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City of Dubuque Seeks Input on Proposed Unified Development Code

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque will hold an open house on the proposed Unified Development Code from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009 in the City Council Chamber at the Historic Federal Building, 350 W. 6th Street. The public is invited to learn about the proposed code and offer input on how development and land use should be regulated.

The UDC combines the City's zoning, subdivision, historic preservation, and sign regulations into one document. The purpose of the UDC is to eliminate contradictory and redundant regulations while updating City codes to reflect new approaches in land use regulation and City initiatives for sustainability.

The project objectives for the UDC were to: conform to local, state, and federal codes; be relevant for Dubuque; be user-friendly; streamline the process; reduce obstacles; and incorporate sustainable design provisions.

The open house and public hearing will be for UDC Articles 11 through 15. These Articles cover the following regulations: Article 11: Land Subdivision, Article 12: Site Plans, Article 13: Site Design Standards, Article 14: Parking and Article 15: Signs.

These proposed UDC Articles are available on the City of Dubuque's website at www.cityofdubuque.org/udc. Information is also available from the Planning Services Department during regular business hours at: Planning Services, City Hall, Second Floor, 50 W. 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001, telephone (563) 589-4210. Written comments may be sent to this same address, by fax at (563) 589-4221, and by email to planning@cityofdubuque.org.

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