

New Commercial/ Commercial Additions Guide



Project Types

The following information explains the new commercial building or commercial additions building permit process. Specific submittal requirements are included in the **#502 - New Commercial/Commercial Additions Application** packet.

Preliminary Conference

The Plan Review Division offers an optional preliminary conference to architects. The meeting helps identify any major potential problems the project will have meeting code requirements, before the plans are submitted. The architect must bring any plans and analysis available regarding the project.

The meeting is not mandatory, but is recommended. The plans examiner will perform a cursory review of the plans, and help determine if other approvals are necessary prior to permit issuance. Please contact the Permit Counter at 384-3802 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Prior Planning Approvals

Prior Planning & Zoning Review Required

In almost all cases, the Planning Division must pre-approve the land use *prior to submitting a building permit* for a commercial project. Land use can be approved by Design Review, Conditional Use, Variance or Zoning Certificate. In some cases, more than one approval may be required, depending on the project and land use zone. Contact Planning at 384-3830 for more information.

When the building permit application is submitted, the documents and plans must detail how Planning's conditions of approval are satisfied. During the building permit review process, each department/agency reviews the final construction documents to verify compliance with their conditions of approval.

The Process

Plan Intake Meeting Required

- A Plan Intake meeting is required prior to submitting your application. You must bring a completed **#502 - New Commercial/Commercial Additions Plan Intake Checklist** and **Verification of Legal Lot or Parcel** packet signed by the Subdivision Division to your Plan Intake meeting. *If the Plan Intake Checklist and Verification of Legal Lot or Parcel documents are not completed prior to your Plan Intake meeting, the plan reviewers will cancel the meeting.*
- Schedule Plan Intake meetings at the Permit Counter, call 384-3802, or use our PDS Online website (www.cityofboise.org/pds; click on "PDS Online" and then log in or create a new user account).
- Plan Intake meetings are held Monday - Friday, at 9:00 a.m. Check in at the Permit Counter.

Submittal Process

- Plans and applications found to be complete will be accepted into the building permit process at the close of the Plan Intake meeting.
- The Plan Review fee is due at the time of submittal. Please contact the Permit Counter at 384-3802 with a total valuation of the project for the required fee amount.

Plan Review

- The plans are routed to all divisions/departments requiring a review for approval.
- The review processing time will vary based on the plan's accuracy and completeness, and the architect's response time to resubmit plans.
- Plans will be assessed an additional hourly review rate on the third resubmittal.



Fees & Permit Issuance

- If the application is withdrawn after the plan review process has started, the City of Boise may keep the plan review fee for services rendered.
- Permit fees (plus any additional fees) will be calculated and collected after the plan review has been completed and approved by all appropriate agencies and departments.
- When the building permit is issued, the building permit and one copy of all approved plans and documents is given to the applicant.
- The approved plans and documents returned to the applicant must be kept at the project job site for contractor and building inspector reference. If all approved plans and documents are not available for the building inspector's reference, an inspection will not be performed and a reinspection fee may be assessed.

Plan Review and Permit Fees

Several fees are required as part of the process of obtaining a building permit. *The building plan review fee must be paid upon application for the permit.* All other fees must be paid at the time of building permit issuance. Fees may be charged for the following:

Structural Building Permit Fee. This fee is based on the total building project value (materials and labor) and is determined by using PDS' Structural Permit Fee Schedule. (Schedule available upon request or online at www.cityofboise.org/pds).

Building Plan Review Fee. This fee will be an amount equal to 65% of the structural building permit fee

Fire Plan Review Fee. This fee will be an amount equal to 16% of the structural building permit fee.

Public Works Street Lighting Review Fee. This fee applies when street lights are required as part of the project. The requirements for street lights and fees are determined by the Public Works Department.

Public Works Drainage Review Fee. This fee is for staff review of grading and drainage plans.

Public Works Drainage Inspection Fee. This fee is for site inspection of grading and drainage work.

Public Works Sewer Connection Fees. When the project is within the Boise City Sewer District, sewer connection fees will be determined and collected at the time of building permit issuance. Contact the Public Works Division at 384-3900 to determine which sewer district

the proposed project will be located, and to obtain additional information on possible fees.

ACHD Impact Fees. Fee amount will be determined by the Ada County Highway District.

Boise City Park Impact Fee. Contact the Parks Impact Fee Administrator for estimated fees. (384-3720).

Boise City Fire & Police Impact Fee. Contact the Impact Fee Administrator for estimated fees. (384-3720).

Erosion & Sediment Control Permit Fees. This fee applies to all commercial land disturbing activities in the Boise City Limits. See Boise City Ordinance 8-17 for permit fees or contact the Permit Counter at 384-3802 for estimated fees.

Outside Agency Approvals

Prior Central District Health Dept Review

If the proposed building or any portion thereof will be used to produce, manufacture, concoct or store any food or beverage products for either sale at retail or wholesale, that portion of the building must be reviewed, approved and cover sheet of plans stamped and signed off by the Central District Health Department *prior to submitting a building permit.*

For the purpose of this requirement, the term foods, food products or beverages will mean and include all articles used for food, drink, confectionery or condiment, whether simple, mixed or compound, and all substances or ingredients used in the preparation thereof designed for human consumption. (Central District Health Phone: 327-7499)

Ada County Highway District Review

The Ada County Highway District (ACHD) reviews the project for site vehicle access and any construction work proposed within the Highway District right-of-way areas. The Highway District also determines all ACHD impact fees. The applicant must submit all required documents to ACHD for a separate review and approval. Fees will be paid and written verification of approval must be provided to Planning & Development Services *prior to building permit issuance.* (ACHD Phone: 387-6100)