



REZONING APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCESS

City of New Richmond
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Overview: Applications for Rezoning will be reviewed by the Development Review Committee (DRC). The application will then be discussed at a public hearing held by the Plan Commission, which meets on the first Tuesday of each month. A recommendation from the Plan Commission will be forwarded to the City Council who will vote to approve or deny the request at its regular meeting on the second Monday of that month.

Application Deadline: Applications must be received by the *first Thursday of each month*; applications received after this date will not be heard at the Plan Commission meeting the following month. Wisconsin State Law requires that a decision be issued for each application within 60 days of the submission of a complete application.

Submission Requirements: The attached application form must be completed and submitted with all requested materials. Failure to submit all application materials may delay the review process described below.

Initial Review: Applications will be reviewed for completeness by City staff, and a determination of completeness will be provided to the applicant either by phone call, email, or letter. We will notify you of the materials that are needed in order to complete the application; once all of the outstanding application materials are received, the 60-day action timeline will begin and the formal review process will begin as described below.

Formal Review: Applications for Rezoning will be discussed by the Development Review Committee (DRC), which consists of a panel of City staff representing various departments. The DRC will address points of concern based on their respective professional experience. A summary of these comments will be provided to the applicant and will be reflected in the staff report presented to the Plan Commission.

Staff Report: City staff will prepare a report summarizing the application, reviewing it against City ordinances and policies, and provide a recommendation for the Plan Commission. A copy of this

Example

Applications are due on the first Thursday of a month.

The public hearing will be held by the Plan Commission on the first Tuesday of the following month.

The City Council will take action during its regular meeting on the second Monday of the month.

Timeline

MONTH A application

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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MONTH B action

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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report, along with the relevant meeting agenda, will be provided to the applicant prior to the public hearing at the Plan Commission meeting.

Notice of Public Hearing: Wisconsin State Law requires notice of a public hearing to be published in a specified, legal newspaper two times, 14 days prior to a public hearing. City Ordinance further requires that notices be mailed to property owners within 100 feet of the affected property. This notice is prepared and sent by the City Clerk.

Plan Commission Meeting: Applicants are encouraged to attend and participate in the public hearing in order to present the application and respond to questions from the Plan Commission and/or members of the public. The public hearing will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers, which is equipped to display drawings, photographs, videos, or other materials.

At the Public Hearing: The Plan Commission Chairperson will call the meeting to order at the appointed time, Commissioners and representatives of the City in attendance will be introduced, and the minutes of the previous meeting will be reviewed. Items requiring public hearings are next. The Chairperson will introduce an application, and City staff will review the issues and recommendations detailed in the staff report. Commissioners may ask questions about the application to be answered by City staff and the applicant. Then members of the public will be invited to ask questions about the application and to make comments about the proposal. Once the public comment period has concluded, the Chairperson will close the public hearing, and the Commissioners will discuss the application and make a recommendation for City Council action.

- **Plan Commission Action:** The Plan Commission does not approve or deny an application; instead, it makes a recommendation of approval or denial to the City Council, and provides the rationale for its recommendation. The application, along with the recommendation of the Plan Commission, is then brought to the City Council which has authority to approve or deny the application.

City Council: At the scheduled time, the Mayor will call the meeting to order and it will progress similar to the Plan Commission meeting. Based on the recommendation from the Plan Commission, the City Council may approve or deny the proposal as an item on the agenda. At its discretion, the City Council may instead choose to review the application in greater detail and take public comment, similar to the public hearing, before ultimately approving or denying the request.



APPLICATION TO REZONE

City Ordinance Section 121-29
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APPLICATION FEE: \$250 ESCROW: \$500

Application fee should be made payable to City of New Richmond upon submittal of completed application. Escrow funds will be drawn to cover project-related costs. Additional funds may be required; surplus funds will be returned.

Please complete the application by typing or printing in ink. Use additional paper if necessary.

1. Property Owner Information:

Company name: _____

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

2. Applicant Information: (if different from above)

Company name: _____

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

3. Address(es) of Property Involved: (if different from above)

4. Zoning Change Requested: Complete item 5a and/or 5b as appropriate for your application.

a. Zoning Map Change:

Existing Designation(s): _____

Proposed Designation(s): _____

5. Reason for Zoning Change: In approving a request for rezoning a property or amending the zoning text, one or both of the following circumstances must be evident; indicate which of the following best characterizes the reason that the intended use is not allowed by the existing zoning designation.

- A mistake was made when the existing zoning text or map was approved.
- Circumstances have changed since the original zoning that now justifies a change.

6. Additional Required Information:

- a. Legal Description and PIN:** Provide the Parcel Identification Number(s) and the complete legal description(s) of the property involved.
- b. Consultant Fees:** Whenever third party consultants are utilized in the preparation of application materials (e.g., a traffic study) or the City’s review of an application (e.g., traffic study analysis) the applicant shall be responsible for paying the entirety of those costs.
- c. Written Narrative:** The narrative should describe in detail the nature of the intended use, why you believe the use is not permitted by the existing zoning, and how the use would be permitted under the proposed rezoning or zoning text amendment. Narratives should also state whether any additional land use applications (e.g., conditional use Permit or variance) would be necessary to accommodate the intended use in compliance with the requirements of the proposed zoning change.
- d. Consultant Fees:** Whenever third party consultants are utilized in the preparation of application materials (e.g., a traffic study) or the City’s review of an application (e.g., traffic study analysis), the applicant shall be responsible for paying the entirety of those costs.
- e. Other Information:** In addition to the written narrative, a full size site plan, topographic survey, landscape plan, grading and drainage plan, exterior building elevation drawings, and other information may also be required if deemed necessary by City Staff.

7. Signature(s): By signing below, you attest that the information above and attached is true and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Property Owner: _____

Date: _____

Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Fee Paid: \$250 Date: _____ **Receipt #** _____

Escrow Paid: \$500 Date: _____ **Receipt #** _____

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