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EMPOWERING PUBLIC ACCESS: SAVANNAH, GEORGIA'S INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE WITH ENCODEPLUS

As part of their commitment to government transparency, the city of Savannah, Georgia, was searching for the best way to make their Code of Ordinances available to the public. They chose enCodePlus to host their code in 2019 because of the array of additional features available to ease the public's accessibility and understanding of these complex municipal and planning regulations.

One of the many features aiding public use of the Code of Ordinances is the Regulations by District tool. This allows users to choose any of the city's zoning districts and see a list of all portions of the Zoning Code that directly relate to that district, thus limiting time spent sorting through various regulations that do not apply to the user's specific needs. Easy-identified district abbreviation icons colored by zoning map colors allow users to access the regulations of a specific district with just one eye-catching click. Another popular and useful tool is the Land Use Look Up, which shows a user in which districts a certain use is permitted. This tool integrates with GIS mapping services to provide a visual representation of where within the city the permitted use may be located with just one click.

These features, combined with a robust search function, hyperlinked cross-references, pop-up definitions, an archive of previous full versions of the code text, and more, ensure that Savannah's Code of Ordinances is easy to navigate and understand.

There are over 30 archived versions of the Savannah Code of Ordinances available to read and search between 2019 and 2023.



REFERENCES

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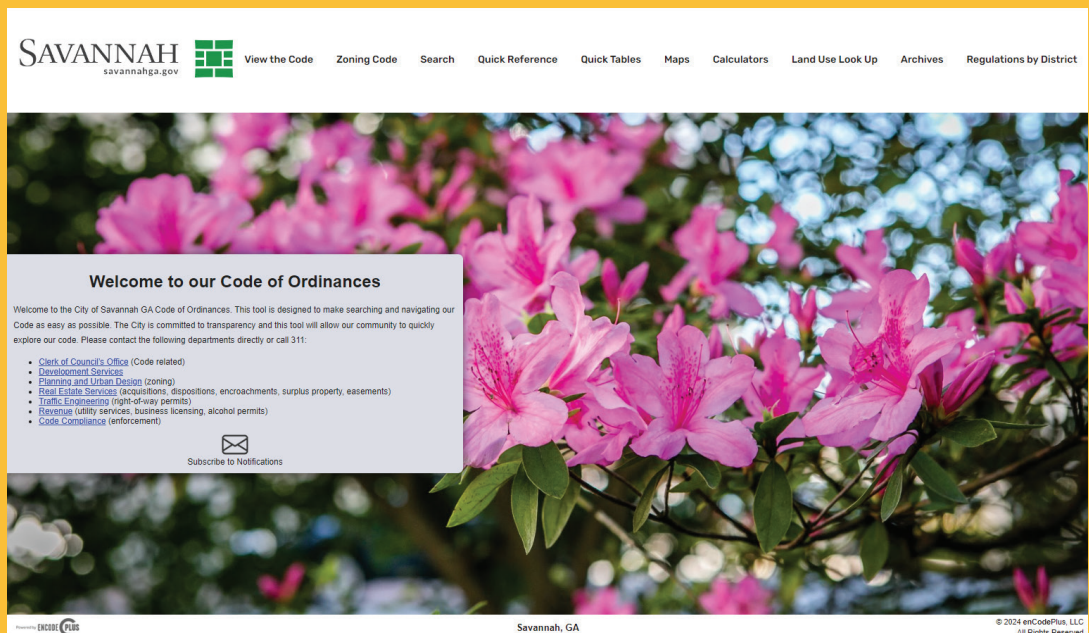
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