Community Services Department

Planning and Building

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APPLICATION

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Special Use Permits

Washoe County Code (WCC) Chapter 110, Article 810, Special Use Permit, provides a method of reviewing proposed uses as listed in Article 302, Allowed Uses, which possess characteristics that require special appraisal in order to determine if the uses have the potential to adversely affect other land uses, transportation systems, or public facilities in the vicinity. The Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, or Hearing Examiner may require conditions of approval necessary to eliminate or minimize, to an acceptable level, any potentially adverse effects of the use. See WCC 110.810, for further information

Development Application Submittal Requirements

Applications are accepted on the 8th of each month. If the 8th falls on a non-business day, applications will be accepted on the next business day.

If you are submitting your application online, you may do so at OneNV.us

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1. **Fees:** See Master Fee Schedule. **Most payments can be made directly through the OneNV.us portal.** If you would like to pay by check, please make the check payable to Washoe County and bring your application and payment to the Community Services Department (CSD).
2. **Development Application:** A completed Washoe County Development Application form.
3. **Owner Affidavit:** The Owner Affidavit must be signed and notarized by all owners of the property subject to the application request.
4. **Proof of Property Tax Payment:** The applicant must provide a written statement from the Washoe County Treasurer's Office indicating all property taxes for the current quarter of the fiscal year on the land have been paid.
5. **Neighborhood Meeting:** This project may require a Neighborhood Meeting to be held prior to application submittal. Please contact Washoe County Planning at Planning@washoecounty.gov or by phone at 775-328-6100 to discuss requirements.
6. **Application Materials:** The completed Special Use Permit Application materials.
7. **Proposed Site Plan Specifications (Special Use Permit and Stables):**
   a. Lot size with dimensions drawn using standard engineering scales (e.g. scale 1" = 100', 1" = 200', or 1" = 500') showing all streets and ingress/egress to the property.
   b. Show the location and configuration of all existing and proposed buildings (with distances from the property lines and from each other), all existing buildings that will remain (with distances from the property lines and from each other), all existing buildings that will be removed, and site improvements on a base map with existing and proposed topography expressed in intervals of no more than five (5) feet.
   c. Show the location and configuration of wells and well houses, septic systems and leach fields, overhead utilities, water and sewer lines, and all existing and proposed easements.
   d. Show locations of parking, landscaping, signage and lighting.
   e. The cross sections of all rights-of-way, streets, alleys or private access ways within the proposed development, proposed name and approximate grade of each, and approximate radius of all curves and diameter of each cul-de-sac.
   f. Property boundary lines, distances and bearings.
   g. Contours at five (5) foot intervals or two (2) foot intervals where, in the opinion of the County Engineer, topography is a major factor in the development.
   h. Indication of prominent landmarks, rock outcroppings, and natural foliage which will be deciding considerations in the design of the development.

i. If any portion of the land within the boundary of the development is subject to inundation or storm water overflow, as shown on the adopted Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps, that fact and the land so affected shall be clearly shown on the map by a prominent note on each sheet, as well as width and direction of flow of each water course within the boundaries of the development.

j. Existing and proposed roads, trails or rights-of-way within the development shall be designated on the map. Topography and existing developments within three hundred (300) feet must also be shown on the map.

k. Vicinity map showing the proposed development in relation to Interstate 80, Highway 395, I-580, or a major arterial. The vicinity map shall also include a north arrow.

l. Date, scale, and number of each sheet in relation to the total number of sheets, and the name of the person preparing the plans.

m. Location of snow storage areas sufficient to handle snow removed from public and private street, if above 5,500 feet.

n. All known areas of potential hazard (and the basis for delineation) shall be clearly designated on the map. Additionally, active fault lines (post-Holocene) shall be delineated on the map.

o. Location of areas with slopes greater than fifteen percent (15%) and thirty percent (30%).

p. Boundary of any wetland areas and/or floodplains within the project site.

q. Note by the project engineer or design professional indicating compliance with all applicable provisions of the Washoe County Development Code.

r. Significant Hydrological Resources. Indicate the critical and sensitive buffer zones according to Article 418 of the Washoe County Development Code.

