

# Rezoning Application and Checklist

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Please complete all sections of the form and upload via the Permit and Development Portal ([permitportal.raleighnc.gov](http://permitportal.raleighnc.gov)). Please see page 8 for information about who may submit a rezoning application. A rezoning application will not be considered complete until all required submittal components listed on the Rezoning Checklist have been received and approved. For questions email [rezoning@raleighnc.gov](mailto:rezoning@raleighnc.gov).

Rezoning Request				
Rezoning Type	General Use	Conditional Use	Master Plan	Office Use Only Rezoning case #
	Text change to zoning conditions			
Existing zoning base district:		Height:	Frontage:	Overlay(s):
Proposed zoning base district:		Height:	Frontage:	Overlay(s):
<b>Helpful Tip:</b> View the Zoning Map to search for the address to be rezoned, then turn on the 'Zoning' and 'Overlay' layers.				
If the property has been previously rezoned, provide the rezoning case number:				

General Information		
Date:	Date amended (1):	Date amended (2):
Property address:		
Property PIN:		
Deed reference (book/page):		
Nearest intersection:		Property size (acres):
For planned development applications only	Total units:	Total square footage:
	Total parcels:	Total buildings:
Property owner name and address:		
Property owner email:		
Property owner phone:		
Applicant name and address:		
Applicant email:		
Applicant phone:		
Applicant signature(s):		
Additional email(s):		

**Conditional Use District Zoning Conditions**

Zoning case #:	Date submitted:	<b>Office Use Only</b> Rezoning case # _____
Existing zoning:	Proposed zoning:	

**Narrative of Zoning Conditions Offered**

Large empty rectangular box for the narrative of zoning conditions offered.

The property owner(s) hereby offers, consents to, and agrees to abide, if the rezoning request is approved, the conditions written above. All property owners must sign each condition page. This page may be photocopied if additional space is needed.

Property Owner(s) Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Rezoning Application Addendum #1**

**Comprehensive Plan Analysis**

The applicant is asked to analyze the impact of the rezoning request and its consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. The applicant is also asked to explain how the rezoning request is reasonable and in the public interest.

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**Statement of Consistency**

Provide brief statements regarding whether the rezoning request is consistent with the future land use designation, the urban form map, and any applicable policies contained within the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

**Public Benefits**

Provide brief statements explaining how the rezoning request is reasonable and in the public interest.

**Rezoning Application Addendum #2**

**Impact on Historic Resources**

The applicant is asked to analyze the impact of the rezoning request on historic resources. For the purposes of this section, a historic resource is defined as any site, structure, sign, or other feature of the property to be rezoned that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places or designated by the City of Raleigh as a landmark or contributing to a Historic Overlay District.

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**Inventory of Historic Resources**

List in the space below all historic resources located on the property to be rezoned. For each resource, indicate how the proposed zoning would impact the resource.

**Public Mitigation**

Provide brief statements describing actions that will be taken to mitigate all negative impacts listed above.

## Design Guidelines

The Applicant must respond to the **Urban Design Guidelines** contained in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan if:

- a) The property to be rezoned is within a "City Growth Center", "Mixed-Use Center", or "Transit Station Areas", OR;
- b) The property to be rezoned is located along a "Main Street" or "Transit Emphasis Corridor" as shown on the Urban Form Map in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Policy UD 7.3:

The Design Guidelines in Table UD-1 shall be used to review rezoning petitions and development applications for mixed-use developments; or rezoning petitions and development applications along Main Street and Transit Emphasis Corridors or in City Growth, TOD and Mixed-Use Centers, including preliminary site plans and development plans, petitions for the application of Downtown Overlay Districts, Planned Development Districts, and Conditional Use zoning petitions.

The Applicant must respond to the **Downtown Urban Design Guidelines** contained in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan if:

- a) The property to be rezoned is within "Downtown" as shown on the Urban Form Map in the 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

Policy DT 7.18:

The design guidelines in Table DT-1 shall be used to review rezoning, alternative means of compliance, special use permits, and planned development master plan applications in downtown.

Please [click here](#) to download the Design Guidelines Addendum if required.

Urban Form Designation:

Click [here](#) to view the Urban Form map.

Please continue to the next page for the Rezoning Checklist Submittal Requirement.

<b>Rezoning Checklist (Submittal Requirements)</b>					
To be completed by Applicant			To be completed by staff		
General Requirements – General Use or Conditional Use Rezoning:	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
1. I have referenced this Rezoning Checklist and by using this as a guide, it will ensure that I receive a complete and thorough first review by the City of Raleigh					
2. Pre-application conference					
3. Neighborhood meeting notice and report					
4. Rezoning application review fee (see <a href="#">Development Fee Guide</a> for rates).					
5. Completed application submitted through Permit and Development Portal					
6. Completed Comprehensive Plan consistency analysis					
7. Completed response to the urban design or downtown design guidelines					
8. Two sets of stamped envelopes addressed to all property owners of area to be rezoned and properties with 500 feet of area to be rezoned					
9. Trip generation study					
10. Traffic impact analysis					
For properties requesting a Conditional Use District:	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
11. Completed zoning conditions, signed by property owner(s)					
If applicable, see page 8:	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
12. Proof of Power of Attorney or Owner Affidavit					
For properties requesting a Planned Development or Campus District:	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
13. Master plan (see Master Plan submittal requirements)					
For properties requesting a text change to zoning conditions:	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
14. Redline copy of zoning conditions with proposed changes					
15. Proposed conditions signed by property owner(s)					

Please continue to the next page for the Master Plan Submittal Requirements checklist.

