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**Subject:** Readability of the draft Land Use Code

Planning and Zoning Commission  
Board of County Commissioners  
Teton County Planning Administrator

Dear Commissioners,

I set aside last weekend to do my civic duty of carefully reading through the 400-page draft Land Use Code and submitting comments. But it was a tedious and unproductive exercise! The draft Code is a technical, legal document that cannot be read front to back. I certainly had a hard time comparing it to the Comprehensive Plan. In fact the draft Code looks like Code Studio provided a template and the P&Z committee just put in the numbers, unconstrained by the Comprehensive Plan.

I'm not prepared to comment on the draft Code--I just don't understand enough of it. I'm sure my frustration is typical. How can we get informed "public comment" on the draft if the public doesn't understand it? I propose the following:

Prepare an online, readable version--for public consumption--of the current draft Code that includes links to corresponding parts of the Comprehensive Plan. There should be an additional section that informs the reader what parts of the Comprehensive Plan are not addressed in the draft Code. I suggest contracting VARD to prepare this document. (VARD is local, has the appropriate expertise, and is familiar with the Comprehensive Plan.) The P&Z committee will critically review this document to ensure it accurately describes the current draft Code. Then the document gets sent to me (and whoever else is interested) for review. There may be several revisions! When I, and whoever else is interested in this task, agree that the document is understandable, it is released for public review and comment.

Note that this action is NOT a revisitation of the content of the draft Code. It simply lets the public understand what the draft Code says. Then the public can provide informed "public comment", and decide what changes it wants.

Sincerely,

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