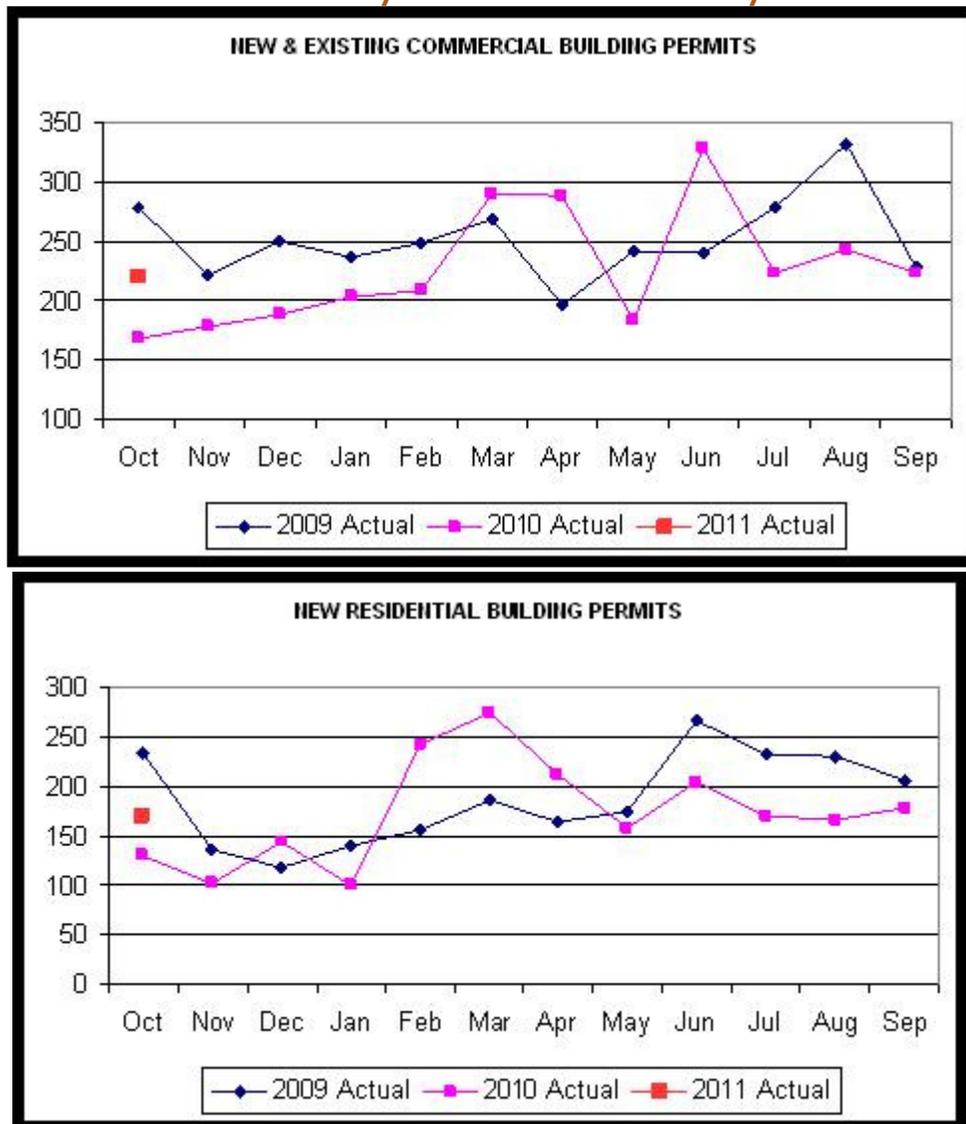
Elizabeth Carol, Senior Management Analyst, recently achieved her AICP Certification! Great job Elizabeth!

FY 2010 Performance Measures

October Performance Data:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Performance</i>
Major Plats Technical Review (Goal: 35 Calendar Days only)	23 Calendar Days (DSD)
Residential Plans Review (Goal: 3 Working Days)	1 Working Day
Complex Commercial Plan Review (Goal: 18 Calendar Days)	11 Calendar Days
Inspections Performed as Scheduled (Goal: 96%)	93% as Scheduled
Call Center Telephone Abandonment Rate (Goal: 5%)	4% Abandoned
Customer Service Survey Score (Scale 1-5, highest is 5)	4.61

Monthly Permit Activity



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