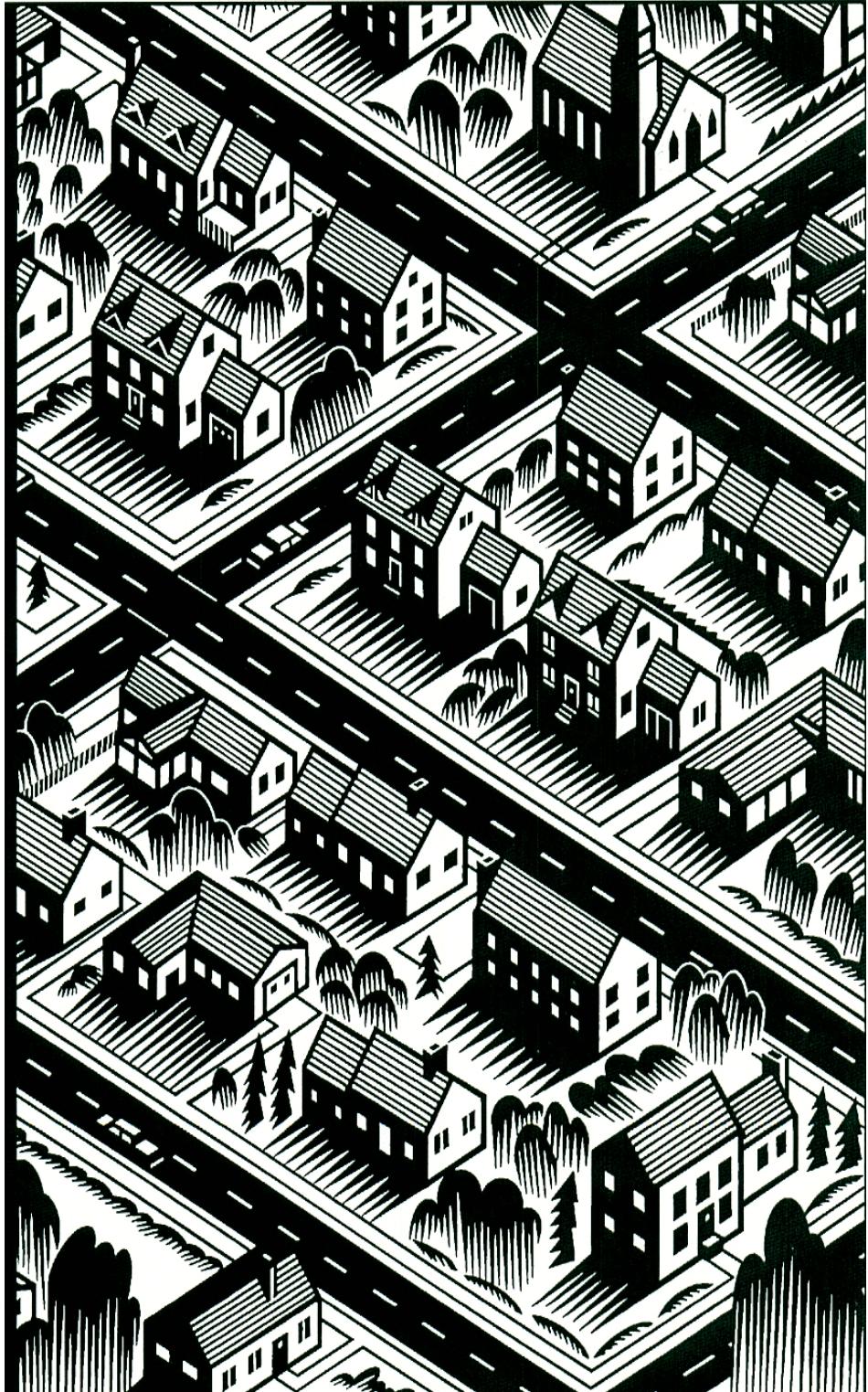


Rezoning Application



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(563) 589-4210; e-mail: planning@cityofdubuque.org

Requesting a Rezoning

Guidelines to help you through the application process.

