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## **UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE WORKSHOP OCT. 21**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – October 1, 2010** – The Town of Wake Forest is in the process of creating a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to replace its current assortment of development ordinances. Once adopted, the UDO will combine into a single document the Town’s existing zoning, subdivision, land use, grading, storm water management, and historic preservation regulations.

Wake Forest has hired the Lawrence Group, a nationally-recognized and award-winning town planning and design firm, to help guide the effort. The initiative is expected to result in higher quality development throughout the community and a more predictable development process for citizens, neighborhoods, elected and appointed officials, and developers.

The Lawrence Group recently completed the first phase of the project by identifying key weaknesses and strengths in the Town’s existing ordinances. The firm also devised a strategy for streamlining the various ordinances into a more user-friendly document. The Lawrence Group’s recommendations, known as the *Diagnosis Report and Annotated Outline*, are available for viewing on the Town’s website at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/Residents/PlanningZoning.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/Residents/PlanningZoning.aspx).

Wake Forest residents are invited to offer their input on the Lawrence Group’s findings and make suggestions concerning the UDO process during a public workshop on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 6 p.m. The Lawrence Group’s Craig Lewis will present the findings from the *Diagnosis Report* and introduce the concept of integrating elements of a form-based code into the UDO.

The workshop will be held in the ground floor meeting room of Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. Anyone planning to attend is urged to use the facility’s rear entrance along Taylor Street.

Wake Forest has launched a weblog or “blog,” on the Town’s website to keep residents updated about the progress of the UDO and encourage public feedback. The blog can be accessed at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/Residents/PlanningZoning.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/Residents/PlanningZoning.aspx).

For more information, contact Assistant Planning Director Chad Sary at (919) 435-9514. To offer your input, email your comments to [udocomments@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:udocomments@wakeforestnc.gov).

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