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Section 9.1 Purpose and Applicability

- (A) The purpose of this Article is to establish an orderly process to develop land within the City of Boiling Spring Lakes. It is also the intent of this Article to provide a clear and comprehensible development process that is fair and equitable to all interests including the petitioners, affected neighbors, City staff, related agencies, the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, and the Board of Commissioners. Approved plans shall be the guiding documents for final approval and permitting.
- (B) If an application for a minor site plan, major site plan, or conditional use permit is denied, a similar application for the same property or any portion thereof shall not be filed until the expiration of a 12-month period from the date of the most recent denial, unless substantially different (see Appendix A) from the original application.
- (C) The development review process applies to all development within the City of Boiling Spring Lakes except for a change in principal use where such change would not result in a change in lot coverage, parking, or other site characteristics.
- (D) An as-built survey shall be submitted to the UDO Administrator by the applicant upon completion of the building foundation to ensure that setbacks and building orientation match the approved site plan. If the survey shows that the placement of the building is incorrect, then the UDO Administrator shall issue a stop-work order and all construction shall be halted until the problem is remedied.

Section 9.2 Plot Plan Procedures

Plot plan review is intended to ensure that the layout and general design of low- intensity development is compatible with all applicable standards in this ordinance and all other applicable City regulations. The plot plan shall generally be drawn to scale and indicate all existing and proposed structures, trees proposed for removal, required setbacks, and existing and proposed impervious surfaces. Plot plans shall be submitted for review of the following development types:

- (A) Accessory structures.
- (B) Any enlargement of a principal building by less than 20% of its existing size provided such enlargement will not result in parking or landscaping improvements.
- (C) Single-family detached and two-family residential (duplex) development.
 - (1) For principal single-family and duplex development, the plot plan shall be drawn using a recent boundary survey (less than 2 years old) prepared by a licensed surveyor. NOTE: The recent survey may serve as the base whereby the proposed development is to take place. A surveyor is not required to prepare the plot plan.

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Section 9.3 Site Plan Procedures

9.3.1 Pre-Application Meeting and Sketch Plan

The applicant is encouraged to schedule a pre-application meeting with the UDO Administrator to review a Sketch Plan of proposed development. The Sketch Plan shall generally indicate the location of all existing and proposed structures, amount of impervious surface, and extent of land disturbance. The UDO Administrator will advise the applicant of all applicable City regulations and policies, suggest development alternatives, application procedures, and fees. The pre-application meeting is a non-binding and informal review of a development proposal intended to provide information to the applicant on the procedures and policies of the City of Boiling Spring Lakes and does not confer upon the applicant any development rights. The UDO Administrator may submit a Sketch Plan to other departments or agencies for input and recommendations.

9.3.2 Application and Submittal Procedures

- (A) Applicability and Process. Minor Site Plans, Major Site Plans, Conditional Use Permit Plans, and other site-specific plans shall be submitted in accordance with this Section except where specifically noted. Upon determination by the UDO Administrator or his designee that an application is complete, the review process for the proposed project type shall be initiated. All plans shall be prepared by a land surveyor, engineer, landscape architect, or architect registered to practice in the State of North Carolina with his or her seal. Prior to construction, detailed plans and specifications shall be reviewed and approved by any other relevant entity, such as the county, in accordance with their respective policies regarding the facilities and/or improvements. Approval of the site plan does not imply or satisfy approval requirements for the facilities and/or improvements.
- (B) Submittal Requirements. Three (3) paper copies and one digital copy of a minor site plan, major site plan, of conditional use permit plan shall be submitted for UDO Administrator and Technical Review Committee review. Five (5) paper copies and one digital copy of major site plans and conditional use permit plans are required prior to review by the Planning Board/BOA. Information to be included on each plan type is included in Appendix B.

Section 9.4 Minor Site Plans

Projects requiring minor site plan approval:

- (A) Development whereby less than one (1) acre of land is disturbed;
- (B) Nonresidential development under 10,000 square feet of gross floor area; or
- (C) Residential development of three (3) to four (4) units on a single-lot.

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9.4.1 Application Requirements

Applicants for minor site plan approval shall submit all information required as specified in Appendix B, and any additional information needed to demonstrate and support compliance with the standards of evaluation. No application shall be accepted as complete unless accompanied by all required fees and all required submission information.