8. **Site Plan Specifications for Grading:**

a. Location and limits of all work to be done.

b. Existing contours and proposed contours.

c. Location of any structures on adjacent parcels that are within fifteen (15) feet of the work site's parcel boundary.

d. Existing draining (natural and man-made) and proposed drainage patterns.

e. Sufficient elevation data to show the drainage will work as proposed.

f. Quantities of excavation fill and disturbed surface area shall be calculated and shown on the site plan. **Areas under buildings and pavement need not be included in these calculations.**

g. Quantities of material proposed to be removed from the site must be shown. The proposed disposal area and the disposition of fill must be noted on the plan.

h. Limiting dimensions of cut and fill.

i. Proposed BMPs (Best Management Practices) for controlling water and wind erosion if a disturbed area is left undeveloped for more than thirty (30) days.

j. Cut and fill slopes setback from the property boundary.

k. Structure setbacks from a slope.

9. **Grading:** In accordance with the grading provisions of Washoe County Code, Article 438, if the thresholds for a grading permit are met or exceeded, the grading plans shall indicate the existing and proposed grades, slope treatments (i.e. rip rap, erosion control, etc.) and drainage channels and the direction of flow. **Cross sections must be provided at a minimum of two key locations.**

9. **Traffic Impact Report (Special Use Permit and Stables):** Traffic impact reports are required whenever the proposed development project will generate 80 or more weekday peak hour trips as determined using the latest edition Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) trip generation rates or other such sources as may be accepted by Washoe County Engineering. Projects with less than 200 peak hour trips may not need to perform an impact analysis for future years. Traffic consultants are

encouraged to contact Washoe County Engineering and Capital Projects staff prior to preparing a traffic impact report.

10. **Landscaping:** Landscape plans may be required, for **stables**. Landscape plans may include: a soils evaluation; color and type of building material, such as fencing material; type of plant material; location of plant material and proposed maintenance schedule; size of plant material at planting and size of plant material at full maturation; type and amount of mulch material; and an irrigation plan.

    a. **Planting Plan Specifications:** The planting plan must include all necessary information to satisfy Washoe County Code Section 110.412.60, Planting Standards.

        - Proposed Tree Locations. Individual trees shall be graphically depicted in the proposed locations; trees shall be identified as either evergreen or deciduous; trees shall be individually labeled or coded and cross referenced to the proposed plant species in the plant legend.
        - Proposed Plant Material. The preliminary plan must identify where, and a square footage amount for, one or all of the following items: trees, mulch (rock, DG or bark), seeded areas, etc.
        - Existing On-Site Vegetation. In the case of large strands of trees and shrubs, individual locations may be identified with a revision cloud symbol. Smaller numbers or strands of trees (six (6) inch caliper and greater) shall be identified individually. Shrub areas and other forms of vegetation such as grasses shall be identified with a revision cloud symbol.
        - Plant Legend. Legend shall include all proposed plant material, including the following: common name, botanical name, size at planting, spacing and quantity (of trees only).
        - Landscape Area Legend. A summary of proposed areas and their square footages shall include: lawn, existing and or proposed paving, existing trees to be preserved, existing trees to be removed and the amount of proposed shrubs.

    b. **Irrigation Plan Specifications:** The irrigation plan must include all necessary information to satisfy Washoe County Code Section 110.412.65, Irrigation Standards.

        - Location, size, and specifications of water source(s), water mains, meter(s), valves, and the controller.
        - Temporary or permanent water irrigation systems.
        - Specifications of irrigation equipment identified by manufacturer's name and equipment identification number.
        - An approved backflow prevention device is required on all landscape irrigation systems.

11. **Signage Plan:** The signage plans shall include sign elevations and delineate location, height, style, dimensions, intensity of sign lighting and finish of any proposed signage:

12. **Lighting Plan:** Show the location and configuration of all proposed exterior lighting including a detail of the parking lot light fixtures, pole heights, security lighting, and wall mounted illumination fixtures. Parking lot areas shall be depicted showing lumen isolines demonstrating compliance with the provisions of the Washoe County Development Code.

13. **Building Elevations:** All buildings and structures including fences, walls, poles and monument signs proposed for construction within the project shall be clearly depicted in vertical architectural drawings provided in accurate architectural scale. All architectural elevations from all building faces shall be presented.

