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PREMIUM FEATURES

INTEGRATING ZONING REGULATIONS WITH A FULL CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR A UNIFIED PORTAL DOCUMENT

In the spring of 2020, the city of Early, TX, contracted with enCodePlus to host their Code of Ordinances. At the same time, they contracted with Kendig Keast Collaborative to help them create a new Unified Development Code using land development regulations located throughout the existing COO. The project began with converting the city's Code of Ordinances to the enCodePlus software and creating a custom-branded web portal. Then, a separate project CloudWriter site was created for collaborative editing on the new UDC regulations. Using a separate site allowed the public to have continued access to the official regulations while the new ones were being drafted, this gave the UDC editors the freedom to edit and publish drafts without worrying about making changes to the existing Code of Ordinances.

The Code of Ordinances was published with hyperlinked internal cross-references and pop-up definitions to help the public navigate and understand the existing regulations. Other standard features such as the search functionality and a list of links to important city government sites were incorporated into the portal at this time. When the UDC was completed and adopted in 2021, the Code of Ordinances was updated to include the new regulations.

The final touch to Early's web portal was the publication of additional features based on the UDC. A fee calculator was created to help users estimate the cost of a specified development project. Important tables were collected into a Quick Tables page for users to view that information outside of the code text. A zoning map was attached, with integrated Land Use Lookup and Parcel Summary tools. Altogether, the portal presents an accessible, user-friendly version of the city's full regulatory code.

Separately drafted zoning regulations can be combined with a full Code of Ordinances to present a unified document in your portal rather than publish two separate URLs.



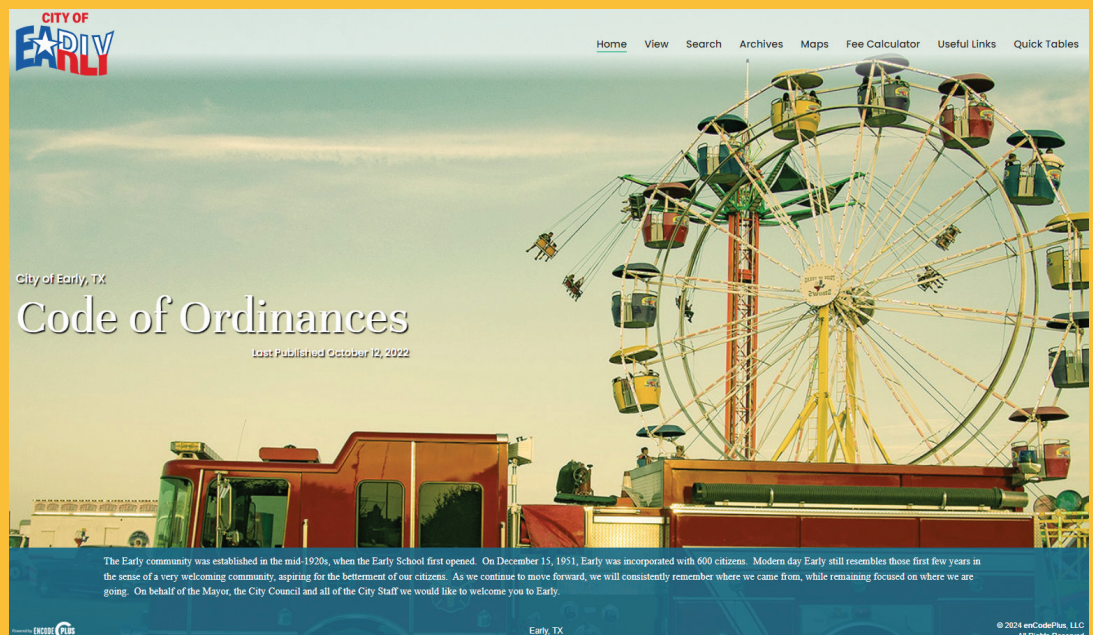
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