

ZONE CHANGE PROCESS

PURPOSE

State law authorizes the City to adopt zoning. The fundamental purpose of zoning is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. It accomplishes this by dividing the City into zones which regulate intensity and location of uses for residential, commercial, manufacturing, and other types of development.

Zoning also establishes reasonable standards by which development must conform such as setbacks, parking, landscaping, and other development standards.

Ultimately, zoning serves to protect the character and stability of the City of Bakersfield for the benefit of its residents.



APPLICABILITY

Zoning regulations apply to all property that is located within the City of Bakersfield which may be owned by private or public entities.

The establishment of zoning is done in conjunction with the Metropolitan Bakersfield General Plan which also guides development within the City. All zoning is to be consistent with the underlying General Plan land use designation.

FEES

For the current fees, refer to the **Planning Application**.

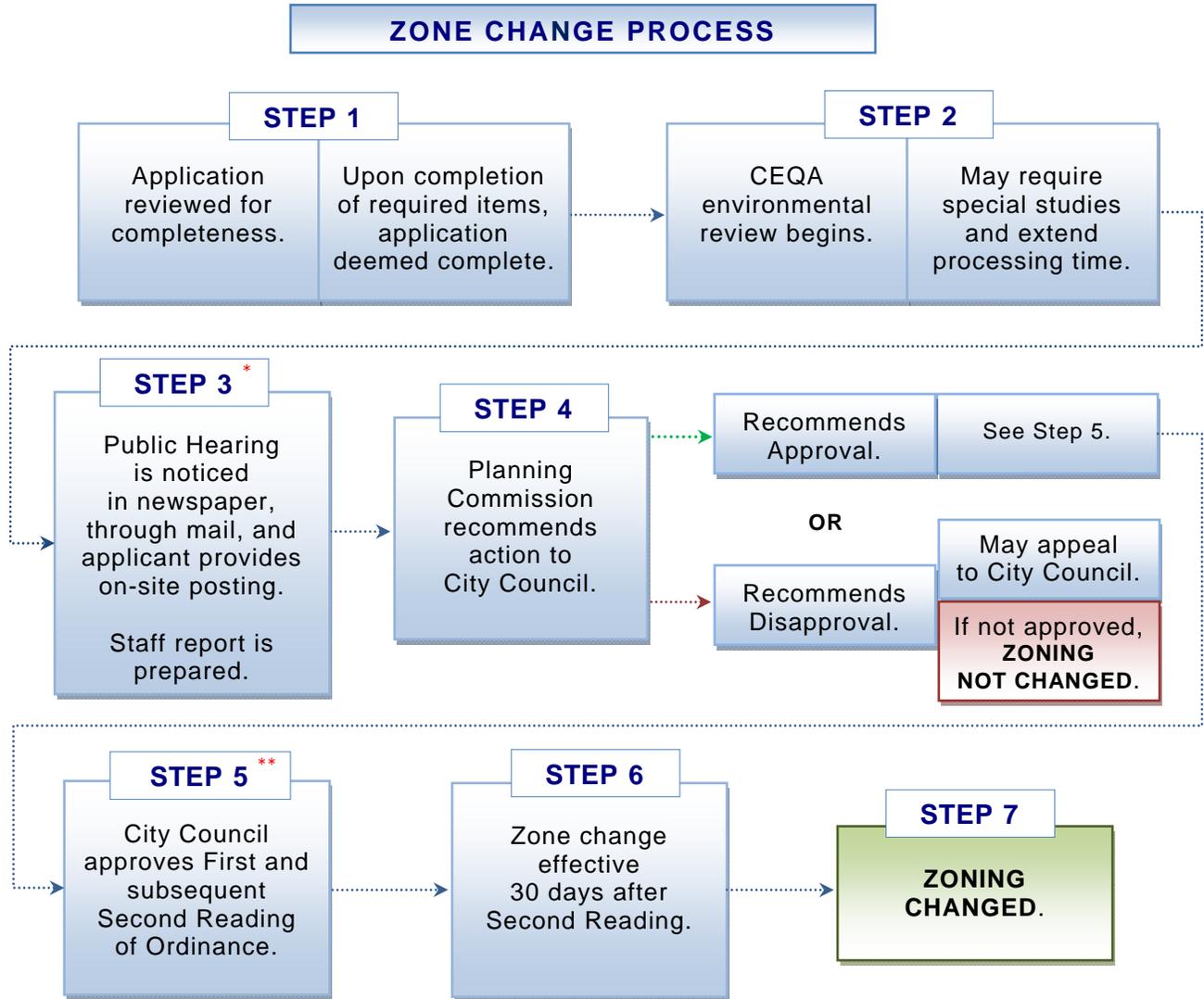
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1. Application and fees submitted to the City for review. Upon submittal of required items, application is deemed complete.
2. CEQA environmental review begins.*
3. Public Hearing is noticed in the newspaper, through the mail, and applicant provides on-site posting. Staff report prepared.
4. Planning Commission takes action; recommends approval (with or without conditions) or disapproval to City Council.
5. If recommended for approval, City Council approves First Reading and subsequent Second Reading of Ordinance.
6. If recommended for disapproval, may be appealed for hearing at City Council who can approve or disapprove the zone change request.
7. Zone change effective 30 days after Second Reading.

* *Environmental Review may require special studies and extend the review and processing time.*

LINKS TO ON-LINE RESOURCES

- **Planning Application**
- **Zoning Map, General Plan, and Other Maps**
- **Zoning Ordinance**
- **Email the Planning Department at DevPIn@bakersfieldcity.us.**



* Processing time between Steps 3 and 4 is approximately 3 months.

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