

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**TO:** Planning Commission members

**FROM:** Darlene L. Heller, Director of Planning and Zoning

**RE:** Ongoing SALDO discussion

**DATE:** February 4, 2022

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Because the February 10 meeting only includes one site plan project, we thought that we could include some brief discussion about some SALDO revisions on the February agenda as well.

At your meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> we would like to review some of the significant reasons why the new ordinance is necessary. Adoption of the new ordinance will:

- Bring the ordinance into compliance with the MPC
- Create a user-friendly document
- Provide consistency with other documents, at least including the Zoning Ordinance and the Climate Action Plan

Key points and updates are attached for discussion.

We look forward to some informal discussion at our meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

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*Darlene Heller*

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Director of Planning and Zoning

**SALDO DISCUSSION**  
**Planning Commission meeting**  
**February 10, 2022**

Key Points for discussion regarding administrative provisions of the ordinance:

- Clarification of procedure for submission of all types of plans
- Incorporate Climate Action Goals into SALDO.
- Lanta and EAC formally included in the Plan Review Process.
- Definitions between SALDO and Zoning Ord are made consistent.
- Streamline Lot Consolidation procedure.

Key points related to Section 1349, Design Standards and Required Improvements

- Access Management provisions are added
- Provisions to reduce impervious paving or other surfaces are added along with allowance for porous surfaces in some situations
- Pedestrian, bike and transit improvements are enhanced and broadened
- Section is added specifically for traffic calming and crosswalks
- Public transit access provisions are added
- Coordination with other plans (Vision Zero, Climate Action, Trail Feasibility, etc.) required
- Native species required
- Green stormwater section added
- Specifications for bumpouts are added
- Provisions added for porous pavers around street trees
- Provisions for pathways and/or bikeways added.