

City of Independence Multifamily Development Process

Planning Commission April 12th 2022

Types of Residential Developments

• R-1

R-2,R-4

R-6

R-12

R-18/PUD

R-30/PUD













Focusing in on a R-18 and R-30/PUD

What is a PUD?

A Planned Unit Development is a project that requires a preliminary and final development plan that may not be subject to standard zoning requirements, but instead proposes plans and criteria that determine common areas, amenities, building guidelines and other potential mixed uses.

A Planned Unit Development (PUD) is intended to:

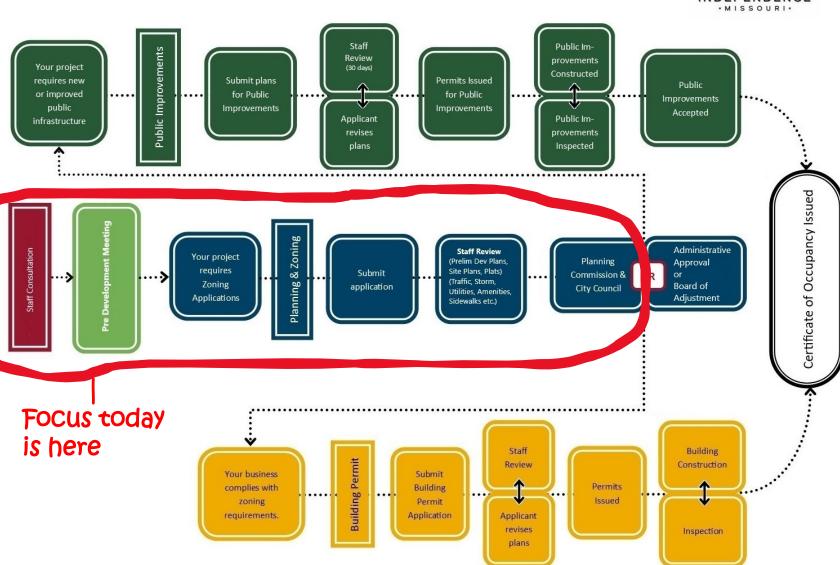
- Ensure development that is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan
- Ensure that development can be conveniently, efficiently, and economically served by existing and planned utilities.
- Allows flexible designs that result in greater public benefits than could be achieved using conventional zoning district regulations.
- Preserves natural, historical or cultural resources.
- Promotes attractive and functional residential, non-residential, and mixed-use developments compatible with the surrounding areas. (14-902)

Development Review Flowchart



City Website

- City Departments
- Community Development
 - Development Services
 - Pre-Development
 Meetings
 - Planning Commission
 - Board of Adjustment
 - Citizen Information Guides
 - License Surcharge
 - Capital Improvements
 - Mapping and Addressing
 - Zoning Lookup
 - Forms, Permits and Applications
 - Engineering Resources



Pre-Development Meeting

Over 20 staff are invited to the pre-development meeting to discuss with the applicant and their engineer the project concept plan. Staff includes representatives from the following departments:

- Municipal Services Sanitary Sewer
- Municipal Services Storm Sewers
- Municipal Services Street and Traffic
- Municipal Services Environmental
- Water Department
- Independence Power and Light
- Independence Fire Department
- Health Department
- Community Development Building Inspections
- Community Development Planning Staff
- Community Development Engineering Staff
- Community Development Historical Preservation



Application Submittal Multifamily R18/PUD

- Planned Unit Developments (PUD) are processed with a Rezoning application following Section 14-701-02-D of the UDO and concurrently with a Preliminary Development Plan application.
- Following Section 14-703 of the UDO, applications must be submitted with a statement from the owner explaining why the PUD would be in the publics interest and how it would be consistent with the objectives of the PUD Municipal Code.
- All the standards of the UDO apply to development within a PUD district except as authorized by and approved as part of a PUD plan in accordance with the Section 14-703.
- PUD Preliminary and Final Development Plans must be approved before issuance of any building or construction permits.

