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### UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE KICKS OFF WITH IDEAS FORUM

BURLINGTON, NC— The City of Burlington is working with consultants, RATIO Architecture and CodeWright, to draft the City’s first Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), *Design Burlington*. A UDO is a policy instrument that combines traditional zoning and subdivision regulations along with other desired city regulations, such as design guidelines, sign regulations, flood plain and stormwater management into one document. A UDO is intended to streamline and coordinate the development process.

The City will kick off this UDO creation process with an “Ideas Forum” to take place at 5:00pm on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Municipal Conference room of the Municipal Building, located at 425 South Lexington Avenue in downtown Burlington. The Ideas Forum, focused on gathering City Council input, will take place as part of the City Council’s regularly scheduled Work Session Meeting. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The *Design Burlington* process will be guided by an Advisory Committee made up of key members of Burlington’s land and building development community. The process will take approximately 20 months to complete and will be overseen by the City’s Planning Department.

More information about *Design Burlington* and the Ideas Forum is available online at [www.DesignBurlington.com](http://www.DesignBurlington.com) or by calling [Daniel Shoffner](mailto:Daniel.Shoffner@ci.burlington.nc.us), Senior Planner and Project Manager, at (336) 513-5416.

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