14. **Submission Packets:** Two (2) packets and a flash drive. One (1) packet must be labeled "Original" and contain a signed and notarized Owner Affidavit. Any digital documents need to have a resolution of 300 dpi. If materials are unreadable, you will be asked to provide a higher quality copy. The packet shall include one (1) 8.5" x 11" reduction of any applicable site plan, development plan, and/or application map. Labeling on these reproductions should be no smaller than 8 point on the 8.5" x 11" display. Large format sheets should be included in a slide pocket(s). Any specialized reports identified above shall be included as attachments or appendices and be annotated as such.

Notes:

(i) Application and map submittals must comply with all specific criteria as established in the Washoe County Development Code and/or the Nevada Revised Statutes.

(ii) Appropriate map engineering and building architectural scales are subject to the approval of the Planning and Building and/or Engineering and Capital Projects.

(iii) All oversized maps and plans must be folded to a 9” x 12” size.

(iv) Based on the specific nature of the development request, Washoe County reserves the right to specify additional submittal packets, additional information and/or specialized studies that clarify the potential impacts and potential conditions of development in order to minimize or mitigate impacts resulting from the project. No application shall be processed until the information necessary to review and evaluate the proposed project is deemed complete by the Director of Planning and Building.

(v) **Labels:** The applicant is required to submit a list of mailing addresses for every tenant residing in a mobile home park that is within five hundred (500) feet of the proposed project (or within seven hundred fifty (750) feet of the proposed project if the proposed project is a project of regional significance).

(vi) Please be advised that the Washoe County Director of Planning and Building or their designee, Washoe County Board of Adjustment, and/or Washoe County Planning Commission have the ability to determine an application incomplete if they cannot ascertain what the applicant is requesting, or if there is insufficient information to determine a favorable outcome.

Washoe County Development Application

Your entire application is a public record. If you have a concern about releasing personal information, please contact Planning and Building staff at 775.328.6100.

Project Information	**Staff Assigned Case No.:** _____
Project Name:	
Project Description:	
Project Address:	
Project Area (acres or square feet):	
Project Location (with point of reference to major cross streets **AND** area locator):	

Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:	Assessor's Parcel No.(s):	Parcel Acreage:

Indicate any previous Washoe County approvals associated with this application:
Case No.(s).

Applicant Information (attach additional sheets if necessary)

Property Owner:		**Professional Consultant:**	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
	Zip:		Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
Email:		Email:	
Cell:	Other:	Cell:	Other:
Contact Person:		Contact Person:	
Applicant/Developer:		**Other Persons to be Contacted:**	
Name:		Name:	
Address:		Address:	
	Zip:		Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	Phone:	Fax:
Email:		Email:	
Cell:	Other:	Cell:	Other:
Contact Person:		Contact Person:	

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Date Received:	Initial:	Planning Area:	
County Commission District:		Master Plan Designation(s):	
CAB(s):		Regulatory Zoning(s):	

Property Owner Affidavit

Applicant Name: _____

The receipt of this application at the time of submittal does not guarantee the application complies with all requirements of the Washoe County Development Code, the Washoe County Master Plan or the applicable area plan, the applicable regulatory zoning, or that the application is deemed complete and will be processed.

STATE OF NEVADA)
)
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

I,_____,
(please print name)

being duly sworn, depose and say that I am the owner* of the property or properties involved in this application as listed below and that the foregoing statements and answers herein contained and the information herewith submitted are in all respects complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that no assurance or guarantee can be given by members of Planning and Building.

(A separate Affidavit must be provided by each property owner named in the title report.)

Assessor Parcel Number(s):_____

Printed Name_____

Signed_____

Address_____

_____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Notary Stamp)

_____
Notary Public in and for said county and state

My commission expires:_____

*Owner refers to the following: (Please mark appropriate box.)

- ❑ Owner
- ❑ Corporate Officer/Partner (Provide copy of record document indicating authority to sign.)
- ❑ Power of Attorney (Provide copy of Power of Attorney.)
- ❑ Owner Agent (Provide notarized letter from property owner giving legal authority to agent.)
- ❑ Property Agent (Provide copy of record document indicating authority to sign.)
- ❑ Letter from Government Agency with Stewardship

Special Use Permit Application
Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What is the project being requested?

