



Zoning Map/Text Amendment Application Portland, Maine

Planning and Urban Development Department
Planning Division and Planning Board

Portland's Planning and Urban Development Department coordinates the development review process for requests for zoning map amendments, zoning text amendments and contract or conditional rezoning. The Division also coordinates site plan, subdivision and other applications under the City's Land Use Code. The **Application Process for a Zone Change** is summarized below under Section I and the associated costs for reviews are found under Section II, **Development Review Fees, Public Notices and Guarantees**, and are listed on the fee structure sheet.

I. APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Pre-application meeting

Prior to submitting a zoning amendment application, the Planning Division recommends that the applicant or the designated representative schedule a pre-application meeting to discuss the review process and applicable standards for a proposal. Please contact Barbara Barhydt, Development Review Services Manager at 874-8699 to schedule a meeting.

Zoning Amendment Application

All plans and written application materials must be uploaded to a website for review. At the time of application, instructions for uploading the plans will be provided to the applicant. One paper set of the plans, written materials and application fee must be submitted to the Planning Division Office to start the review process.

- Submit one (1) complete paper set of the zoning amendment application with a concept plan and a written narrative. Contract and conditional rezoning applications must include site plans and written material that address physical development and operation of the property to ensure that the rezoning and subsequent development are consistent with the comprehensive plan, meet applicable land use regulations, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Applications may be submitted between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Planning Division on the 4th floor of City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Portland.
- All applications are processed in the order in which they are received.
- In order for the Planning Division's Administrative Staff to accept and log-in an application, the application form must be complete, it shall be signed by the applicant's or the applicant's designated representative, and all applicable fees paid at the time of submittal.
- The Land Use Code is available on the City's website at www.portlandmaine.gov.
- If the application is found to be incomplete, the applicant will be informed in writing of the required plans and materials.

II. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEES, PUBLIC NOTICES AND GUARANTEES

Zoning Application Fees

- Each application must be submitted with the applicable fees as listed in the fee structure on page 4. The fees cover general administrative processing costs.
- Application fees may be paid in cash or by check (addressed to the City of Portland).
- An application will not be processed without the required application fees.

Fee for City Review Services

- The City of Portland charges fees for service to cover the cost of reviews by Planning and Legal staff members. The charges will be billed at an hourly rate and will be invoiced monthly for reimbursement.
- Current billing rates: Planning services, \$40.00/ hour and Legal services: \$75.00/hour.

Fee for Third Party Review

- Portland contracts with local engineering firms to conduct engineering reviews of development proposals. The direct cost of all engineering services or third-party consultant reviews, such as the civil engineering review of stormwater management plans, traffic impact reviews and such other reviews as required under the City’s Ordinances, will be included in the monthly invoices for reimbursement.

Public Notices

- Public notices must be sent to property owners within 500 for all proposals at the time an application is received. Zoning map amendments for Industrial zones require notices to be sent to property owners within 1,000 feet.
- In advance of a Planning Board workshop or public hearing, public notices for projects must be sent to property owners and are posted in a legal ad in the Portland Press Herald and on the City’s web site.
- In addition, zoning map amendments, text amendments and conditional rezoning agreements require individual notices to be posted in the Portland Press Herald.
- The Planning Division mails public notices and posts notices in the newspaper. The applicant will be billed for actual or apportioned costs for advertising and sending mailed notices.
- The applicant is required to hold a neighborhood meeting under the City’s regulations for zone change requests. The mailing labels must be purchased from the Planning Division for the neighborhood meeting invitation. A request for labels requires a minimum of two business days to generate the mailing labels and a charge of \$1.00 per sheet will be payable upon receipt of the labels.

Third Party Review Fees

- Engineer and Third Party Review Fees - The fees are assessed by the Consulting Engineers and Third Party Reviewers.
- Inspection Fee - This fee is 2% of the Performance Guarantee or as assessed by Planning or Public Works Engineer with \$300.00 being the minimum.

Noticing/Advertisements Planning Board/City Council Review

- Legal Advertisement: Percent of total bill
- Notices: .75 cents each
(notices are sent to neighbors upon receipt of an application, workshop and public hearing meetings for Planning Board and public hearing meeting for City Council)

<p>Planning Division Fourth Floor, City Hall 389 Congress Street (207) 874-8721 or 874-8719</p>	<p>Office Hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p>
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777 Stevens Avenue, Portland

PROJECT ADDRESS:

CHART/BLOCK/LOT: 146 C Lots 5 & 10, (new)146 C lots 6-9, 11, 12, 14

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE AND PROJECT:

Requesting a zone map amendment & zoning text amendment reflective of attached plans. Project to expand The Park Danforth campus to provide 46 elderly independent living housing units and site improvements.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