<b>Master Plan (Submittal Requirements)</b>					
To be completed by Applicant			To be completed by staff		
General Requirements – Master Plan:	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	N/A
1. I have referenced this Master Plan Checklist and by using this as a guide, it will ensure that I receive a complete and thorough first review by the City of Raleigh					
2. Total number of units and square feet					
3. 12 sets of plans					
4. Completed application submitted through Permit and Development Portal					
5. Vicinity Map					
6. Existing Conditions Map					
7. Street and Block Layout Plan					
8. General Layout Map/Height and Frontage Map					
9. Description of Modification to Standards, 12 sets					
10. Development Plan (location of building types)					
11. Pedestrian Circulation Plan					
12. Parking Plan					
13. Open Space Plan					
14. Tree Conservation Plan (if site is two acres or more)					
15. Major Utilities Plan/Utilities Service Plan					
16. Generalized Stormwater Plan					
17. Phasing Plan					
18. Three-Dimensional Model/renderings					
19. Common Signage Plan					

## Who Can Initiate a Zoning Request?

If requesting to down-zone property, the rezoning application must be signed by all the property owners whose property is subject to the downzoning. Downzoning is defined as a zoning ordinance that affects an area of land in one of the following ways:

1. By decreasing the development density of the land to be less dense than was allowed under its previous usage.
2. By reducing the permitted uses of the land that are specified in a zoning ordinance or land development regulation to fewer uses than were allowed under its previous usage.

If requesting to rezone property to a conditional district, the rezoning application must be signed by all owners of the property to be included in the district. For purposes of the application only (not the zoning conditions), the City will accept signatures on behalf of the property owner from the following:

1. The property owner;
2. An attorney acting on behalf of the property owner with an executed power of attorney; or
3. A person authorized to act on behalf of the property owner with an executed owner's affidavit.

An owner's affidavit must be made under oath, properly notarized and, at a minimum, include the following information:

- The property owner's name and, if applicable, the property owner's title and organization name.
- The address, PIN and Deed Book/Page Number of the property.
- A statement that the person listed as the property owner is the legal owner of the property described.
- The name of the person authorized to act on behalf of the property owner as the applicant. If applicable, the authorized person's title and organization name.
- A statement that the property owner, as legal owner of the described property, hereby gives authorization and permission to the authorized person, to submit to the City of Raleigh an application to rezone the described property.
- A statement that the property owner understands and acknowledges that zoning conditions must be signed, approved and consented to by the property owner.
- The property owner's signature and the date the property owner signed the affidavit.

If requesting to rezone property to a general use district that is not a down-zoning, the rezoning application may be signed, for the purpose of initiating the request, by property owners or third-party applicants.



## Temporary Option for Virtual Neighborhood Meetings

During times when in-person gatherings are restricted, this document consists of guidance and templates for conducting a virtual meeting that may satisfy the pre-submittal neighborhood meeting prerequisite for filing a rezoning request and, when required, the second neighborhood meeting prerequisite for Planning Commission review. All requirements related to notice and neighborhood meetings found in the UDO are still applicable and should be reviewed when preparing for a neighborhood meeting.

Raleigh Planning & Development staff are available to advise you in the preparation for virtual neighborhood meetings. For more information, contact Carmen Kuan: (919) 996-2235 or [Carmen.Kuan@raleighnc.gov](mailto:Carmen.Kuan@raleighnc.gov).

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF A NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING?

A neighborhood meeting is a required form of community outreach to receive community feedback regarding a rezoning prior to submittal to Raleigh Planning & Development or prior to Planning Commission review, per the standards found in [UDO Ch. 10](#). The intention of the meeting is to facilitate neighbor communication; identify issues of concern early on; and provide the applicant an opportunity to address neighbors' concerns about the potential impacts of the rezoning request at key steps in the rezoning process.

### GUIDANCE FOR VIRTUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS

The virtual neighborhood meeting option is available to applicants on a temporary basis during times when in-person gatherings are restricted. Above and beyond the requirements for neighborhood meetings found in the UDO, the following practices are strongly encouraged for virtual neighborhood meetings:

**Verification of mailed notice for virtual neighborhood meetings can be completed by USPS or Raleigh Planning & Development staff.**

Neighborhood meeting notification letters can be verified in one of two ways for virtual neighborhood meetings:

- By using USPS in compliance with [UDO Sec. 10.2.1.C.1.b](#).
- By coordinating with Raleigh Planning & Development staff.
  - Applicants may present stuffed, stamped, and addressed neighborhood meeting notifications to Raleigh Planning & Development staff prior to the 10-day period for confirmation that the complete list of property owners is being noticed and that the notices contain adequate information to satisfy the requirements of the UDO and are in keeping with this guidance document.  
Applicants may present electronic documentation to city staff prior to the 10-day period for verification. Documentation should include: an electronic copy of the notification letter and any enclosures, the mailing list, photographs of the mailing that demonstrates the number of envelopes prepared for mailing, an attestation from the applicant that the mailing satisfies all UDO requirements and that acknowledges that false statements negate validity of the mailing.