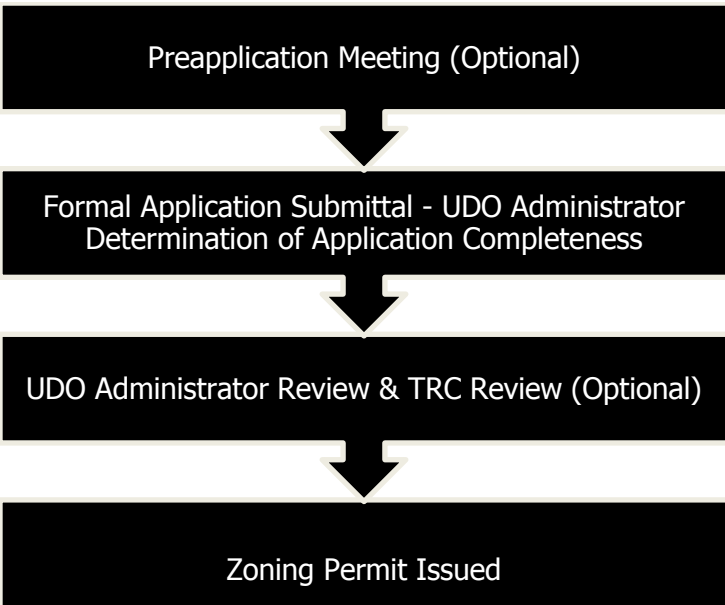
9.4.2 Review Process

- (A) The UDO Administrator shall review and, if the minor site plan submitted otherwise meets all of the standards of this Ordinance, approve the minor site plan.
- (B) The UDO Administrator may seek the recommendation of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) where applicable including review of proposed stormwater, utilities, or roadway infrastructure.
- (C) Upon minor site plan approval and issuance of a zoning permit, the applicant may apply for a building permit. NOTE: Additional approval of Brunswick County Environmental Health, US Fish & Wildlife Service, NCDEQ, or other agencies may be required prior to issuance of a building permit.

9.4.3 Expiration

Minor site plan approval expires twenty-four (24) months from the date of approval.

9.4.4 Minor Site Plan Approval Process Flow Chart



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Section 9.5 Major Site Plans

Projects requiring major site plan approval:

- (A) Development whereby one (1) or more acres of land is disturbed;
- (B) Residential developments greater than four (4) units on a single lot;
- (C) Nonresidential developments greater than or equal 10,000 square feet of gross floor area; or
- (D) Any form of development not exempted from site plan review or reviewed as a minor site plan.

9.5.1 Application Requirements

Applicants for major site plan approval shall submit all information required as specified in Appendix B, and any additional information needed to demonstrate and support compliance with the standards of evaluation. No application shall be accepted as complete unless accompanied by all required fees and all required submission information.

9.5.2 Review Process

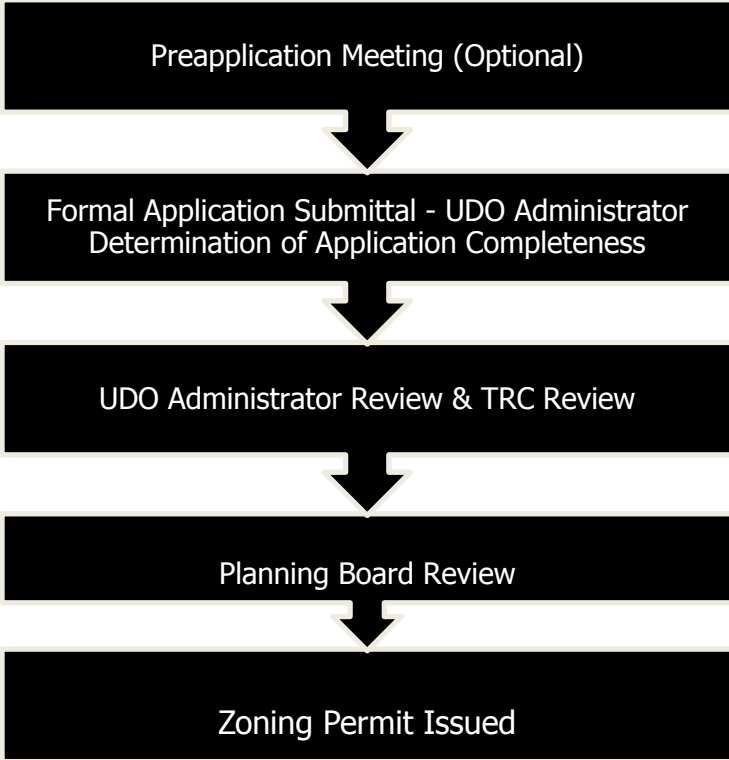
- (A) The UDO Administrator and Technical Review Committee shall review the major site plan and provide written recommendations to the Planning Board for review. The UDO Administrator may circulate the site plan to relevant government agencies and officials for comments and recommendations.
- (B) The Planning Board shall review the major site plan and written recommendations of the UDO Administrator and the TRC prior to approving, denying, or conditionally approving the major site plan. If the site plan submitted otherwise meets all of the standards of this Ordinance, the Planning Board shall approve such.
- (C) Upon site plan approval and issuance of a zoning permit, the applicant may apply for a building permit. NOTE: Additional approval of Brunswick County Environmental Health, US Fish & Wildlife Service, NCDEQ, or other agencies may be required prior to issuance of a building permit.

