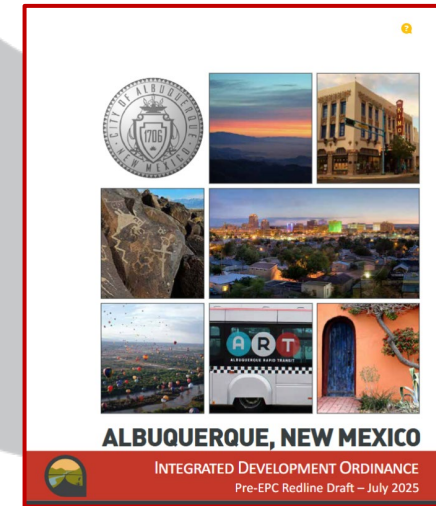


# INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

## Biennial Update 2025

Pre-EPC Submittal  
Compost Regulations

Public Review



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## 2025 IDO Update

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Suggestions/comments

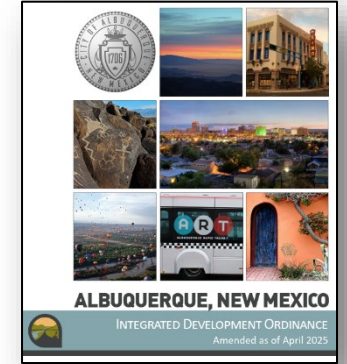
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## Get to Know Your IDO

[Handout](#) (PDF)

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**IDO Online**

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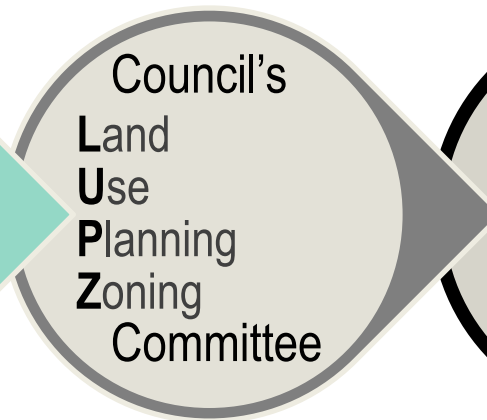
## Public Meetings

Date	Time	Topic
Tues, July 29	12:00 – 1:00 pm	Compost
Thurs, July 31	11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Housing
Wed, August 6	6:00 – 7:30 pm	All Updates
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Mon, August 25	6:00 – 7:30 pm	All Updates

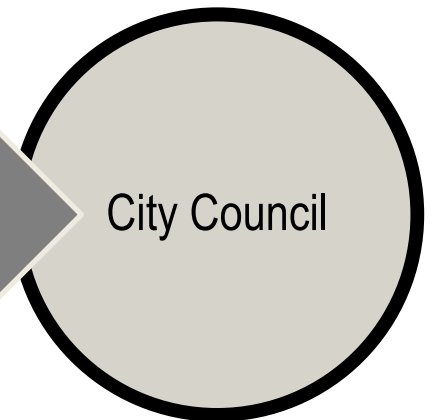
October 2025



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February 2026





# PROPOSED CHANGES

## SPREADSHEET OF CHANGES

Item #	IDO Page	IDO Section	Change / Discussion	Explanation	Source	Category	Area / Topic
35	263	5-4(H)	<b>Stormwater Management</b> Move Subsection (2) to be Subsection (1). Add a new Subsection 5-4(H)(1)(d) with text as follows: "Applicable standards in the Bernalillo County Green Stormwater Infrastructure Low-impact Development Standards as of 2023."	Requires new development with green stormwater infrastructure to follow County standards.	Staff	2025 Update	

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## REDLINE EXHIBIT

**Part 14-16-5: Development Standards**

5-4: Subdivision of Land

5-4(I): Electrical and Communication Lines

5-4(I)(1): Distribution Lines 12 Kilovolts or Less

5-4(H)(1)(d) Applicable standards in the Bernalillo County Green Stormwater Infrastructure Low-impact Development Standards as of 2023.<sup>164</sup>

<sup>164</sup> IDO Update 2025 – Citywide Text Amendments – EPC REVIEW. Stormwater Management. [Spreadsheet Item #35]