<p>Applicant's Contact for electronic plans</p> <p>Name: Mitchell Associates e-mail Address rmetcalf@mitchellassociates.biz work # 207.774.4427</p>
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<p>Applicant – must be owner, Lessee or Buyer</p> <p>Name: The Park Danforth-Denise Vachon,CEO Business Name, if applicable: Address: 777 Stevens Avenue City/State :Portland, ME Zip Code: 04103</p>	<p>Applicant Contact Information</p> <p>Work # 207.797.7710 Home# Cell # Fax# e-mail: vachon@parkdanforth.com</p>
<p>Owner – (if different from Applicant)</p> <p>Name: The Home for the Aged & HFA Forest Avenue Properties, LLC Address: 777 Stevens Avenue City/State :Portland, ME Zip Code: 04103</p>	<p>Owner Contact Information</p> <p>Work # Home# Cell # Fax# e-mail: vachon@parkdanforth.com</p>
<p>Agent/ Representative</p> <p>Name: Robert Metcalf/ Mitchell & Assoc. Address: 70 Center Street City/State :Portland, ME Zip Code: 04101</p>	<p>Agent/Representative Contact information</p> <p>Work # 207.774.4427 Cell # e-mail:rmetcalf@mitchellassociates.biz</p>
<p>Billing Information</p> <p>Name: The Park Danforth, Attn: Denise Vachon Address: 777 Stevens Avenue City/State :Portland, ME Zip Code: 04103</p>	<p>Billing Information</p> <p>Work # 207.797.7710 Cell # Fax# e-mail: vachon@parkdanforth.com</p>
<p>Engineer</p> <p>Name: N/A Address: City/State : Zip Code:</p>	<p>Engineer Contact Information</p> <p>Work # Cell # Fax# e-mail:</p>

Proposed Use of Property: Please describe the proposed use of the subject property. If construction or development is proposed, please describe any changes to the physical condition of the property.


See attached project narrative.

Site Plan: On a separate sheet, please provide a site plan of the property showing existing and proposed improvements, including such features as buildings, parking, driveways, walkways, landscape and property boundaries. This may be a professionally drawn plan, or a carefully drawn plan, to scale, by the applicant. (Scale to suit, range from 1" = 10' to 1" = 50'.) Contract and conditional rezoning applications may require additional site plans and written material that address physical development and operation of the property to ensure that the rezoning and subsequent development are consistent with the comprehensive plan, meet applicable land use regulations, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

APPLICATION FEE:

Check the type of zoning review that applies. Payment may be made in cash or check payable to the City of Portland.

<p>Zoning Map Amendment ___ \$2,000.00 (from ___ zone to ___ zone)</p> <p>Zoning Text Amendment ___ \$2,000.00 (to Section 14- _____) (For a zoning text amendment, attach on a separate sheet the exact language being proposed, including existing relevant text, in which language to be deleted is depicted as crossed out (<u>example</u>) and language to be added is depicted as underline (<u>example</u>))</p> <p>Combination Zoning Text Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment <u> x </u> \$3,000.00</p> <p>Conditional or Contract Zone ___ \$3,000.00 (A conditional or contract rezoning map be requested by an applicant in cases where limitations, conditions, or special assurances related to the physical development and operation of the property are needed to ensure that the rezoning and subsequent development are consistent with the comprehensive plan, meet applicable land use regulations, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Please refer to Division 1.5, Sections 14-60 to 62.)</p>	<p>Fees Paid (office use)</p> <p>___</p> <p>___</p> <p>___</p> <p>___</p>	<p>The City invoices separately for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices (\$.75 each) (notices are sent to neighbors upon receipt of an application, workshop and public hearing meetings for Planning Board and public hearing meeting for City Council) • Legal Ad (% of total Ad) • Planning Review (\$40.00 hour) • Legal Review (\$75.00 hour) <p>Third party review is assessed separately.</p>
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<p>Signature of Applic</p> 	<p>Date:</p> <p>June 23, 2014</p>
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Further Information

In the event of withdrawal of the zoning amendment application by the applicant, a refund of two-thirds of the amount of the zone change fee will be made to the applicant as long as the request is submitted to the Planning Division prior to the advertisement being submitted to the news paper.



A Guide to Holding Neighborhood Meetings Portland, Maine

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In order to improve communication between development applicants and neighbors, the City of Portland requires applicants, proposing certain types of projects, to hold a neighborhood meeting.

What type of development proposal requires a neighborhood meeting?

