

# 2020 Land Use Fundamentals

## April 22, 2020 • Live Webcast

### Wednesday Afternoon, Apr. 22, 2020

12:50 pm	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>
1:00 pm 0.50 hr	<b>Comprehensive Plans</b>  A review of the requirements for and various types of comprehensive plans.  Cathy Cunningham, Thomson Reuters - Grand Prairie, TX
1:30 pm	<b>5-Minute Break</b>
1:35 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Zoning 101</b>  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
2:20 pm	<b>5-Minute Break</b>
2:25 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Subdivision and Platting: A Land Use Foundation</b>  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
3:10 pm	<b>5-Minute Break</b>
3:15 pm 0.50 hr	<b>The Basics of Right-of-Way</b>  Right-of-Way planning considerations. "There's more to that right-of-way than that right of way". Understanding the basics of right-of-way to help local governments in their planning, constructing, maintaining and use of their rights-of-way.  Donna M. Fairweather, City of Galveston - Galveston, TX
3:45 pm	<b>5-Minute Break</b>

3:50 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Board of Adjustments</b>  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.  Tad Holland Cleaves, City of Liberty Hill - Liberty Hill, TX
4:35 pm	<b>5-Minute Break</b>
4:40 pm 0.75 hr	<b>Basics of Annexation &amp; Development Agreements</b>  An overview of the basics of annexation and the issues facing Texas municipalities' abilities to annex in light of the change in law by the 2019 Texas legislature.  Joseph J. Gorfida Jr., Nichols, Jackson, Dillard, Hager & Smith L.L.P. - Dallas, TX Materials By: Scott N. Houston, Texas Municipal League - Austin, TX
5:25 pm	<b>Adjourn</b>