

## The Land Development Code

### WHAT IS A LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE?

A Land Development Code is a comprehensive set of land use policies, based upon the Community Master Plan, that provide clear guidance for the development of land within the City of Marquette. It provides consistency between the Master Plan, regulations, and the development approval process.

A Land Development Code is similar to a Zoning Ordinance; however, it is more comprehensive and much easier to read and interpret.

### WHAT ABOUT OUR CURRENT ZONING AND OTHER LAND USE ORDINANCES?

The Zoning Ordinance for the City of Marquette was adopted in 1978 and, although it has been amended from time to time, it does not reflect the community's expectations as outlined in the Community Master Plan. In some cases, it even places an undue hardship on property owners.

To simplify understanding of development regulations, the Fence, Sign, and Subdivision Ordinances will be incorporated into the Land Development Code.



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## Community Introduction to the Land Development Code (LDC) Project



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### WHAT ISSUES HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED?

- Many non-conforming lots cost residents valuable time and money for variances.
- Current ordinances do not promote community sustainability.
- There are currently very minimal allowances for “mixed-use” development, yet this form of development is highly recommended in the Master Plan.
- The Sign Ordinance is confusing and outdated.

### What Happens Next?

#### WHO WILL BE INVOLVED?

The City of Marquette has hired U.P. Engineers and Architects to assist with the Land Development Code.

They will work with the Planning Commission and subcommittees to ensure consistency with Community Master Plan and to identify and address past development issues in the community.

### WHAT IS MY ROLE?

Many people will have different roles in the drafting of the LDC.

The Community Development Department will be responsible for providing technical assistance, information, and support.

The Planning Commission will be responsible for making recommendations to the consultants and City Commission.

The City Commission will be responsible for interpreting the recommendations and taking action to implement and adopt the LDC.

The most important participant will be the community. Citizens will be asked to attend meetings and provide valuable input.

#### ARE THERE OTHER PARTICIPATION AND EDUCATION OPTIONS?

Yes!!! In addition to attending the above mentioned meetings, reading articles in local newspapers, and communicating with the Planning Commission, residents now have another option to stay informed.

The City of Marquette Community Development Department has a Facebook Page with an interactive discussion forum.

All residents are encouraged to become a fan of the page in order to receive updates on meetings, review the educational links,



and participate in the online discussions regarding the LDC project and planning issues in the community.

### Who Can I Contact With Questions?

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