9.5.3 Expiration

Major site plan approval expires twenty-four (24) months from the date of approval.

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9.5.4 Major Site Plan Approval Process Flow Chart



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Section 9.6 Conditional Use Permit

9.6.1 Purpose and Applicability

This Ordinance provides for a number of uses to be located by right in each general zoning district subject to the use meeting certain area, height, yard, and off-street parking and loading requirements. In addition to these uses, this Ordinance allows some uses to be allowed in these districts on a conditional basis subject to issuance of a conditional use permit by the Board of Adjustment. The purpose of having the uses being conditional is to ensure that they would be compatible with surrounding development and in keeping with the purposes of the general zoning district in which they are located and would meet other criteria as set forth in this section.

9.6.2 Application Requirements

In the course of evaluating the proposed conditional use, the Board of Adjustment may request additional information from the applicant. A request for any additional information may stay any further consideration of the application by the Board of Adjustment.

No application shall be deemed complete unless it contains or is accompanied by all items listed in the submission requirements in Appendix B for the respective plan type – Plot Plan, Minor Site Plan, or Major Site Plan – as provided herein. The application shall be subject to the thresholds establishing the applicability for each plan type as provided in this Article.

9.6.3 Review Process

- (A) The UDO Administrator and Technical Review Committee shall review the conditional use permit plot/site plan for compliance with the UDO. The UDO Administrator may circulate the plan to relevant government agencies and officials for comments and recommendations.
- (B) The TRC may, in its review, suggest reasonable conditions to the location, nature, and extent of the proposed use and its relationship to surrounding properties, parking areas, driveways, pedestrian and vehicular circulation systems, screening and landscaping, timing of development, hours of operation, and any other conditions the TRC may find appropriate. The conditions may include dedication of any rights-of-way or easements for streets, water, sewer, or other public utilities necessary to serve the proposed development.
- (C) The TRC shall forward its comments to the Board of Adjustment.

9.6.4 Board of Adjustment Action

- (A) Conditional use permit cases are quasi-judicial, and all witnesses are to be sworn in.
- (B) Once the TRC has reviewed the proposed plan, the Board of Adjustment shall hold a hearing to consider the application. A quorum of the Board of Adjustment is required

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for this hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be subject to the requirements provided in Section 3.20.

- (C) In approving an application for a conditional use permit, the Board of Adjustment may attach fair and reasonable conditions to the approval. The petitioner will have a reasonable opportunity to consider and respond to any additional requirements prior to approval or denial by the Board of Adjustment. In no instance shall any of these conditions be less restrictive than any requirements which would pertain to that particular development found elsewhere in a similar zoning district.
- (D) The applicant has the burden of producing competent, material and substantial evidence tending to establish the facts and conditions which subsection 9.6.4(E) requires.
- (E) The Board of Adjustment shall issue a conditional use permit if it has evaluated an application through a quasi-judicial process and determined that:
 - (1) The proposed use will have either a minimal effect or positive effect on the public health or safety.
 - (2) The use meets all required conditions and specifications of the UDO.
 - (3) The proposed use will have no material adverse effect on the value of adjoining or abutting properties unless the use is a public necessity.
 - (4) The proposed use is in harmony with the City Land Use Plan and/or other plans adopted by the Board of Commissioners.
 - (5) Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designated as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.

9.6.5 Effect of Approval

If an application for a conditional use permit is approved by the Board of Adjustment, the owner of the property shall have the ability to develop the use in accordance with the stipulations contained in the conditional use permit.

9.6.6 Binding Effect

Any conditional use permit so authorized shall be binding to the property included in the permit unless subsequently changed or amended by the Board of Adjustment.

9.6.7 Change in Conditional Use Permit

Any request to materially change the conditional use permit once it has been issued shall constitute initiation of a new review procedure as provided herein.

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9.6.8 Expiration

Conditional use permit approval expires twenty-four (24) months from the date of approval.