2. Provide a site plan with all existing and proposed structures (e.g. new structures, roadway improvements, utilities, sanitation, water supply, drainage, parking, signs, etc.)

3. What is the intended phasing schedule for the construction and completion of the project?

4. What physical characteristics of your location and/or premises are especially suited to deal with the impacts and the intensity of your proposed use?

5. What are the anticipated beneficial aspects or affects your project will have on adjacent properties and the community?

6. What are the anticipated negative impacts or affect your project will have on adjacent properties? How will you mitigate these impacts?

7. Provide specific information on landscaping, parking, type of signs and lighting, and all other code requirements pertinent to the type of use being purposed. Show and indicate these requirements on submitted drawings with the application.

8. Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC&Rs) that apply to the area subject to the special use permit request? (If so, please attach a copy.)

❑ Yes	❑ No

9. Utilities:

a. Sewer Service	
b. Electrical Service	
c. Telephone Service	
d. LPG or Natural Gas Service	
e. Solid Waste Disposal Service	
f. Cable Television Service	
g. Water Service	

For most uses, Washoe County Code, Chapter 110, Article 422, Water and Sewer Resource Requirements, requires the dedication of water rights to Washoe County. Please indicate the type and quantity of water rights you have available should dedication be required.

h. Permit #		acre-feet per year	
i. Certificate #		acre-feet per year	
j. Surface Claim #		acre-feet per year	
k. Other #		acre-feet per year	

Title of those rights (as filed with the State Engineer in the Division of Water Resources of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources).

10. Community Services (provided and nearest facility):

a. Fire Station	
b. Health Care Facility	
c. Elementary School	
d. Middle School	
e. High School	
f. Parks	
g. Library	
h. Citifare Bus Stop	

Special Use Permit Application
for Grading
Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What is the purpose of the grading?

2. How many cubic yards of material are you proposing to excavate on site?

3. How many square feet of surface of the property are you disturbing?

4. How many cubic yards of material are you exporting or importing? If none, how are you managing to balance the work on-site?

5. Is it possible to develop your property without surpassing the grading thresholds requiring a Special Use Permit? (Explain fully your answer.)

6. Has any portion of the grading shown on the plan been done previously? (If yes, explain the circumstances, the year the work was done, and who completed the work.)

7. Have you shown all areas on your site plan that are proposed to be disturbed by grading? (If no, explain your answer.)

8. Can the disturbed area be seen from off-site? If yes, from which directions and which properties or roadways?

9. Could neighboring properties also be served by the proposed access/grading requested (i.e. if you are creating a driveway, would it be used for access to additional neighboring properties)?

10. What is the slope (horizontal/vertical) of the cut and fill areas proposed to be? What methods will be used to prevent erosion until the revegetation is established?

11. Are you planning any berms?

Yes	No	If yes, how tall is the berm at its highest?

12. If your property slopes and you are leveling a pad for a building, are retaining walls going to be required? If so, how high will the walls be and what is their construction (i.e. rockery, concrete, timber, manufactured block)?

13. What are you proposing for visual mitigation of the work?

14. Will the grading proposed require removal of any trees? If so, what species, how many and of what size?

15. What type of revegetation seed mix are you planning to use and how many pounds per acre do you intend to broadcast? Will you use mulch and, if so, what type?

16. How are you providing temporary irrigation to the disturbed area?

17. Have you reviewed the revegetation plan with the Washoe Storey Conservation District? If yes, have you incorporated their suggestions?

18. Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC&Rs) that may prohibit the requested grading?

Yes	No	If yes, please attach a copy.

Special Use Permit Application for Stables
Supplemental Information

(All required information may be separately attached)

1. What is the maximum number of horses to be boarded, both within stables and pastured?

2. What is the maximum number of horses owned/maintained by the owner/operator of the project, both within stables and pastured?

3. List any ancillary or additional uses proposed (e.g., tack and saddle sales, feed sales, veterinary services, etc.). Only those items that are requested may be permitted.

4. If additional activities are proposed, including training, events, competition, trail rides, fox hunts, breaking, roping, etc., only those items that are requested may be permitted. Clearly describe the number of each of the above activities which may occur, how many times per year and the number of expected participants for each activity.

