

2014/2015 Development Code Update: Scope

Various parts of the Edmonds Community Development Code have been amended over the years. A more comprehensive approach to updating the code is underway. This reflects the City Council's allocation of funding for a major code update, along with funding to update certain special code topics. (Note: The overarching process for this effort is outlined in a short report entitled "2014/2015 Development Code Update: Process.") Below are two lists of topics currently being considered for the Development Code Update, followed by a note about the general approach.

Special Update Topics

The following topics have received specific funding for a code update in the 2014/2015 period:

- Shoreline Master Program Regulations
- Tree Code
- Critical Area Regulations

General Update Topics

The following topics are being considered within the broad 2014/2015 Development Code Update scope for which the City Council has allocated funding:

- Subdivisions
- Planned residential developments
- Stormwater management (especially development standards for low-stormwater impact, "LID")
- Design review
- Streets and sidewalks
- Right of way construction
- General zoning requirements (e.g., nonconformances)
- Signage
- Multifamily residential
- Accessory dwelling requirements
- Administrative procedures and decision criteria
- Definitions
- Site development standards
- Animals
- "Green" requirements (i.e., potential requirements for increased energy efficiency or other environmentally-friendly purposes)
- Other issues, as resources allow

Note: As much as possible, the General Update Topics above will be addressed in the 2014/2015 period. Some items may need to be addressed further in a future Development Code Update phase.

General Approach

1. The proposed update is intended to clarify terminology, requirements, processes, and roles.
2. Some policy issues may be identified for potential updating.
3. Reorganizing of chapters will be proposed to make information easier to find and more logically arranged.
4. Issues that cannot be addressed in the 2014/2015 update may be addressed in a future phase.