

# TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE CONNECTION'S Ordinance Assistance Opportunity

## Mission

The Transportation and Land Use Connection program supports local governments in their planning efforts to implement the Wasatch Choice Vision. The new Ordinance Assistance opportunity lowers the barrier to entry for local governments to receive WFRC assistance in auditing and suggesting updates to ordinances that implement the Wasatch Choice Vision.

## Transportation and Land Use Connection Goals

- Maximize the value of investment in public infrastructure.
- Enhance access to opportunities.
- Increase travel options to optimize mobility.
- Create communities with opportunities to live, work, and play.

## About Ordinance Assistance

The Ordinance Assistance opportunity aims to help communities in implementing their planning goals through local ordinances. The program provides technical assistance regarding ordinances related to parking, subdivisions, street connectivity, zoning, and more. Undertaking audits and updates to these ordinances is a time consuming and technical effort. Communities with limited staff capacity may struggle to make much-needed ordinance audits and updates following new studies and planning documents, or to ensure consistency across separately updated sections of code. This opportunity is intended to enhance local staff capacity in these areas.

Communities can receive assistance for the following:

- Identification of barriers in the existing code,
- Identification of opportunities to clarify and/or add to the existing code, and/or
- Recommendations to modernize and update the code to meet community goals.

Wasatch Front Regional Council staff will work with local staff, appointed officials, and/or elected officials to understand the community's ordinance needs and conduct the audit at **no-cost** to the local communities. This program aims to provide timely assistance to jumpstart communities' ordinance updates, rather than produce finalized, adoption-ready code language. *As such, complete code rewrites are beyond the scope of this program, but are a great fit for the [Transportation and Land Use Connection program](#).*





## Eligible Project Examples:

*Assistance is available to look at any of your ordinances. Below are a couple of examples.*

### **Waterwise Practices Recommendations**

Sunnyville learned of the community's worry about the future of water and their desire for increasing conservation efforts. Sunnyville's current ordinances do not reflect an understanding of the importance of waterwise landscaping for water conservation, green infrastructure for stormwater management, or green infrastructure for temperature regulation and reduced evaporation. An audit of Sunnyville's landscaping ordinances; curb and gutter standards; parking strip cover requirements; and impermeable surface provisions can help Sunnyville reduce water use while beautifying the community.



### **Parking Standards Audit**

Boom Town's city manager Taylor noticed that, because of changing development patterns, growing work-from-home employment, and safer bike facilities, more parking lots sit empty. She knows that infill development with economic or cultural benefits, such as a local hardware business or an art studio, could replace underused parking lots. Taylor wants assistance in auditing the current parking standards so she can understand which areas may be overparked and which underparked. She hopes that the audit can also identify specific areas for conducting live parking counts and surveys.



## How to Apply

Apply for Ordinance Assistance online at [wfrc.org/tlc](https://wfrc.org/tlc). Applications are accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Projects will be accepted based upon the project's support of local goals and the Wasatch Choice Vision, as well as WFRC staff capacity. Reach out to WFRC staff Mikala Jordan at [mikala@wfrc.org](mailto:mikala@wfrc.org) or (801) 363-4250 ext. 1107 with any questions.