Staff Review

Contents of the Preliminary Development Plan is outlined in Section 14-703-05-B of the UDO but in summary includes the following:

Maps and drawings of the site and intersecting streets

- Legal descriptions of property boundaries
- Drawings showing existing utilities with easements
- Location of building with elevations and materials
- Number of dwelling units and capacity of off-street parking
- Applicable studies including traffic impact studies and stormwater management plans
- Modifications or additions to the existing street network, drive entrances and pedestrian connectivity.
- Location of open spaces, amenities, common areas
- Landscaping plans
- Proposed ownership of dwellings, and location of all public and private facilities.
- Development phasing plan.
- Any impacts to historical, cultural or environmentally sensitive areas.



Public Notice

City:

Per Section 14-700-08 of the UDO, Public Notices must be placed in a local newspaper of general circulation not less than 15 calendar days prior to a public meeting.

Applicant:

Must mail notices to last known recorded property owners within 185 feet of property under consideration with description of the proposal, the time and place of the hearing.

Signs must be posted on the property requiring the public hearing with the time and place of the public hearing. Signs are furnished by the City.

* For PUD projects neighborhood meetings are not required but highly encouraged by staff (14-705-04-C).

Packets Provided to Planning Commission



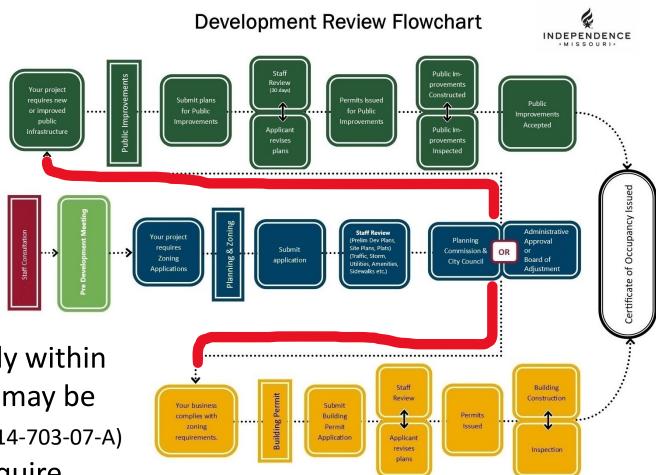
- Staff provides reports and recommendations to the Planning Commission along with all applicable documentation, plans and studies.
- Planning Commission must make a recommendation to City Council regarding the approval, approval with modifications, or denial of the subject application.
- Review Criteria for a Planned Unit Development is based on Section 14-703-05-H of the UDO.

Review Criteria

- 1. The consistency with the Comprehensive *Plan*;
- 2. The consistency with the PUD standards of Section 14-902, including the statement of purpose;
- 3. The nature and extent of common open space in the PUD;
- 4. The reliability of the proposals for maintenance and conservation of common open space;
- 5. The adequacy or inadequacy of the amount and function of common open space in terms of the densities and dwelling types proposed in the *plan*;
- 6. The extent to which the proposed use will adversely affect the capacity of safety portions of the street network or present parking problems in the vicinity of the property. Whether adequate provision for public services, provides adequate control over vehicular traffic, and furthers the amenities of light and air, recreation and visual enjoyment;
- 7. The extent to which the proposed use will have a substantially adverse effect on adjacent property and the *development* or conservation of the neighborhood area;
- 8. Whether potential adverse impacts have been mitigated to the maximum practical extent;
- 9. Whether the preliminary *development plan* represents such a unique *development* proposal that it could not have accomplished through use of (non-PUD) conventional zoning regulations; and
- 10. The sufficiency of the terms and conditions proposed to protect the interest of the public and the residents of the PUD in the case of a *plan* that proposes *development* over a period of years.