# PARTNERS



## **CABQ Sustainability:**

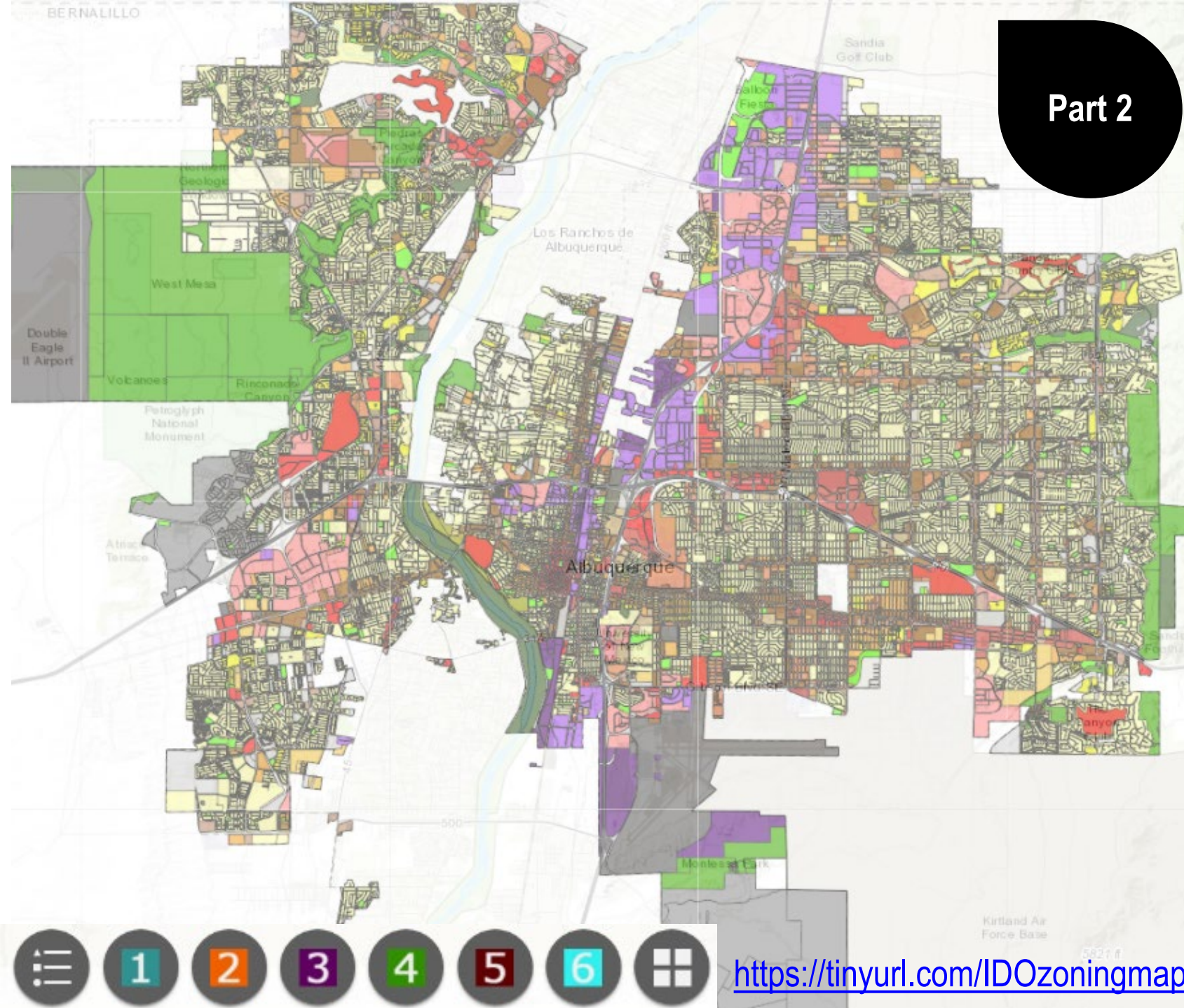
- Approached CABQ Planning about drafting composting ordinance regulations
- Draft language discussions
- Reviewed draft IDO language
- Ongoing partnership

## **NRDC:**

- Provided model ordinance
- Draft language discussions
- Provided national perspective for regulating composting through zoning



# ZONE DISTRICTS



IDO Zoning	
	R-A
	R-1A
	R-1B
	R-1C
	R-1D
	R-T
	R-MC
	R-ML
	R-MH
Residential Zone Districts	
	MX-T
	MX-L
	MX-M
	MX-H
	MX-FB-ID
	MX-FB-FX
	MX-FB-UD
Mixed-use Zone Districts	
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	NR-BP
	NR-LM
	NR-GM
	NR-SU
	NR-PO-A
	NR-PO-B
	NR-PO-C
	NR-PO-D
Non-residential Zone Districts	
	PD Planned Development Zone Districts
	PC
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<https://tinyurl.com/IDOzoningmap>

# USE TABLE

# DEFINITIONS

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Land Uses																				
PRIMARY USES THAT MAY BE ACCESSORY IN SOME ZONE DISTRICTS																				
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Household Living																				
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Composting facility, small <sup>11</sup>		P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	A	P	P	P	P		A			4-3(D)(2)	
Composting facility, medium <sup>12</sup>		P	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P		C	C	P	P					4-3(D)(2)	

### CHANGE / IDO TEXT

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- 4-3(D)(2)(a) This use shall comply with all applicable City, State, and federal regulations. This use must obtain all applicable State and Federal permits and/or approvals for this activity and comply with the terms of those permits and approvals throughout the duration of the use.
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- 4-3(E)(14) Composting Facility, Large<sup>127</sup>**
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- 4-3(E)(14)(c) Outdoor storage shall comply with standards in Subsection 14-16-4-3(E)(19).
- 4-3(E)(14)(d) This use is prohibited within 330 feet of Major Public Open Space.
- 4-3(E)(14)(e) Composting containers and/or composting piles shall be located a minimum of 50 feet in any direction of any Residential zone district or any lot containing a residential use in any Mixed-use zone district.

