
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

CONDITIONAL USE REVIEW CRITERIA:

7.5.704: AUTHORIZATION AND FINDINGS:

The Planning Commission may approve and/or modify a conditional use application in whole or in part, with or without conditions, only if all three (3) of the following findings are made:

- A. Surrounding Neighborhood: That the value and qualities of the neighborhood surrounding the conditional use are not substantially injured.
- B. Intent Of Zoning Code: That the conditional use is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Zoning Code to promote public health, safety and general welfare.
- C. Comprehensive Plan: That the conditional use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan of the City.

The approved conditional use and development plan shall be binding on the property until an amendment is approved changing the use of the property. Except as otherwise recommended by the Planning Commission, the development of a conditional use shall conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is to be located. (Ord. 80-131; Ord. 82-247; Ord. 91-30; Ord. 94-107; Ord. 01-42)

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7.5.502 (E): DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW CRITERIA:

- E. Development Plan Review Criteria: A development plan shall be reviewed using the criteria listed below. No development plan shall be approved unless the plan complies with all the requirements of the zone district in which it is located, is consistent with the intent and purpose of this Zoning Code and is compatible with the land uses surrounding the site. Alternate and/or additional development plan criteria may be included as a part of an FBZ regulating plan.
1. Will the project design be harmonious with the surrounding land uses and neighborhood?
 2. Will the proposed land uses be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood? Will the proposed development overburden the capacities of existing streets, utilities, parks, schools and other public facilities?
 3. Will the structures be located to minimize the impact of their use and bulk on adjacent properties?
 4. Will landscaping, berms, fences and/or walls be provided to buffer the site from undesirable views, noise, lighting or other off site negative influences and to buffer adjacent properties from negative influences that may be created by the proposed development?
 5. Will vehicular access from the project to streets outside the project be combined, limited, located, designed and controlled to channel traffic to and from such areas conveniently and safely and in such a manner which minimizes traffic friction, noise and pollution and promotes free traffic flow without excessive interruption?
 6. Will all the streets and drives provide logical, safe and convenient vehicular access to the facilities within the project?
 7. Will streets and drives within the project area be connected to streets outside the project area in such a way that discourages their use by through traffic?
 8. Will adequately sized parking areas be located throughout the project to provide safe and convenient access to specific facilities?
 9. Will safe and convenient provision for the access and movement of handicapped persons and parking of vehicles for the handicapped be accommodated in the project design?
 10. Will the design of streets, drives and parking areas within the project result in a minimum of area devoted to asphalt?
 11. Will pedestrian walkways be functionally separated from vehicular traffic and landscaped to accomplish this? Will pedestrian walkways be designed and located in combination with other easements that are not used by motor vehicles?
 12. Does the design encourage the preservation of significant natural features such as healthy vegetation, drainage channels, steep slopes and rock outcroppings? Are these significant natural features incorporated into the project design? (Ord. 94-107; Ord. 95-125; Ord. 01-42; Ord. 02-64; Ord. 03-74; Ord. 03-157; Ord. 09-50; Ord. 09-78)

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DEVELOPMENT PLAN IN A HILLSIDE OVERLAY ZONE:

7.3.504 (D) (3): HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW CRITERIA:

In addition to the development plan review criteria listed in section 7.5.502 of this chapter, criteria for review of a development plan in a designated hillside area shall include the following:

- a. Does the plan meet the spirit and intent of the hillside design manual?
- b. How will the streetscape retain a hillside character after the street is constructed? Is terrain disturbance minimized?

The streetscape should reflect the natural setting of the development. The natural elements such as vegetation and rock features should be a major part of the streetscape. Removal of significant vegetation will be discouraged for construction of the streets, installation of utilities and construction of houses. It is, however, recognized that some amount of vegetation will be removed for development in hillside areas.

- c. Have visual impacts upon off site areas been reduced or reasonably mitigated?
Significant ridgelines and other prominent sites within the City should be given special consideration when a development plan is being prepared. Additional mitigation measures are necessary in these highly visible areas.

Mitigation measures that may be demonstrated on the development plan may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Alternate siting of structures to include increased setbacks from ridgelines;
 - (2) Use of significant vegetation to soften structural mass when building sites are located in highly visible areas;
 - (3) Designation of special height restrictions;
 - (4) Use of native vegetative cover and retaining walls faced with stone or earth colored materials as stabilization measures for cuts and fills;
and
 - (5) Alternate street placement to reduce visibility of structures.
- d. Have the significant natural features and the significant vegetation been placed in preservation area easements?

Because of the terrain in hillside areas it is recognized that utilities and some drainage improvements may have to be located within an easement. The review will consider the necessity of locating these facilities within the preservation area easement.

- e. Have geologic, soil and other natural hazards been identified and evidence of mitigation techniques been provided?

Various natural hazards are encountered when developing in the hillside terrain. It is important to identify and begin the process of addressing the various mitigation techniques. A geologic hazards study shall be provided as required by article 4, part 5, "Geological Hazard Study And Mitigation," of this chapter.