Post Council Approval

- Preliminary Development Plan approval is valid for 24 months (14-703-05-K)
- Detailed engineering drawings are submitted
- Detailed building plans are submitted
- Final Development Plans are Submitted for approval and final Plat recorded
 - Minor changes, typically within 10% of proposed plan, may be approved by Director (14-703-07-A)
 - Major changes shall require submittal of a new Preliminary Development Plan (14-703-07-B)



Comparative Cities City of Liberty MO

Zoning districts include:

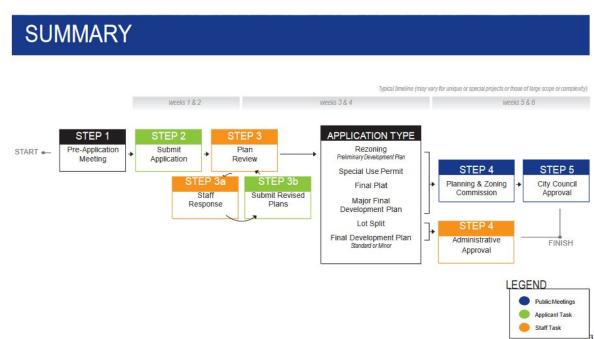
R-5 - Multi Family Dwellings

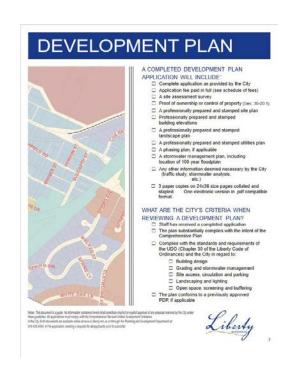
R-6 - Low Rise Apartments

R-7 - High Rise Apartment

District PD - Planned Development District (Preliminary Development Plan)







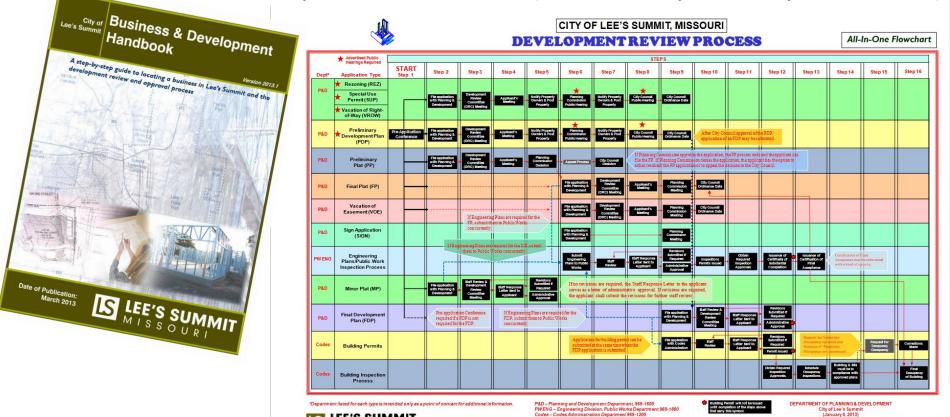
Comparative Cities

City of Lee's Summit MO

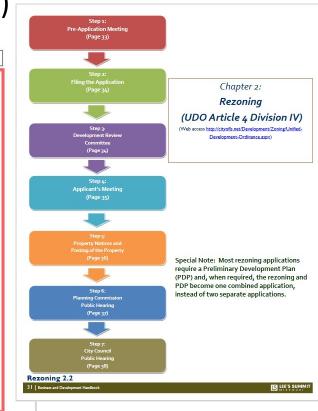
Zoning districts include:

RP-3 – Medium Density (Preliminary Development Plan)

RP-4 – Apartment District (Preliminary Development Plan)



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Comparative Cities

City of Blue Springs MO

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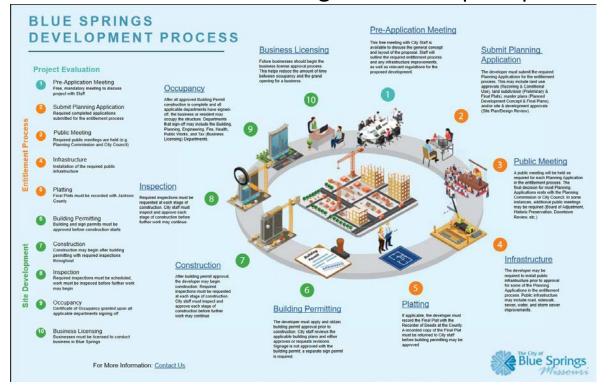
MF-10 - Multi Family Low Density (Planned Development Concept)