Neighborhood meetings, organized and hosted by the applicant, are required for the following development proposals:

- Proposed zone changes, contract zones and zoning text amendments that would result in major development;
- Subdivisions of five or more units or lots; and
- Level III site plan proposals for preliminary or final site plans:
 - Portland's new site plan ordinance went into effect in August, 2010. It now includes provisions for preliminary and final plans. Neighborhood meetings are to be held three weeks after submitting a preliminary plan or within two weeks of submitting a final plan, if a preliminary plan was not submitted.

Who must be invited to a neighborhood meeting?

Property owners within 500 feet of the proposed development (1000 feet for proposed industrial subdivisions and zone changes) as well as those people on a list of interested citizens and neighborhood groups must be invited to the planned neighborhood meeting.

The Planning Division provides the mailing labels for the neighborhood meeting invitation. We require at least 48 hours notice to generate the mailing labels and a charge of \$1.00 per sheet will be payable upon receipt of the labels.

When and where must the neighborhood meeting be held?

The neighborhood meeting must be held within three weeks of submitting a preliminary site plan. If an applicant chooses only to submit a final site plan, then the neighborhood meeting must be held within two weeks of submitting the final plan and not less than seven days prior to the Planning Board public hearing.

The meeting should be held in the evening, during the week, at a convenient location within the Portland neighborhood surrounding the proposed site. Community meeting spaces at libraries, schools or other places of assembly are recommended. Neighborhood schools are usually available for evening meetings.

Meetings should not be held on the same day as scheduled Planning Board or City Council meetings. The City Council generally meets on the first and third Monday of each month and the Planning Board generally meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month; however additional meetings may be scheduled. An updated schedule may be found on the City's website: www.portlandmaine.gov

When must invitations be sent?

Invitations to a neighborhood meeting must be sent no less than ten days (to include weekends) prior to the neighborhood meeting. If the notice is for a final site plan, then the neighborhood meeting must be held no less than seven days (to include weekends) prior to the public hearing. Notices may be sent by regular mail and do not need to be sent by certified mail.

What information should the invitation include?

A recommended invitation format is included in this packet of material.

Sign-up Sheets and Meeting Minutes

At the meeting, the applicant must circulate a sign-up sheet for those in attendance. The applicant must also keep accurate minutes of the meeting.

After holding the neighborhood meeting, the applicant must submit the sign-up sheet and meeting minutes to the Planning Division. The meeting minutes and sign-up sheet will be attached to the Planning Board report. A public hearing will not be scheduled until the meeting minutes and sign-up sheet are submitted to the Planning Division.

Certification

Included with this packet is a Certification to be completed and signed by the applicant. The applicant is required to certify when the invitations were sent out.

Please call the Planning Division at 874-8721 or 874-8719 if you have any questions.

Attachments

1. Neighborhood Meeting Invitation Format
2. Neighborhood Meeting Certification

~Applicant/Consultant: Please include all of the information listed below in the notice sent to neighbors~

Neighborhood Meeting Invitation Format

**Applicant/Consultant
Letterhead**

(Date)

Dear Neighbor:

Please join us for a neighborhood meeting to discuss our plans for a (development proposal) located at (location/number and street address).

Meeting Location: _____

Meeting Date: _____

Meeting Time: _____

The City code requires that property owners within 500 feet of the proposed development and residents on an “interested parties list”, be invited to participate in a neighborhood meeting. A sign-in sheet will be circulated and minutes of the meeting will be taken. Both the sign-in sheet and minutes will be submitted to the Planning Board.

If you have any questions, please call (telephone number of applicant or consultant).

Sincerely,

(Applicant)

Note:

Under Section 14-32(C) and 14-525 of the City Code of Ordinances, an applicant for a Level III development, subdivision of over five lots/units, or zone change is required to hold a neighborhood meeting within three weeks of submitting a preliminary application or two weeks of submitting a final site plan application, if a preliminary plans was not submit. The neighborhood meeting must be held at least seven days prior to the Planning Board public hearing on the proposal. Should you wish to offer additional comments on this proposed development, you may contact the Planning Division at 874-8721 or send written correspondence to the Planning and Urban Development Department, Planning Division 4th Floor, 389 Congress Street Portland, ME 04101 or by email: to bab@portlandmaine.gov

Neighborhood Meeting Certification

I, (applicant/consultant) hereby certify that a neighborhood meeting was held on (date) at (location) at (time).

I also certify that on (date at least seven days prior to the neighborhood meeting), invitations were mailed to all addresses on the mailing list provided by the Planning Division, including property owners within 500 feet of the proposed development or within 1000 feet of a proposed industrial subdivision or industrial zone change and the residents on the "interested parties" list.

Signed,

_____ (date)

Attached to this certification are:

1. Copy of the invitation sent
2. Sign-in sheet
3. Meeting minutes