

LTU Student Creates Visual Guide to Ordinances

Visual learners now have a new tool to understand the City's single family residential ordinances. The Community Development Department partnered with Joshua Dee, a master of architecture student at Lawrence Technological University, to create a booklet that explains the ordinances. The visual guide displays the ordinance regulations for lot area and lot coverage, setbacks, floor area ratio, and accessory structures, along with other regulations.

"We love collaborating with graduate and undergraduate students on projects that are mutually beneficial," said Assistant Community Development Director Greta Bolhuis. "Josh gave us an amazing product that was a semester's worth of emails, phone calls, brainstorming, and problem solving."

Dee presented his project to classmates, alumni, and community partners on December 13 at the Activist Architecture and Design open house event. "The 32-page booklet provides an illustrative and readable overview of how the regulations control the size, height, and location of buildings on one's property," he said. "The illustrations are all done in a way that resonates to someone as if they were looking at actual buildings, not diagrammatic or plan views which usually require some amount of technical perception."

Bolhuis added, "We believe this booklet will allow us to better communicate with builders, architects, site designers, and residents about what can and cannot be built. The visual guide will allow those individuals to fully understand the parameters of the single family ordinances."

The booklet will be available online and in hard copy form at the Community Development Department in February.



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