



Zoning Determination Information

What is a Zoning Determination?

A zoning determination is an interpretation of the Benton County Code by the Planning Commission in cases where a use/activity is not specifically spelled out in the zoning ordinance and the Planning Division feels that the proposed use could possibly be consistent with the uses authorized in a specified zone.

The Process

A Zoning Determination application requires having a pre-application meeting with County Planning Staff to discuss the application and answer questions regarding the specific zoning ordinance. The applicant must submit a completed Zoning Determination Application to the Planning Division at least three weeks prior to a regularly scheduled meeting of the Benton County Planning Commission. Planning Staff will present the application to the Planning Commission for review. The applicant should be present to answer any questions the Planning Commission may have regarding the application. The Planning Commission will make a determination regarding the interpretation of the ordinance concerning the proposed use and written notification of the determination will be sent to the applicant.

Appeals

The decision by the Planning Administrator's decision is appealable to the Benton County Board of Commissioners within 14 days after the public meeting.



ZONING DETERMINATION APPLICATION

File No. _____

Requestor Information

Requestor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

General Information

1. Section of ordinance in question: _____

2. What is the nature of the difficulty with the ordinance? _____

3. What is the nature of your proposal? _____

4. Where is your proposal to be located? _____

5. What zone designation is your proposal to be located? _____

6. Why do you feel that your proposal should be a permitted use for this zone? _____

If further explanation is needed for any of the questions, please attach additional pages.

Any information submitted to the Benton County Planning Division is subject to public records disclosure law for the State of Washington (RCW Chapter 42.17) and all other applicable law that may require the release of the documents to the public.