What does it mean to rezone a property?

Rezoning is the process whereby a citizen petitions the Zoning Advisory Commission and City Council to change the zoning classification of his/her property. The zoning classification of a property controls what type of land use can be established on the property.

How long does the application process take?

In most cases, the application process takes 45-60 days from the application deadline. Filing and application, however, does not guarantee approval.

Who is the Zoning Advisory Commission?

The Commission is a volunteer group of 7 citizens from the community who the City Council appoints to meet once a month to make recommendations to the City Council on requests like yours.

What criteria are considered when granting a rezoning request?

The Zoning Advisory Commission and City Council have the ability to grant a rezoning where a clear showing has been made that the original classification was a mistake or that circumstances and conditions affecting the property in question have so materially changed so as to demand reclassification in the public interest.

How do I apply for a rezoning?

Call or go to the Planning Services Office, Second Floor, City Hall (589-4210). Schedule a pre-application conference. Review the application procedure.

Submit all the following application materials at one time to the Planning Services Office (see meeting schedule for deadlines):

1. Planning Application Form.
2. Application fee, check payable to the City of Dubuque (fee schedule attached).
3. Any other information that is required or that you feel is pertinent to your request.

During the next two weeks, staff will review your application and will send notices to property owners within 200 feet of your property. Staff also will visit your property, take photos and write a staff report regarding your request.

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We also are required to publish a public notice about your request in the local newspaper prior to the meeting.

¹ One week before the meeting you will receive a copy of the staff report and an agenda for the meeting.

Do I need to be at the meeting?

Yes. You need to present your request to the Commission and be available to answer questions, if needed. The Zoning Advisory Commission generally meets at the Carnegie Stout Public Library Auditorium on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Check the attached meeting schedule for the exact date.

What happens at the Zoning Advisory Commission meeting?

At the meeting, both Planning Services staff and you or your representative will make presentations to the Commission. The meeting then will be opened to the public to allow comments and questions. The Commission either will approve, modify, deny or table your request for more information.

Please Note: Zoning Advisory Commission meetings are televised on City Cable Channel 8.

What happens next?

Your application, along with a recommendation from the Zoning Advisory Commission, will be forwarded to the City Council to be placed on its next available agenda. Those agenda items usually are heard the third Monday of each month at the Carnegie Stout Public Library Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

What happens at the City Council meeting?

The City Council will conduct a public hearing similar to the one held by the Zoning Advisory Commission. Again, you need to present your request to the City Council and be available to answer questions, if needed. The City Council will approve, modify, deny or table your request for more information.

If approved, the City Clerk will publish the ordinance approving the rezoning in the paper. Once the ordinance is published your rezoning request is official. If denied, you may appeal the City Council's decision to District Court or submit a revised proposal.

Attachments:

- Meeting Schedule
- Fee Schedule

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There are a number of issues to consider when attempting to rezone your property. It is strongly encouraged that you consider the items outlined below prior to filing for a rezoning.

Have you met with neighbors?

You are encouraged to meet with surrounding property owners and neighbors in an effort to determine whether there are potential supporters and/or objectors for the proposed rezoning. The Zoning Advisory Commission considers public input important, especially that of neighbors, as they are the ones most directly affected by a rezoning. It is also important to note the concerns raised by neighbors and for you to be prepared to address these concerns at the Commission meeting. It may be necessary to modify your rezoning request to satisfy the concerns raised by neighbors in an effort to increase the likelihood that your request will be approved.

Be aware that once an application is filed with the City both the Zoning Advisory Commission and City Council members may only receive information on the rezoning request at the scheduled public hearings. City Council and Commission members are not allowed to meet individually with applicants, supporters or people in opposition to a rezoning request. City Council and Commissions cannot make individual site visits.

Be aware that owners of 20% or more of the land within 200 feet of a proposed rezoning can force a super-majority vote of the City Council to approve a rezoning.

If the owners of 20% or more of the land within 200 feet of the proposed rezoning object in writing, at least 6 of the 7 City Council members need to approve the rezoning request. Again, it is important for you to communicate with surrounding property owners and other stakeholders prior to the Zoning Advisory Commission meeting. In some cases, it may be beneficial to seek input from neighbors more than 200 feet away.

Be aware that a negative recommendation from the Zoning Advisory Commission forces a super-majority vote by the City Council to approve a zoning request.

If the Zoning Advisory Commission does not recommend approval of a request, at least 6 out of the 7 City Council members must vote in favor to approve the rezoning.

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Have you reviewed the City plans and ordinances affecting the property you want to rezone?

It is important for you to consider the impact a proposed rezoning may have on the surrounding area. Will the request have a positive or a negative impact on surrounding property owners? How will the request affect the orderly development of an area? A request should be consistent with surrounding zoning, land uses and the City of Dubuque Comprehensive Plan. You should be prepared to provide factual, convincing arguments in support of your rezoning request.

Does your request meet the criteria necessary to grant a rezoning as established by the Unified Development Code?

Article 9-5 of the Unified Development Code establishes criteria used by the Commission and City Council to determine whether a rezoning is appropriate. You must demonstrate that the original zoning classification was a mistake or that the circumstances or conditions affecting the property have changed enough over time to warrant a re-zoning in the public interest. Again, be prepared to provide factual, convincing arguments in support of your request at the Commission meeting.

Helpful Suggestions for your rezoning request:

- Prior to an application being filed, attend a pre-application conference with Planning Services and other key City staff to discuss your proposal.
- Conduct one or more neighborhood meetings to present your proposal and listen to neighbors' questions and concerns.
- Provide factual information at the Commission meeting regarding your proposal. This can include letters of support from neighbors and others in favor of your request, documentary evidence, photographs, traffic analysis, etc. This information will enable you to better explain your proposal.

PLANNING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
City Hall, 50 W. 13th Street, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 (563) 589-4210



FEE SCHEDULE

Effective July 1, 2025



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES APPLICATIONS

Billboard Inspection Fee per sign/year	\$ 62
Electronic Message Sign Inspection Fee per sign/year	\$ 62
Extension of Subdivision Bonding	\$ 42
Flood Plain Permit	\$ 190
Flood Way Permit	\$ 763
Limited Setback Waiver	\$ 153
Freestanding Solar Array Waiver	\$ 153
Sign Permit Reviews	\$ 46
Site Plan: Simple	\$ 230
Site Plan: Minor	\$ 410
Site Plan: Major	\$ 470
Simple Subdivision (Staff Review)	\$ 77
Simple Subdivision (Council Action Required)	\$ 510
Temporary Use Permit	\$ 184

OTHER PLANNING SERVICES FEES

Copies	\$0.25/page *
Maps, Reports & Ordinances	\$15 to \$51/document
Verification Letter, Report (i.e. Zoning, IDOT)	\$ 77

ZONING ADVISORY COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Planned District, NEW (PUD) (ID)	\$ 920+ \$2/notice
Planned District, AMENDED (PUD) (ID)	\$ 765 + \$2/notice
Plat: Minor Subdivision	\$ 460 + \$20/Lot
Plat (FINAL): Major Subdivision	\$ 663
Plat (PRELIMINARY): Major Subdivision	\$ 663+ \$20 /Lot
Rezoning	\$ 663 + \$2/notice
Text Amendment	\$ 510
Waiver from Site Design Standards	\$ 460

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS

Appeal	\$ 255
Conditional Use Permit	\$ 561+ \$2/notice
Special Exception	\$ 200
Variance	\$ 561+ \$2/notice

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Design Review (including Economic Non-Viability & Demolition)	\$ 200
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Board and Commission Meeting Schedule January-December 2026

Submit Application to:

Planning Services Department

City of Dubuque
50 W. 13th Street
Dubuque, IA 52001

planning@cityofdubuque.org

APPLICATION DUE BY

Dec 01
Jan 05
Feb 02
Mar 02
Mar 30
May 04
Jun 01
Jun 29
Aug 03
Aug 31
Sep 28
Oct 26
Nov 30

