

2025 ORDINANCE

San Juan County

Public Meeting

The Public Awareness Committee of Citizens of SJC is holding public meetings at various locations to help folks better understand the new ordinance changes and how the new LUDMO (Land Use, Development, and Management Ordinance) differs from the current 2011 ordinance.

We will present the ordinances and then answer questions and concerns to the best of our ability.

If you have concerns, complaints, or suggestions for the county bring them to this meeting. Bring as many friends and family as you can, we all need to be educated on these proposed changes.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Wednesday	Feb 12	La Sal Recreation Center	7:00pm - 8:30pm
Saturday	Feb 15	Eastland School House	1:00pm - 3:00pm
Monday	Feb 24	Monticello Library	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Tuesday	Feb 25	Blanding Library	6:30pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday	Feb 26	3250 S. Elk Ridge Drive (Lyn and Carol Martin home)	6:30pm - 8:30pm

If you have questions about this meeting call:

Dr. Shanon Brooks (435) 590 -1661

**Public Awareness
Committee of Citizens (PACC)
Discussing San Juan County
Planning and Zoning**

FOUR PART PRESENTATION

- A. OPENING**
- B. WHAT IS CLUDMA AND LUDMO?**
- C. 2011 AND 2025 SIDE BY SIDE**
- D. QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS -**
Please write down questions and concerns
and hold until the end

NO RECORDING

Over the past month, on several occasions, I have heard people say that “they trusted the County/Planning Commission to do their job.” That will only work if we do our job as citizens.

The Price of Liberty in SJC is:

- 1. Spending time electing representatives**
- 2. TRUST but VERIFY/check integrity of officials (elected and hired) by:**
 - A. Holding officials accountable to follow the minimum law required**
 - B. Attending public and government meetings**
 - C. Becoming and remaining informed**

SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH



ZONING ORDINANCE (Amended Sept. 2011)

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Land Use, Development and Management Ordinance

Approved at Planning Commission on January 9, 2025
to the County Commission on January 21, 2025
for Public Hearing & Adoption

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SAN JUAN COUNTY LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT, AND MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE (2025)

Pursuant to Utah Code sections 17-27a-101 *et seq.*, the County Land Use, Development, and Management Act (CLUDMA), San Juan County hereby adopts this San Juan County Land Use, Development, and Management Ordinance (LUDMO). This enactment supersedes and replaces all other ordinances San Juan County has previously adopted governing land use, development, and management, together with their amendments, maps, and modifications. Any other ordinances and maps referencing such prior ordinances and maps are hereby amended to reference the appropriate LUDMO provision and map. If any portions of prior maps or provisions of prior ordinances not hereby revoked conflict with the LUDMO and the maps adopted herewith, the LUDMO and the maps adopted herewith shall govern. Where any right or authority granted to San Juan County by state law is not addressed herein, the state law governs.

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1-5 Definitions

For the purpose of this Ordinance certain words and terms are defined as follows: (Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the singular number include the plural and the plural the singular; words not included herein but defined in the Uniform Building Code shall be construed as defined therein).

(1) **Accessory Building.** Building not used for human occupancy which is secondary to the main structure on the same piece of property such as a shed or garage.

(2) **Affected Entity.** A county, municipality, local district, special service district created under state law, school district, interlocal cooperation entity established under state law, specified property owner, property owners association, public utility, or the Department of Transportation.

(3) **Agriculture.** The tilling of the soil, the raising of crops, horticulture and gardening, including the grazing and pasturing of domestic animals, but not including any agricultural business or industry, such as fruit-packing plants, fur farms, animal hospitals or similar uses.

(4) **Agricultural Industry or Business.** An industry or business involving agricultural products in packaging, treatment, sales, intensive feeding, or storage, including but not limited to animal feed yards, fur farms, commercial milk production, food packaging or processing plants, commercial poultry or egg production and similar uses as determined by the planning commission.

CHAPTER 1 DEFINITIONS

This LUDMO adopts the definitions for terms set forth in CLUDMA. The following additional terms or modifications of CLUDMA terms used in this LUDMO are defined as follows. ANY TERM NOT DEFINED IN CLUDMA OR HEREIN SHALL BE GIVEN ITS ORDINARY MEANING.

ABATEMENT: The repair, replacement, removal, destruction, correction, or other remedy of a condition which constitutes a violation of this LUDMO or the conditions or terms set by permits, licenses, or other approvals by such means, in such a manner, and to such an extent as an enforcement officer determines is necessary in the interest of the general health, safety, and welfare of County inhabitants.

ACCESSORY BUILDING: A building or structure, the use of which is incidental and subordinate in size and use to the main building and not intended as a dwelling.

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU): A building other than the primary dwelling which is used as a dwelling on a shared lot with the primary dwelling as either an internal or detached unit, including a long term RV, as defined by State code.