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# PERMISSIVE LOCATIONS

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General agriculture	P											C	P	P			P	A		4-3(D)(4)
INDUSTRIAL USES																				
Waste and Recycling																				
<u>Composting facility, large</u>												<u>C</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>					4-3(E)(14)
Recycling drop-off bin facility						A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P						4-3(E)(15)

# DEFINITIONS

## Community Garden + Garden

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### PROPOSED CHANGE

#### Explanation

Revised to include composting as an incidental permitted activity.

### CHANGE / IDO TEXT

#### Community Garden

A ~~private or public~~ facility for cultivation of fruits, flowers, vegetables, or ornamental plants, including composting as an incidental activity, by more than one person or household family as a primary use of land. See also Composting Facility.

#### Garden

An area of land managed and maintained as an accessory use of land to cultivate fruits, flowers, vegetables, or ornamental plants, including composting as an incidental activity, for personal or group use, consumption, or donation. See also Composting Facility.

# WILL THIS IMPACT HOME COMPOSTING OR COMMUNITY GARDENS?



Definition
<b>Composting Facility</b> A facility operated by more than one person or household that receives organic material to generate compost. Composting Facility is divided into 3 categories based on the size of the premises. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Small: 21,870 square feet (1/2 acre) or less.</li><li>2. Medium: Between 21,780 square feet (1/2 acre) and 2 acres.</li><li>3. Large: 2 or more acres.</li></ol>

Definition specifies “more than one person or household” to exempt individual households

Community Garden and Garden (accessory use) definitions updated to permissively allow composting.

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# WHAT ABOUT NEIGHBORS THAT USE A SHARED COMPOST FACILITY?

If composting is part of a community garden → **No change to how this use is regulated**

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Even a small planting area may meet the definition of a Community Garden.

If composting is **NOT** part of a community garden → **Regulated as a small/medium composting facility**

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## **WILL THIS MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO COMPOST IN THE CITY?**

- No. This change is intended to support commercial and industrial composting by making it clear where the use is allowed and what regulations apply.
- Defining the uses creates clarity and predictability.
- Establishing use-specific standards helps prevent negative impacts.
- The intent is to expand opportunities for composting and to support the City's sustainability goals.



# WHY ARE COMPOSTING FACILITIES DEFINED BY SITE ACREAGE RATHER THAN COMPOST VOLUME?

- **Enforcement feasibility:** Code Enforcement can verify the size of the site, but cannot easily measure compost volume during inspections.
- **Operational variability:** Compost volume can change depending on how the site is managed.
- **Indirect volume control:** Other zoning standards, like pile height limits and setbacks limit how much compost a site can handle.
- **City scale planning:** Regulating by site acreage helps us understand how different types of facilities fit on typical city lots.



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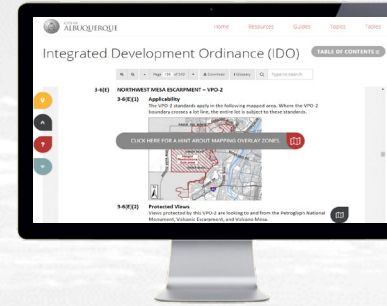
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### Interactive IDO



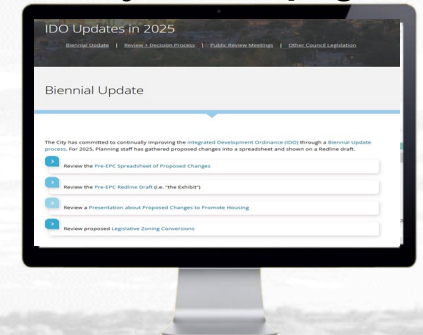
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### IDO Zoning Map



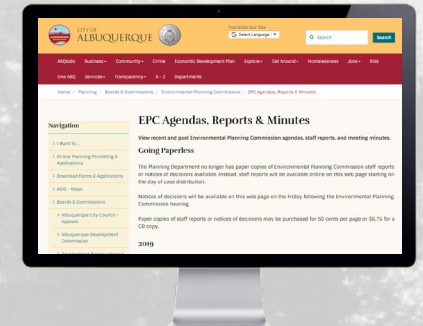
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### Project Webpage



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### Planning Webpage



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