MEETING DATE

Long Range
Planning
Advisory
Commission
(LRPAC)

Meets Monthly	3rd Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
* Agenda link	cityofdubuque.org/LRPAC

Dec 17
Jan 21
Feb 18
Mar 18
Apr 15
May 20
Jun 17
Jul 15
Aug 19
Sep 16
Oct 21
Nov 18
Dec 16

Historic
Preservation
Commission
(HPC)

3rd Thursday 5:30 p.m.
cityofdubuque.org/HPC

Dec 18
Jan 15
Feb 19
Mar 19
Apr 16
May 21
Jun 18
Jul 16
Aug 20
Sep 17
Oct 15
Nov 19
Dec 17

Port of
Dubuque/
Chaplain
Schmitt Island
Design Review

4th Wednesday 3:00 p.m.
Design Guidelines

Dec 17
Jan 28
Feb 25
Mar 25
Apr 22
May 27
Jun 24
Jul 22
Aug 26
Sep 23
Oct 28
Nov 18
Dec 16

Zoning Board
of Adjustment
(ZBA)

4th Thursday 5:30 p.m.
cityofdubuque.org/ZBA

Dec 18
Jan 22
Feb 26
Mar 26
Apr 23
May 28
Jun 25
Jul 23
Aug 27
Sep 24
Oct 22
Nov 19
Dec 17

Zoning
Advisory
Commission
(ZAC)

1st Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
cityofdubuque.org/ZAC

Jan 07
Feb 04
Mar 04
Apr 01
May 06
Jun 03
Jun 15
Jul 01
Aug 05
Sep 02
Oct 07
Nov 04
Dec 02
Jan 06

City Council

3rd Monday 6:30 p.m.
cityofdubuque.org/novusagenda.com/AgendaPublic/

Tues. Jan 20
Feb 16
Mar 16
Apr 20
May 18
Jun 15
Jul 20
Aug 17
Sep 21
Oct 19
Nov 16
Dec 21
Tues. Jan 19

* Agenda contains meeting location information.

The agenda link connects to the Board or Commission website home page.

Scroll to 'Agendas & Minutes' and click on 'Most Recent Agenda'

APPLICATION FORM

Zoning Advisory Commission

- Amended PUD
- Rezoning/PUD/ID
- Text Amendment
- Simple Subdivision
- Preliminary Plat
- Major Final Plat
- Minor Final Plat
- Waiver from Site Design Standards

Zoning Board of Adjustment

- Conditional Use Permit
- Special Exception
- Variance
- Appeal

Development Services

- Annexation
- Limited Setback Waiver
- Site Plan Simple
- Site Plan Minor
- Site Plan Major
- Simple Subdivision
- Temporary Use Permit
- Port of Dubuque/
Chaplain Schmitt Island
Design Review

Historic Preservation Commission

- Demolition Review
- Historic Revolving Loan
- Certificate of Economic Non-Viability
- Design Review Certificate of
Appropriateness
- Advisory Design Review (Public
Projects)
- Historic Designation

Please complete the applicable sections below. Please type or print legibly.

A. Property Information

Site Location/Address: _____

Legal Description/Parcel ID#/Subdivision: _____

Existing Zoning: _____ Proposed Zoning: _____ Site Area (square feet/acres): _____

Historic District: _____ Landmark: Yes No

B. Describe proposal and reason for application (attach a letter of explanation, if necessary):

C. Applicant/Agent Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

D. Property Owner(s) Information

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

E. Certification: I/we, the undersigned, do hereby certify/acknowledge that:

1. Payment does not guarantee approval and fees are nonrefundable;
2. All additional required written and graphic materials are attached;
3. It is the property owner's responsibility to locate property lines and to review the abstract for easements and restrictive covenants; and
4. The information submitted herein is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and upon submittal becomes public record.

Applicant/Agent: _____ Date: _____

Property Owner(s): _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee \$ _____ Ck# _____ CC Cash Received by _____ Date _____