ACCESSORY USE: A use that:

1. is customarily incidental to and found in connection with a principal or main use;
2. is subordinate to and serves a principal or main use;
3. is subordinate in extent, area or purpose to the principal or main use;
4. is located on the same lot as the principal or main use; and
5. contributes to the comfort, convenience or necessity of occupants, business or industry of the principal or main use.

ADVERSELY AFFECTED PARTY: A person other than a land use applicant who: (a) owns real property adjoining the property that is subject of a land use application or land use decision; or (b) will suffer a damage different in kind than, or an injury distinct from, that of the general community as a result of the land use decision.

AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS: An industry or business involving agricultural products in packaging, treatment, sales, intensive feeding, or storage, including but not limited to animal feed yards, fur farms, commercial milk production, food packaging or processing plants, commercial poultry or egg production and similar uses.

AGRICULTURAL LAND: Land devoted to the raising of useful plants and animals with a reasonable expectation of profit, including: forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, livestock, trees and fruits, or vegetables, nursery, floral, and ornamental stock; Or land devoted

(5) Airport. A landing area used regularly by aircraft for receiving or discharging passengers or cargo. (FAA definition)

(6) Airstrip. An airfield without normal airport facilities.

(7) Alley: A public thoroughfare less than twenty-five (25) feet wide.

(8) Anemometer. An instrument for measuring wind force and velocity.

(9) Animal Unit. One (1) cow, one (1) horse, five (5) sheep or goats, or an equivalent number of smaller animals or fowl as determined by the Planning Commission.

(10) Appeal Authority. The person, board, commission, agency, or other body designated by this ordinance to decide an appeal of a decision of a land use application or variance.

to and meeting the requirements and qualifications for payments or other compensation under a crop-land retirement program with an agency of the state or federal government.

AGRICULTURAL ZONE: Those areas designated in the Zoning Ordinance of San Juan County, Utah as AG and where the primary permitted land use is as agricultural land.

AIRPORT: Any area of land or water used or intended for landing or takeoff of aircraft including appurtenant area used or intended for airport buildings, facilities, as well as rights of way together with the buildings and facilities.

AIRPORT APPROACH AREA: Means all that land which lies directly under an imaginary approach surface centered on the extended centerline at each end of a runway. The inner edge of the approach surface is at the same width and elevation and coincides with the end of the primary surface.

AIRPORT TRANSITION AREA: Means the land lying under those surfaces extending outward and upward at right angles to the runway centerline.

AIRPORT TURNING AREA: The area of an airport other than the approach zone, which is used for turning operations of aircraft.

AIRSTRIP: An airfield without normal airport facilities.

ALLEY: A public thoroughfare less than twenty-five feet (25') wide.

ALTERATION: Any change or rearrangement in the supporting members of an existing structure, such as bearing walls, columns, beams, girders or interior partitions, or any change in the dimensions or configurations of the roof or exterior walls, as well as any change of location of doors, windows, means of ingress or egress, or any expansion or diminution of a building or structure.

~~ALTERED: Any change in the construction or addition to a building that increases or decreases the capacity or changes the use.~~

ANGLE: The rotation required to superimpose either of two lines on the other.

ARENA: An indoor or outdoor, public or private, commercial or noncommercial facility which is set aside for showing, training or exercising livestock.

ATHLETIC CLUB: An establishment providing facilities for physical development, exercise, sports or recreation. Facilities may include exercise equipment, indoor and/or outdoor racquetball or tennis courts, jogging track, swimming pools, skating rink, indoor bathing, restaurant or snack bar, and sales of athletic equipment. Facilities may be open to the public for a fee, or available only to persons holding membership.

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1-1 Short Title

This Ordinance shall be known and may be so cited and pleaded as the "ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH"

1-2 Purpose

This Ordinance is designed and enacted for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of SAN JUAN COUNTY, including, among other things, the lessening of congestion in the streets or roads, securing safety from fire and other dangers, providing access to adequate light and air, classification of land uses and distribution of land development and utilization, protection of the tax base, securing economy in governmental expenditures, fostering agricultural and other industries, and the protection of both urban and non-urban development.

1-3 Interpretation

In interpreting and applying the provisions of this Ordinance, the requirements contained herein are declared to be the minimum requirements for the purposes set forth.

1-4 Conflict

This Ordinance shall not nullify the more restrictive provisions of covenants, agreements, other ordinances or laws, but shall prevail notwithstanding such provisions which are less restrictive.

1-5 Definitions

For the purpose of this Ordinance certain words and terms are defined as follows: (Words used in the present tense include the future; words in the singular number include the plural and the plural the singular; words not included herein but defined in the Uniform Building Code shall be construed as defined therein).

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CHAPTER 2

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1: PURPOSE

This LUDMO and the regulations and restrictions contained herein are adopted and enacted for the purposes enumerated in CLUDMA, including:

- i) providing for health, safety, and welfare;
- ii) promoting prosperity;
- iii) improving morals, peace, good order, comfort, convenience, and aesthetics;
- iv) protecting tax base;
- v) securing economy in governmental expenditures;
- vi) fostering agricultural and other industries;
- vii) protecting both urban and nonurban development;
- viii) protecting and ensuring access to sunlight for solar energy devices;
- ix) providing fundamental fairness in land use regulation;
- x) facilitating orderly growth and allowing growth in a variety of housing types;
- xi) and protecting property values.