**The meeting should be held within specific timeframes and meet certain requirements.**

The UDO requires that “the applicant shall provide an opportunity to meet with property owners of the development site and property owners within the mailing radius described in UDO Sec. 10.2.1.C.1. In order to provide meaningful opportunity, a virtual neighborhood meeting should follow these guidelines:

- Electronically via an interactive online video conferencing software such as Microsoft Teams, Zoom, WebEx, or any similar platform of the applicant’s choice.
- The software must support a two-way conversation that allows for residents to ask questions and provide thoughts, as well as hear the applicant’s presentation.
- The software should provide an option for an individual to participate exclusively by telephone.
- The meeting should be conducted for a minimum of one (1) hour, Monday through Thursday, during the 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. time period.
- The meeting should not be held on City of Raleigh or State of North Carolina recognized holidays.
- Just as with an in-person meeting, an attendance sheet must be completed to log known attendees of the virtual meeting. Note if no one attended.

**Additional informational material should be provided by post to all invitees.**

To help facilitate discussion during the meeting for all participants, especially those that may participate exclusively by telephone, informational material should be provided by post. A copy of all mailed materials should be included as part of the Neighborhood Meeting report required for the rezoning application. In addition to details required by UDO Sec. 10.2.1.C.1, the following information should be mailed with the meeting notice:

- The date, time, and detailed instructions for how to participate in the virtual meeting either online or by telephone.
- A current aerial photograph of the area.
- A current zoning map of the area.
- A draft of the rezoning petition to be submitted.
- For a rezoning request to a district that requires a master plan (UDO Art. 4.6 and 4.7) preliminary or schematic plans of the proposed master plan should be provided to help facilitate discussion.

**The meeting agenda should describe the action to be requested and the nature of the questions involved.**

This information should be addressed during the meeting:

- Explanation of the rezoning process.
- Explanation of future meetings (additional neighborhood meetings, if any; Planning Commission review; City Council public hearing).
- Explanation of the development proposal, including proposed uses and zoning conditions; explanation of any proposed master plan; and any public information available about the property owner or buyer, developer or builder, and/or likely tenant.
- Questions or concerns by virtual attendees and responses by the applicant.

- Report of any questions and concerns received by the applicant in correspondence or phone call in advance of the meeting, along with any applicant-provided responses.

The applicant shall be responsible for notifying any neighbors who request to be kept up-to-date of any additional neighborhood meetings and the actual submittal date to the City of Raleigh Development Portal.

## NOTIFICATION LETTER TEMPLATE

Date:

Re: (SITE LOCATION)

Neighboring Property Owners:

You are invited to attend a neighborhood meeting on (MEETING DATE and TIME). The meeting will be held virtually. You can participate online or by telephone. To participate, visit:

(MEETING WEB ADDRESS)

Or call:

(MEETING PHONE NUMBER)

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a potential rezoning of the property located at (SITE ADDRESS AND NEARBY LANDMARKS). This site is currently zoned (CURRENT ZONING DISTRICT) and is proposed to be rezoned to (PROPOSED ZONING DISTRICT). (ANY OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS OF THE REQUEST.)

Prior to the submittal of any rezoning application, the City of Raleigh requires that a neighborhood meeting be held for all property owners within 500 feet of the area requested for rezoning.

Information about the rezoning process is available online; visit [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov) and search for "Rezoning Process." If you have further questions about the rezoning process, please contact:

JP Mansolf

Raleigh Planning & Development

(919)996-2180

[JP.Mansolf@raleighnc.gov](mailto:JP.Mansolf@raleighnc.gov)

If you have any concerns or questions about this potential rezoning I (we) can be reached at:

(NAME)

(CONTACT INFO)

Sincerely,

ATTESTATION TEMPLATE

Attestation Statement

I, the undersigned, do hereby attest that the electronic verification document submitted herewith accurately reflects notification letters, enclosures, envelopes and mailing list for mailing the neighborhood meeting notification letters as required by Chapter 10 of the City of Raleigh UDO, and I do hereby further attest that that I did in fact deposit all of the required neighborhood meeting notification letters with the US. Postal Service on the \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. I do hereby attest that this information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and I understand that any falsification, omission, or concealment of material fact may be a violation of the UDO subjecting me to administrative, civil, and/or, criminal liability, including, but not limited to, invalidation of the application to which such required neighborhood meeting relates.

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Signature of Applicant/Applicant Representative

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Date

SUMMARY OF ISSUES

A neighborhood meeting was held on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) to discuss a potential rezoning located at \_\_\_\_\_ (property address). The neighborhood Meeting was held at \_\_\_\_\_ (location). There were approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (number) neighbors in attendance. The general issues discussed were:

Summary of Issues:


