

Dubuque, Iowa Unified Development Code*



The City of Dubuque is an older historic city along the Mississippi River with a population of approximately 60,000 people. The current regulations had not been completely updated in years.

The Unified Development Code was designed to combine a number of different zoning and development codes into one document. These included the zoning districts, subdivision regulations, design criteria, and other key components found in City Code.

A major concern during the project was to develop a regulation that was one-stop and was user-friendly in the end.

Throughout the process the planning consultants met with key players in the community including sign company representatives, developers, housing representatives, staff, legal counsel, and others.



Items to Address:

There were a number of major issues that needed to be addressed in the new UDC including:

- Protection of bluffline along Mississippi River
- Historic preservation including updating the Preservation Ordinance
- Updating existing Euclidean zoning districts
- Signs
- Big box developments
- Parking standards
- Adult entertainment
- Subdivision Regulations
- Incorporation of sustainability concepts

Web Site Location of UDC

<http://www.cityofdubuque.org/DocumentView.aspx?DID=1828>



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Chapter Award Winner 2010**

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**2011 winner of the Iowa League of Cities
All-Star Community Award for their Unified
Development Code
Special recognition for Sustainability**

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