This LUDMO shall be construed to further its purposes and to promote the objectives and characteristics of the respective zones.

Section 2: SHORT TITLE

These ordinances shall be known as the Land Use Development and Management Ordinance (LUDMO) and may be so cited and pleaded. Whenever a reference is made to this code as the San Juan County land use or development code, or to any portion hereof, or to any ordinance of San Juan County, Utah, codified herein, the reference shall apply to all amendments, corrections and additions heretofore, now or hereafter made.

Section 3: AUTHORITY PROVISIONS

It is hereby recognized to be within the authority delegated to San Juan County to approve the subdivision and development of land, amendment of plats or adjustment of lot lines, rezoning of property, amendments to the San Juan County San Juan County General Plan, and approval of site plans pursuant to the guidance of the San Juan County San Juan County General Plan and CLUDMA, for the orderly, planned, efficient, and economic development of San Juan County. Unless otherwise designated, the San Juan San Juan County Commission shall be the Land Use Authority for all applications requiring legislative action. Non-legislative actions are delegated as follows:

A. The Planning Commission shall be the Land Use Authority for:

1. Conditional Use Permits
2. Minor Plat Amendments
 - a) Combining two or more lots, all of which are owned by the same owner, and none of which have been dedicated for public use, common use, or a similar designation;
 - b) Modification of plat title, notes, or labels so long as they were not placed on the plat due to findings or conditions adopted by the San Juan County legislative body; or
 - c) Amendments applied for and signed by all affected property owners in the original subdivision and that do not increase density or significantly affect the layout of infrastructure, open space, or common areas; or
3. Final Subdivision Plats

B. The San Juan County Planning Administrator shall be the Land Use Authority for the following applications unless a public hearing is required:

1. Non-Conforming Use Determinations;
2. Temporary Uses;
3. Home Occupation Certificates;
4. Commercial Site Plans;
5. Commercial Off-Street Parking Reductions;
6. Building Relocations;
7. Building Permits;
8. Boundary Line Adjustments; and
9. Minor Subdivisions.

Section 4: LICENSES TO CONFORM

All departments, officials, and employees of San Juan County authorized to issue land use permits and licenses shall do so in conformance with the provisions of this LUDMO. No land use permit or license for a use, building, or purpose shall be issued where the same would be in conflict with the provisions of this LUDMO. A land use permit or license, if issued in conflict with the provisions of this LUDMO shall be null and void.

Section 5: BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

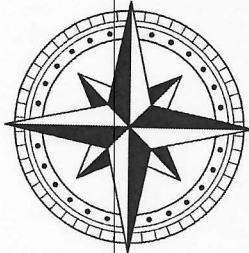
No building or structure shall be constructed, reconstructed, altered, or moved unless either the issuance of a building permit by the San Juan County Planning & Building Department or specifically exempted by Utah Code as acknowledged in writing by the Department. No provision of this LUDMO is intended to exempt a building permit requirement.

1-6 Building Permit Required

The use of land or the construction or alteration, of any building or structure or any part thereof, as provided or as restricted in this Ordinance shall not be commenced, or proceeded with, except after the issuance of a written permit for the same by the Building Inspector. Farm buildings shall be exempt, except when either electric or plumbing will be installed in the buildings, from the requirements of a building permit except where such structures are intended as dwellings or for human habitation. All dwellings shall require State Board of Health approval prior to issuance of a building permit (emphasis added).

REVEALING THE LOST
**AMERICAN
LEGACY**

AND STARTING ANEW



A Colloquium: The Art of Building Resilient Communities

The magic of the original American culture is how grounded and simple it is. We don't have to re-invent the wheel, the early Americans spent 169 years developing social cohesion principles that are foundational to the greatness of America as a nation or any group working to build solid cooperative communities that last. This reading shows how these principles were successfully developed and adopted in early colonial life.

You are invited to this American Legacy colloquium, which is a weekly 2-3 hour reading session to be held over 4 weeks. No pre-reading is necessary and all reading materials will be provided. The only requirement is an open mind and a readiness to think and discuss.

This group is **limited to 10 participants** who can commit to at least 3 of the 4 weeks scheduled.

Schedule

Thursday - March 6, 2025

6:00 - 8:30pm 56 N. County Road 350/Mailbox Rd - 1st visible house on the right
(Goodman Home)

Thursday - March 13, 2025

6:00 - 8:30pm Location TBA

Thursday - March 20, 2025

6:00 - 8:30pm Location TBA

Thursday - March 27, 2025

6:00 - 8:30pm Location TBA

Limit of 10 participants. To participate, contact: Miriam Peterson - (435) 459-9796