



Now that your application for rezoning has been submitted and determined to be complete, here is a rundown of what to expect, including important meeting dates. After the application has been submitted, zoning staff will place a minimum of one sign on your property and take pictures of the site. These signs must be visible to the traveling public, posted at least 15 days prior to the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and remain in place until the re-zoning case is approved or disapproved by the Board of Supervisors.

1. TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING - 1st Thursday of each month @ 8:30 a.m. *

This is an interdepartmental meeting of representatives from the Department of Planning & Development, Engineering Department, Health Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Corridor MPO, 911 Board, Conservation Department, Iowa Department of Transportation, and Emergency Management Agency. You are asked to attend this meeting to provide additional information on your request. This meeting provides an open forum for staff to review and consider the case, and for you to discuss your application.

As a courtesy, owners of property within 500 feet of your proposal will also be notified by letter of the date, time, and place of meetings involving your case.

2. APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

You will receive by mail a staff report that lists the conditions (requirements) placed on your proposal as recommended by the Technical Review Committee. It is important that you work closely during this entire process with each department on the Committee to ensure all the conditions listed in your staff report are met. If you have questions, need clarification, or want modification to any of the conditions, please contact the individual Technical Review Committee department under which that condition is listed. The department contact name and phone number are included in the staff report.

3. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING – 3rd Monday of each month *

You will receive a letter notifying you of the date, time, and place of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting along with an agenda. At the meeting, Planning & Development staff will review your rezoning proposal with the Planning and Zoning Commission. You or your representative will then have an opportunity to present your proposal to the Commission. The public will have an opportunity to speak in support of, or opposition to your proposal. The Commission then formulates a recommendation which is forwarded to the Board of Supervisors. If questions arise that cannot be answered, your case may be postponed for further consideration.

4. APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

You will receive by mail an updated staff report reflecting any changes to the conditions that have occurred to this point. Please replace the original report with the updated version. You will also receive an *Acceptance of Conditions* form that states you have read, understand and agree to the conditions listed in the staff report. Please return this form to the Department of Planning & Development as soon as possible in the envelope provided. The signed form is one of the conditions of approval.

5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARING AND THREE CONSIDERATIONS

Rezoning a property requires Linn County to amend its zoning map by an ordinance amendment. By Iowa law, ordinance amendments require three considerations by the Board of Supervisors. Prior to 1st Consideration, an agenda will be mailed to you.

1st Consideration (1st Monday each month*) – At this hearing, staff will review your rezoning proposal with the Board of Supervisors. You or your representative will then have an opportunity to present your proposal to the Board. The public will have an opportunity to speak in support of, or opposition to, your proposal. The Board may approve the 1st Consideration, deny the request, or table the request until a later date. If approved on 1st Consideration, you should begin coordinating with the lead staff person of Planning & Development regarding the conditions of approval.

2nd Consideration – If the rezoning is approved upon 1st Consideration, then 2nd Consideration is usually held within a week. You do not need to attend this meeting unless specifically asked by staff or the Board.

3rd Consideration (Final Approval) – Planning & Development staff will place your rezoning request on the Board of Supervisors agenda for 3rd and Final Consideration when confirmation is received that all conditions have been met. You are not required to attend this meeting.

Once the rezoning ordinance amendment has been signed by the Board of Supervisors and recorded in the Office of the Linn County Recorder, your property will be officially rezoned.

*** Meeting dates may vary. You will be notified of the actual meeting dates after the application has been received.**

Questions?

**Contact Linn County Planning & Development
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