



NEW HANOVER COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

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Name of Petitioner	Staff Use Only: Application Number
Address	City, State, Zip
Email Address	Telephone Number of Petitioner
Name of Property Owner (if different than Petitioner)	Telephone Number of Owner (if different than Petitioner)
Address of Property Owner (if different than Petitioner)	City, State, Zip
Email Address (if different than Petitioner)	Property Address
Existing Zoning	Proposed Zoning
Area of Property Square Feet/Acres	Parcel ID Number
Existing Use of Property	Land Classification (See Land Use Plan)

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Petitions must be reviewed by the Planning Department for completeness prior to acceptance. For Petitions involving five (5) acres or less a fee of **\$400.00** will be charged; for those of more than five (5) acres a fee of **\$600.00** will be charged. This fee, payable to New Hanover County, **MUST** accompany this petition. The following supplemental information is required:

1. One copy of the New Hanover County Tax Map, which delineates the property requested for rezoning.
2. Legal description (by metes and bounds) of property requested for rezoning; or a survey subdivision plat, which delineates the property, requested for rezoning (if applicable).
3. Applicant's answers to the questions on this application.
4. Authority for appointment of agent form (if applicable)
5. Verify that no zoning action has taken place on any portion of the property within the past 12 months.
6. Any special requirements of the ordinance (For example, Section 53.5 for Planned Development District).

REVIEW PROCEDURES

Petitions for change of zoning are first referred to the New Hanover County Planning Board and then acted upon by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners.

Complete petitions and supplementary information must be reviewed and accepted by the Planning Department **twenty (20) working days** before the Planning Board meeting to allow adequate time for processing and advertisement as required by the North Carolina General Statutes.

Unless otherwise published or announced, Planning Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at **5:30PM** in the Commissioner's Assembly Room at the Old County Courthouse, at Third and Princess Streets, Wilmington, North Carolina.

If the Planning Board approves your petition, the request will automatically be referred to the Board of County Commissioners. If your petition is denied, you may appeal to the Board of Commissioners. The Planning Department can advise you regarding appeal procedures.

The owner/applicant and or authorized agent should plan to attend all meetings at which this request will be heard.

**WHAT YOU MUST ESTABLISH
FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING**

Your intended use of property upon rezoning is completely irrelevant, except for conditional use district proposals. The North Carolina General Statutes require that zoning regulations shall be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan. **The governing board is required to adopt statements that the change is or is not consistent, reasonable, and in the public's interest.** Since amendments to zoning maps should also be based on a Land Use Plan, you must explain how your request satisfies each of the following requirements: (Fill in below or attach additional pages).

1. How would the requested change be consistent with the **County's Policies for Growth and Development**?

2. How would the requested zone change be consistent with the property's classification on the **Land Classification Map**?

3. What **significant neighborhood changes** have occurred to make the original zoning inappropriate, or how is the land involved **unsuitable for the uses permitted** under the existing zoning?

4. How will this change of zoning serve the public interest?

In signing this petition, I understand that the existing zoning map is presumed to be correct and that I have the burden of proving why a change is in the public interest. I further understand the singling out of one parcel of land for special zoning treatment unrelated to County policies and the surrounding neighborhood would probably be illegal. I certify that this application is complete and that all information presented in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signature of Petitioner and/or Property Owner

Print Name