5. What currently developed portions of the property or existing structures are going to be used with this permit?

6. To what uses (e.g., restrooms, offices, managers living quarters, stable area, feed storage, etc.) will the barn be put and will the entire structure be allocated to those uses? (Provide floor plans with dimensions).

7. Where are the living quarters for the operators of the stables and where will employees reside?

8. How many improved parking spaces, both on-site and off-site, are available or will be provided? (Please indicate on site plan.) Have you provided for horse trailer turnarounds?

9. What are the planned hours of operation?

10. What improvements (e.g. new structures including the square footage, roadway/driveway improvements, utilities, sanitation, water supply, drainage, parking, signs, etc.) will have to be constructed or installed and what is the projected time frame for the completion of each?

11. What is the intended phasing schedule for the construction and completion of the project?

12. What physical characteristics of your location and/or premises are especially suited to deal with the impacts and the intensity of your proposed use?

13. What are the anticipated beneficial aspects or affects your project will have on adjacent properties and the community?

14. What are the adverse impacts upon the surrounding community (including traffic, noise, odors, dust, groundwater contamination, flies, rats, mice, etc.) and what will you do to minimize the anticipated negative impacts or effects your project will have on adjacent properties?

15. Please describe operational parameters and/or voluntary conditions of approval to be imposed on the administrative permit to address community impacts.

16. What types of landscaping (e.g. shrubs, trees, fencing, painting scheme, etc.) are proposed? (Please indicate location on site plan.)

17. What type of signs and lighting will be provided? On a separate sheet, show a depiction (height, width, construction materials, colors, illumination methods, lighting intensity, base landscaping, etc.) of each sign and the typical lighting standards. (Please indicate location of signs and lights on site plan.)

18. Are there any restrictive covenants, recorded conditions, or deed restrictions (CC&Rs) that apply to the area subject to the administrative permit request? (If so, please attach a copy.)

