# Escambia County Site Development Review Process

# What you need to know.



## About Development Review

It is the goal of the Development Review Division to partner with you in the development of your project within Escambia County.

The Development Review Committee reviews plans for compliance with the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. This includes commercial construction and residential subdivision construction.

All subdivision and site development plans must be approved prior to the issuance of a building permit as required in Article 4 of the Land Development Code.

# How can I submit a site plan package?

Initialpackagesshouldbesubmittedto the DRC coordinator in Development Review by calling 850-595-3472 to schedule an appointment. The deadline to submit complete site plan submittal packages is **11:30 a.m. every Wednesday.** 

### Where can I attend or speak at a DRC meeting?

The Development Review Committee generally meets every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Escambia County Central Office Complex, located at 3363 West Park Place. Meeting times and agendas can be found at **myescambia.com.** 

# How long will the process take?

The timeline will vary, but here is a general guideline for the DRC site plan review process.

1. DRC intake review initial submittal: One day

Includes mailing or bringing in your application and site plan, along with providing payment via phone (Visa or MasterCard). DRC will send your completed application electronically to all reviewers on the same day.

- 2. Initial review time: 10 days
  - 3. County review time: 6-8
    Days (30 days for preliminary/
    construction plats)
  - If all comments have been addressed, applicant can re-submit for final review on Friday.
  - Final comparison/review: New process development order issued in one week



# **Development Review General Process**

(Process may vary)

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START

**APPLICANT** submits for a pre-application conference. Includes transmittal letter, project information form, project narrative & site plan (not required for all projects

**STAFF** reviews pre-application package and issues comments at the preapplication meeting.





**DRC INTAKE** sends out review notification to review.

**STAFF** notifies applicant of meeting day and time.

**APPLICANT** submits for final comparison with all items on the final comparison submittal.

**APPLICANT** obtains signoffs from reviewers after responding to reviewers' comments.



**STAFF** issues initial comments.

**STAFF** provides recommendation to the Development Services

Director

**Director APPROVES** 

**APPLICANT** begins building permit process.

**Director DENIES** 

**APPLICANT** may request a quasi-judicial hearing with the Board of Adjustment within 15 days from the DRC determination

### **Public Notice**

**Signs** are posted in the project area for initial and final DRC meetings.

If a project progresses to a quasi-judicial hearing, public notice to residents in the impacted area is given, either a 500 or 2,500 feet radius depending on the project location and type of hearing, via **direct mail** and **legal advertising**.

# What if I object to a site proposal near my residence?

Public comments are welcome at Development Review Committee meetings, which generally take place every Wednesday (details on the other side of this page).

**However;** please remember that the reasons for protesting development sites must be legitimate according to Escambia County codes.

### Legitimate protest examples:

- Improper zoning
- Access issues (streets, ROW, etc.)
- Stormwater management issues
- Environmentally sensitive lands

### **Invalid protest examples:**

- × Property values may decrease
- Ceneral dislike of development
- Don't want it in your area

Final plats also go before the Escambia County Commissioners for approval. If a quasi-judicial hearing, such a rezoning was held prior, only those who spoke at the hearing may speak at the commission meeting.

**NOTE:** The above lists only provide examples and are not comprehensive. County technical reviewers follow plan review/criteria as laid out in the Land Development Code.



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