

# **GUIDE TO SUBDIVISION REVIEWS**

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

# WHAT IS A SUBDIVISION PLAN?

A subdivision plan is an illustrated representation of a proposed development project which includes location, roads, lot layouts, drainage and easements, etc.

Staff reviews subdivision plans according to the review process outlined below. In addition to this internal review process, the applicant is also subject to multiple external reviews by agencies including Berkeley County, the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT), and the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), to name a few. These external approvals are required in order to complete the review process at the City. The green boxes indicate phases that require actions on behalf of the applicant. Although the applicant is involved throughout the review process, the brown boxes represent internal processes only (See chart below).

A Subdivision Development Review Checklist can be obtained from the City's Department of Planning and Zoning.

The Department of Planning and Zoning for the City of Goose Creek oversees land use applications for sites, rezonings, variances, conditional use permits, and residential subdivision developments. All subdivision development plans are reviewed and approved by staff. The City is experiencing significant growth and the Department is working to ensure orderly land development, economic development, and housing production. Through collaborative efforts with public and development professionals, agencies the Department of Planning and Zoning seeks to facilitate well planned, sustainable long term growth and development for the City.

#### **INSPECTIONS**

Inspections are an integral element in the review process. The Department of Planning and Zoning will conduct multiple site visits throughout the review and approval process. The City's Code Enforcement division and Building Inspections will also visit the site to verify compliance. The developer is required to make one (1) set of final civil plans available on the physical site at all times.

## ZONING ORDINANCE

The Department of Planning and Zoning abides by the City's Zoning Ordinance adopted November 14, 1978 as amended. Section 151.060 of City Code outlines the Administration and Enforcement requirements for developments. Included in the section are permitting processes, construction processes, and code enforcement procedures. Section 151.080 of City Code establishes General Development Provisions including land use, flood zone management, parking, landscaping requirements, buffer areas and more.

To download a complete copy of the Zoning Ordinance: www.cityofgoosecreek.com

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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