

2021 Land Use Fundamentals

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Wednesday Afternoon, Apr. 14, 2021

Presiding Officer:

Dorothy Palumbo, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC - Austin, TX

12:00 pm	Welcoming Remarks
12:10 pm 0.50 hr	ABC's of Cities This presentation will explain the fundamentals of city regulation, including a discussion of the different types of cities in Texas. Amber McKeon-Mueller, Texas Municipal League - Austin, TX
12:40 pm	Break
12:50 pm 0.75 hr	Zoning 101 Including a review of zoning legal requirements and procedures; how to make a zoning decision, and how zoning interacts with the comprehensive plan. Brenda N. McDonald, Messer, Fort & McDonald - Frisco, TX
1:35 pm	Break
1:45 pm 0.75 hr	Subdivision and Platting: A Land Use Foundation Regulation of subdivision platting often greatly impacts the use of land and plays an important role in the land development process. Hear a description of key concepts, mechanics, and regulation of platting. Omar Izfar, Wilson, Cribbs + Goren, P.C. - Houston, TX
2:30 pm	Break
2:40 pm 0.75 hr	Board of Adjustments An overview of the role of the ZBA in adjudicating variances, special exceptions, and appeals from administrative decisions. Emphasis placed on the importance of procedural rules, development of the record, and the standards imposed by statute and the courts. Alan J. Bojorquez, Bojorquez Law Firm, PC - Austin, TX
3:25 pm	Break
3:35 pm 0.75 hr	Basics of Annexation & Development Agreements A high level view of annexation in the State of Texas and Development Agreements. Charles E. Zech, Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal & Zech, P.C. - Austin, TX

4:20 pm	Break
4:30 pm 0.75 hr	Vested Rights: What Have We Learned in the Last 10 Years Learn how the Legislature has trimmed local government rights to apply new/modified regulations after a “project” is initiated by an application for a “permit”. This presentation will focus on the statute’s language, as interpreted and applied by Texas courts, providing a new tool for reference when analyzing vested rights claims. Reid C. Wilson, Wilson, Cribbs + Goren, P.C. - Houston, TX
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