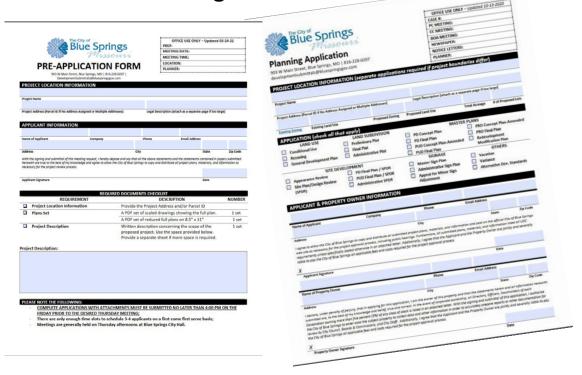
MF-14 – Multi Family Moderate Density (Planned Development Concept)

MF-18 – Multi Family High Density 4 stories of more (Planned Development Concept)

NL- Neighborhood Limited District Moderate Density Mixed Housing

NO- Neighborhood Open Space Multi Unit Mixed Housing





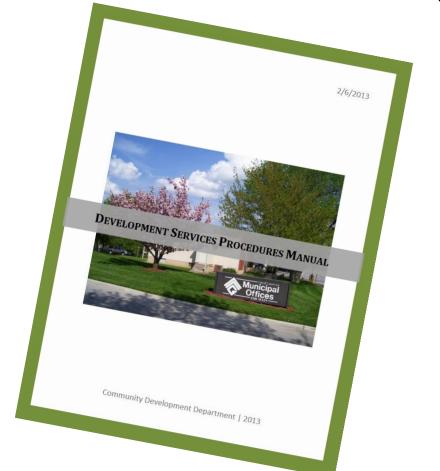
Comparative Cities City of Grandview MO

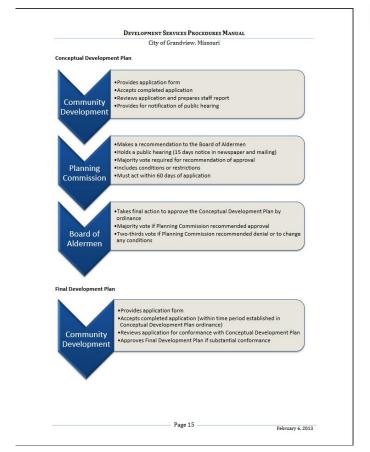
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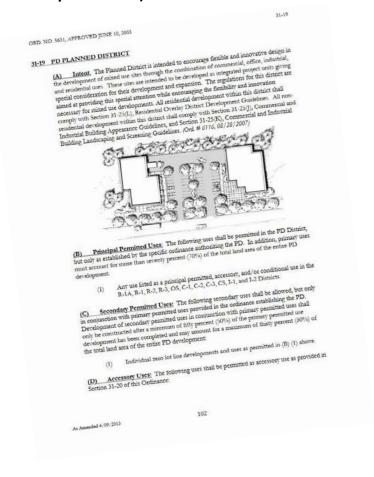
R-3 - Multi Family Residential District (Site Plan with Residential Overlay District Standards)

PD – Planned District (Used for Residential and Mixed-Use Developments)

(Conceptual Development Plan)







Summary

- 1. For process to work, we must have good communication with applicant and Planning staff.
- 2. Planning staff must have good communication with representatives from all applicable City departments.
- 3. Challenges for approval of multi-family developments can be traffic, utilities, stormwater, cooperation with other jurisdictions, and public input.
- 4. Most neighboring cities have very similar development plan processes.
- 5. Although multi-family "districts" may differ in neighboring city's, higher density residential projects are approved in much the same way as Independence.