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## Charleston County Ordinances Hosted on New Online Platform for Improved Usability

The online version of the Charleston County Zoning and Land Development Regulations Ordinance (ZLDR) has been moved to a new online platform that improves the functionality and usability of the ZLDR. The change will allow citizens to easily navigate and search for information. The new on-line system will also allow staff to log and archive any changes to the ZLDR ordinances.

“We’ve been working to improve the usability of the online version of the ZLDR for several years based on user comments,” said Zoning and Planning Director Joel Evans. “This move will be a great benefit to citizens, developers, and business owners who are looking for information about what’s allowed on properties in the unincorporated county and the requirements for development.”

The ZLDR can still be accessed through the Charleston County Zoning and Planning Department webpage (<http://www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/zoning-planning/zld-reg-ord.php>), which will redirect the public to the new website for the ZLDR, or it can be accessed directly at <http://online.encodeplus.com/regs/charlestoncounty-sc/index.aspx>.

### The new online platform features:

- A drop down table of contents with direct links to ZLDR chapters, articles, and sections;
- An improved search function;
- Archives of amendments to the ZLDR;
- A link to the County’s online mapping system;
- Links to related County plans and documents; and
- A “Tables” tab that provides direct access to all tables in the ZLDR.

### Zoning and Planning Department:

The Zoning & Planning Department administers the County's Comprehensive Plan ordinance (ten-year update adopted by County Council on November 18, 2008) and the Zoning and Land Development Regulations ordinance (adopted by County Council on Nov. 20, 2001 as amended) and prepares various studies and plans related to the current and future use of land in Charleston County. This Department serves as the professional and technical staff for the County Planning Commission, which is an advisory body to [County Council](#). The Zoning & Planning Department also serves as the professional and technical staff for the County's Board of Zoning Appeals and to the Towns of Kiawah Island, Meggett and Rockville.

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