



CITY OF CARLSBAD
Planning, Engineering, and Regulation Department
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ZONING CHANGE APPLICATION

Sec. 56-150(b)

PROCESS FOR ACCEPTANCE AND REVIEW OF PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MATTERS

1. The Planning and Zoning Commission's regularly scheduled meetings are on the **FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH**. Applicant should obtain an Application Packet for the particular type of request (Zone Change, Subdivision, Variance, Annexation, Conditional Use, etc.) from the City of Carlsbad, Planning, Engineering, and Regulation Office.
2. **Applicant must submit a completed Application to the Planning, Engineering, and Regulation Office on, or before, the FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH prior to the desired Commission meeting.** The minimum application packet submittal is one (1) copy of the Application with original signatures and all required supporting documents. A letter of explanation or clarification may also be provided. The required non-refundable application fee is due with submittal of the application.

The desired maximum size for all documents is 11"x17". **However, if the applicant wishes to support his or her application with larger size documents, an original and eight (8) copies need to be provided.** Separate arrangements for copying these large documents may be possible, but will incur additional costs.
3. The Planning, Engineering, and Regulation Office will give the Application an initial cursory review. If deficiencies or questions are noted, the Applicant will be advised and provided an opportunity to supplement the Application. If the Applicant fails to complete and resubmit the application prior to the above deadline, the matter will not be heard until the next subsequent Commission meeting. The original application fee will be retained and will suffice for the specific original application for a period of 90-days from the date of the original application.
4. Applications appearing complete will be set for full evaluation by City Staff prior to the Commission meeting. The purpose of this evaluation is to develop and provide a full briefing report for the Commission. Applicants will be advised of deficiencies noted during this review and will be afforded opportunity to supplement their application during their presentation to the Commission, if they so desire.

ADDITIONAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ZONING CHANGES:

- 1) **PRESENCE AT MEETING:** The Planning and Zoning Commission will vote to recommend to the City Council approval or denial of request. Applicant or his/her representative must be present to address any questions that Planning and Zoning Commissioners may have.
- 2) **CITY COUNCIL SETS A HEARING DATE:** After the Planning and Zoning Commission has made a recommendation on the request, the City Council (at their next regular meeting) will set a date for a public hearing. The date will be set for a regularly scheduled City Council meeting a minimum of 30 days from that date. A “notice of public hearing” is published in the Current Argus at least 30 days prior to the hearing.
- 3) **NOTIFICATION:** The applicant shall mail notice of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, via certified mail, to all property owners within one-hundred feet (100’) of the subject site. Evidence of such notification shall be provided with the application. In addition, the applicant shall post a sign, provided by the City, at the property at least 5 days prior to the public hearing. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the City Council hearing, the City will notify adjacent property owners within 100’ of the subject property via first-class mail for properties greater than one (1) block in size, or via certified mail for properties one (1) block or less in size. The notification will include a description of the request, applicant’s information, legal description of subject property, and the date of the hearing.
- 4) **PUBLIC HEARING:** The Public Hearing will be held during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, and the applicant or his/her representative **MUST BE PRESENT** to address any questions that the Mayor or Council members may have.
- 5) **ZONING CHANGE IS FINAL:** If the City Council approves the zone change, the ordinance is published in the Current Argus. The change is considered final five (5) days after publication.



Receipt Date Stamp

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Application Date:
Existing Zoning:

Fee Paid (\$100.00):
Proposed Zoning:

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP PHONE EMAIL

PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (attach separate sheet for multiple owners):

NAME ADDRESS
CITY STATE ZIP PHONE EMAIL

* A signed affidavit from the property owner(s), consenting to submittal of the application, must be included with the application.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND/OR STREET ADDRESS OF PROPERTY (INCLUDE A MEETS AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION FOR UNPLATTED LAND, ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET, IF NECESSARY):

ADDRESS LOT BLOCK SUBDIVISION

REASON FOR THE REQUEST

An amendment to the Official Zoning Map or to the Text of the Zoning Ordinance must be justified by one or more of the following. Check all that apply:

- The proposed amendment will not adversely impact the public health, safety or general welfare and will or will not promote the original purposes of the Zoning Ordinance.
- The proposed amendment responds to changed conditions, such as changes in public capital investments, road locations or functional classification, population trends, density, use or further studies that have been completed since adoption of the Zoning Ordinance.
- The proposed amendment is necessary in order to respond to State and/or Federal legislation.
- The proposed amendment provides additional flexibility in meeting the objectives of this Zoning Ordinance without lowering the standards of the Zoning Ordinance.
- The proposed amendment is in substantial compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan or other City Master Plan.
- The proposed amendment will not adversely affect the implementation of the goals and policies of the City's Comprehensive Plan or other City Master Plan.
- The proposed amendment will correct a mistake in the Official Zoning Map or the text of the Zoning Ordinance.
- The proposed amendment is justified in order to respond to changes in the City's Comprehensive Plan or other City Master Plan including, but not limited to, changes in land use assumptions, surrounding uses, population forecasts, rates of land consumption, anticipated community needs or other factors.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Required prior to P & Z:

Complete Application Including: Map Fee Letter Notification Sign Agreement

Required prior to City Council:

Council Hearing Date: _____ Publication Date: _____

Property Owner Notification Sent (within 100' minimum.): _____

ABM Staff Comments Application Packet Draft Ordinance P&Z Minutes

Council Action: Approved Denied Other Ordinance No.: _____

NOTIFICATION SIGN POSTING AGREEMENT

Notification of Public Hearings before the City of Carlsbad Planning and Zoning Commission is required pursuant to Sec. 56-140(i).

- Signs shall be posted a minimum of 5 days prior to and shall be removed a maximum of 5 days after the public hearing.
- If the sign is not posted as required, the application will be delayed and will not be considered at the public hearing as scheduled.
- The sign shall be posted at the street side property line with a secure stake provided by the applicant.

I have read and understand these requirements. I understand where the sign is to be located and my obligation to post the sign prior to the public hearing and remove it afterwards.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

DATE

Sign issued by: _____
Staff Member

Date: _____

Dear Property Owner,

This letter serves as legal notification of a pending action before the City of Carlsbad Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with Code of Ordinances Sec. 56-140(i). You are being notified because you are a property owner within one-hundred feet (100') of the subject site.

Applicant: _____
Name Address Phone

Subject Site Location: _____

The proposed action is a:

Zoning Change from _____ to _____ in accordance with Sec. 56-150(b).

Variance/Appeal from Sec. _____ in accordance with Sec. 56-150(c).

The purpose of the variance/appeal is:

Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Sec. 56-150(f). The purpose of the permit is for a:

Home Occupation: _____

Other Use: _____

The Planning and Zoning Commission will consider this request at a Public Hearing on:

Date: _____

Time: 5:00pm

Place: City Annex Planning Room

114 S. Halagueno St.

Carlsbad, NM 88220

The Code of Ordinances can be found on the City's website www.cityofcarlsbadnm.com.

For details about this request contact the applicant OR contact the City Planner at 575-885-1185 or via email at jepatterson@cityofcarlsbadnm.com.

Sincerely,

Applicant/Agent