City of Suffolk Commercial Development Guide





Site Plan Review Process:

Pre-submittal meeting with conceptual or partially completed site plan, scheduled by the Dept. of Economic Development.

(Recommended but not required)

Provide 15 folded copies of your formal site plan to the Dept. of Planning, and complete a site plan application. Submittal fee applies.

The Planning Department will assign a Planner to your project who will then distribute your plans to the various Departments, and will coordinate the site planreview.

The various Depts, will review your plans and provide comments to your Planner.

Your Planner will collect all the comments from the various Depts., along with their own comments, and will send a formal comment letter to site plan applicant.

Take time to review comments with your civil engineer. Please contact your Planner or any Dept. who has provided comments on your site plan for further clarification

Once you have revised your site plan, return to the Dept. of Planning for resubmittal. Resubmittal fee applies.

Site Plan Approval

Erosion and Sediment Bond Review/Approval

Land Disturbing Activity Permit

Right of Way Permit

Building Plan Review Process:

Provide 2 copies of the building plans as well as 2 copies of the site plan sealed by a Professional Engineer to the Department of Neighborhood Development Services.

Complete the Application for Services and an application request for Address, if the project does not have an address. Submittal fee applies, and is determined based upon square footage.

An NDS Technician will be assigned to your plans who will then distribute your plans to the various Departments, and will coordinate the site plan review.

The various Depts, will review your plans and provide comments to your NDS Technician.

Your NDS Technician will collect all the comments from the various Depts., along with their own comments, and will send a formal. comment letter to the applicant.

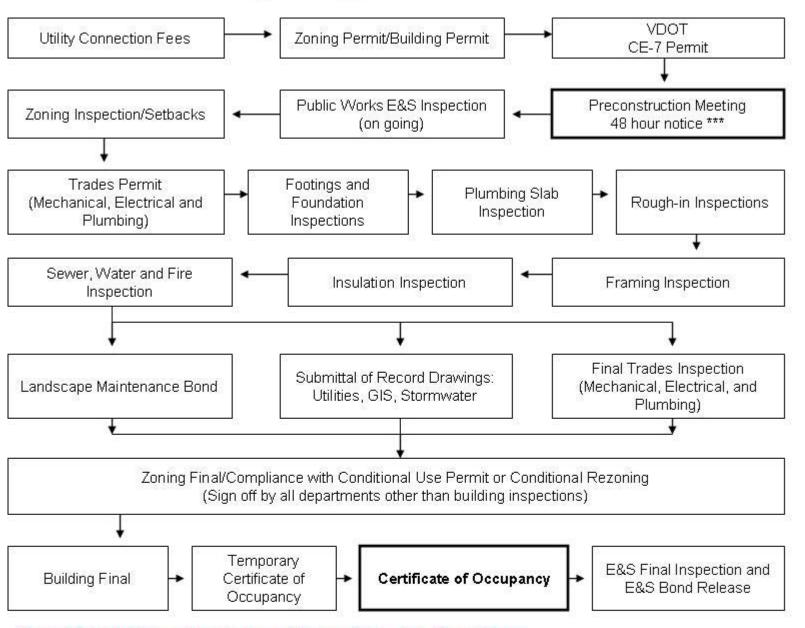
Take time to review comments with your civil engineer and/or registered architect . Please contact your NDS Technician or any Dept. who has provided comments on your building plan for further clarification

Once you have revised your building plan, return to NDS for resubmittal. Resubmittal fee applies.

Building Plan Approval

Building Permit

Construction Permitting and Inspection Process:



Conditional Use Permit or Rezoning Application:

Application cut-off is the last working day of each month



Suffolk Departments Involved in the Review Process

Economic Development – (757) 923-3620 www.yessuffolk.com

Responsible for marketing the City of Suffolk to new and expanding businesses. Provides assistance to the business community as they work through the development and growth process. Coordinates project review meetings with and formal presubmittal meetings with all City of Suffolk development team departments that review site plans..

<u>Planning Department</u> – (757) 923-3650 www.suffolk.va.us/planning

Provides sound and efficient management of the City's overall land use planning program and recommends mechanisms for City Council to utilize in managing and guiding growth, when considering land use changes and the development of the City. Coordinates the review of all development projects including, residential, commercial and industrial development.

Public Works - (757) 923-2460 www.suffolk.va.us/pub wks/index

Traffic Engineering - (757) 923-2474

Directs and manages capital and special projects, assists in the review of all site development plans, analyzes impact studies and issues relating to current and future transportation issues.

Engineering - (757) 923-2462

157 N. Main Street, Suite D

Manages the City's Stormwater Utility Program. Provides plan review and inspection services related to stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, and roadway design and construction for all new development within the City. Manages various capital projects.

<u>Public Utilities</u> – (757) 514-7000 www.suffolk.va.us/pub_utl

Responsible for the operation, maintenance, and expansion of the City of Suffolk's water and sanitary sewer systems. Its primary mission is to ensure that the delivery of potable water and the collection of wastewater meets all State and Federal regulations.

Neighborhood Development Services - (757) 923-2140 www.suffolk.va.us/nds

Responsible for helping to improve the quality of life of Suffolk citizens by combining the functions of property maintenance, zoning enforcement, zoning certifications and building trade inspections for new construction and alterations by providing coordinated activities with neighborhood and business leaders for a comprehensive building and housing inspections program. Coordinates the building plan permitting process.

GIS - (757) 923-3664 www.suffolk.va.us/gis

Maintains accurate, current and complete geospatial data for the City of Suffolk. The information contained in GIS is allowing city departments to analyze the physical features that currently exist in the city prior to deciding to make changes to the facilities, services and infrastructure available.

Fire Prevention Bureau - (757) 923-4785 www.suffolk.va.us/fire/fp_pe

Assists in the development plan review process to insure that codes and ordinances affecting fire and life safety are conformed with, and administers the permitting of various hazardous processes and material storage. The Bureau staff conducts periodic building inspections, investigates complaints of potential fire hazards, and provides training to update department personnel of current standards and practices.