❑ Yes	❑ No

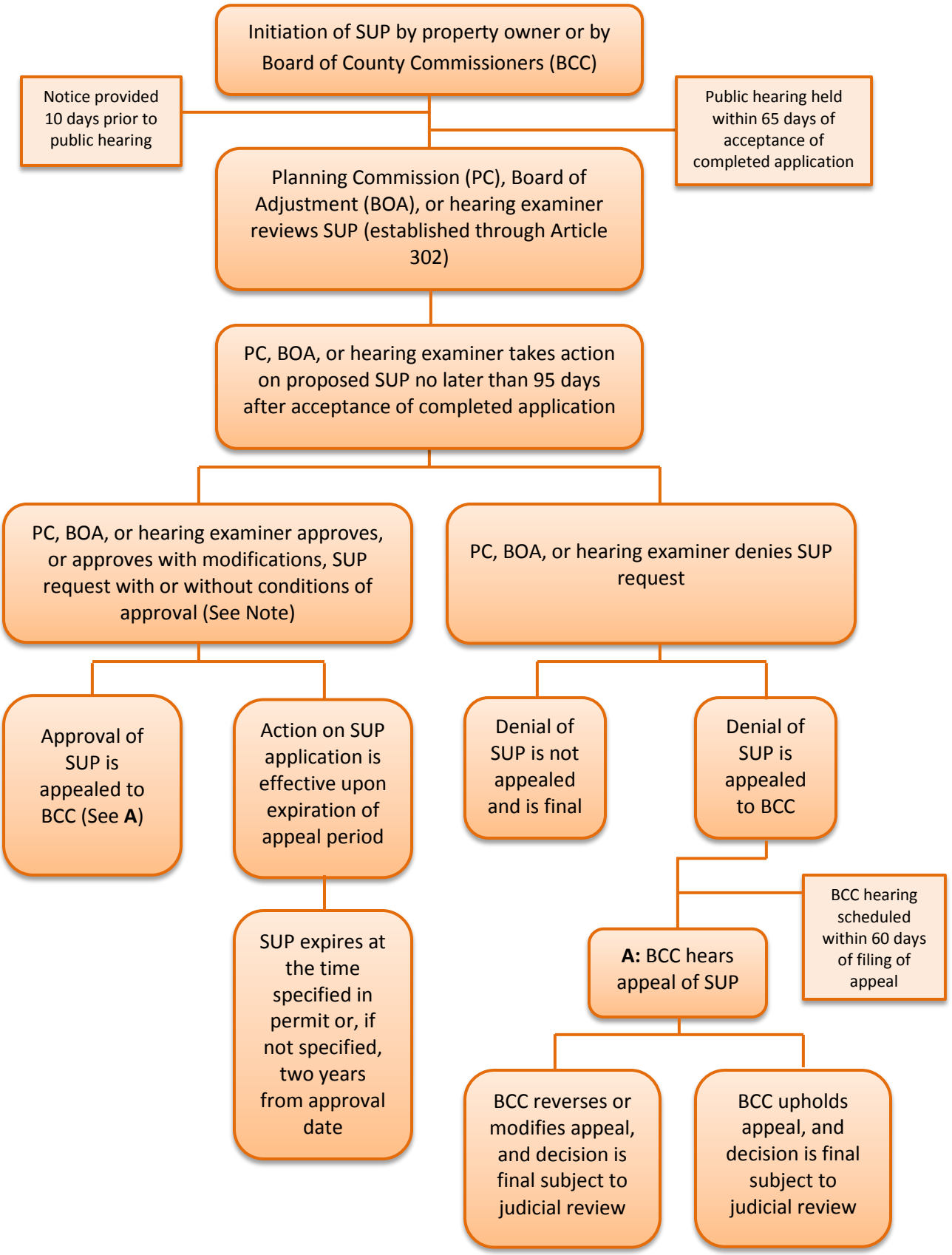
19. Community Sewer

❑ Yes	❑ No

20. Community Water

❑ Yes	❑ No

Special Use Permit (SUP) – Article 810



Note: If the SUP approval is for a project of regional significance, then the Regional Planning Commission and/or the Regional Planning Governing Board must take final action on the project before a permit for development or use of the property pursuant to the SUP shall be issued.

This flowchart is an overview of this development application process and is not intended to be a comprehensive guide. Please refer to the Development Code Article shown above for more complete information about the application, to include specifics on notice, internal and external agency review.

2027 PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION AND MEETING DATES

	PC	BOA	PMRC	MASTER PLAN AMENDMENTS	
Intake Date	Tentative Meeting Date	Tentative Meeting Date	Tentative Meeting Date	Intake Date	Tentative PC Meeting Date
Nov 9, 2026	Jan 5, 2027	Jan 7, 2027	Jan 14, 2027		
Dec 8, 2026	Feb 2, 2027	Feb 4, 2027	Feb 11, 2027		
Jan 8, 2027	Mar 2, 2027	Mar 4, 2027	Mar 11, 2027	Jan 8, 2026	Mar 2, 2027
Feb 8, 2027	Apr 6, 2027	Apr 1, 2027	Apr 8, 2027		
Mar 8, 2027	May 4, 2027	May 6, 2027	May 13, 2027		
Apr 8, 2027	Jun 1, 2027	Jun 3, 2027	Jun 10, 2027		
May 10, 2027	Jul 6, 2027	Jul 1, 2027	Jul 8, 2027	May 10, 2026	Jul 6, 2027
Jun 8, 2027	Aug 3, 2027	Aug 5, 2027	Aug 12, 2027		
Jul 8, 2027	Sep 7, 2027	Sep 2, 2027	Sep 9, 2027		
Aug 9, 2027	Oct 5, 2027	Oct 7, 2027	Oct 14, 2027		
Sep 8, 2027	Nov 2, 2027	Nov 4, 2027	Nov 10, 2027	Sep 8, 2026	Nov 2, 2027
Oct 8, 2027	Dec 7, 2027	Dec 2, 2027	Dec 9, 2027		
Nov 8, 2027	Jan 4, 2028	Jan 6, 2028	Jan 13, 2028		
Dec 8, 2027	Feb 1, 2028	Feb 3, 2028	Feb 10, 2028		

Master Fee Schedule

For the most current Planning and Development fees, please refer to the
Master Fee Schedule available at the following link:

https://www.washoecounty.gov/csd/planning_and_development/applications/applications_and_fees.php