



Final Plat Application Guide & Checklist

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PURPOSE

The Final Plat is an administrative review procedure which completes the subdivision process and ensures that previously-reviewed and approved preliminary plats comply with conditions of approval and with applicable Municipal Code requirements. The final plat may reflect the entire area covered by an approved preliminary plat or any portion thereof.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

A final plat application is filed after you have received approval of a preliminary plat and have completed all applicable conditions of that approval. Unless you received an extended vesting period pursuant to Municipal Code 070.060.030(j), you must file your final plat application within 3 years of your preliminary plat approval.

REVIEW PROCESS

All final plat applications are reviewed and decided upon by the Community Development Director and shall follow the procedures outlined below.

- 1. Pre-application Conference.** Contact one of the planners in the Community Development Department prior to submitting your final plat. We will discuss the administrative review procedures, application and plat submission requirements, decision timelines, and conditions of your preliminary plat approval.

During the pre-application conference you will receive a checklist of information that we will need to process your final plat application. This information constitutes your application and may include any, or all the information found on page 3 of this guide.

- 2. Submit Your Plans & Specifications.** Submit an electronic copy of the items listed on your checklist to the Community Development Department. Within 5 business days of your submission, Community Development Department staff will review your submission to determine whether it is complete. If it is incomplete, we will contact you with a list of the information needed to complete your application.

Once deemed complete, staff will request that you provide additional paper copies of your plat and related documents. The number of copies can vary depending upon the scope of your application but usually we will ask for one or two paper sets, with the plat on 11" x 17" or 24" x 36" size paper. Depending upon the complexity of your project, administrative reviews generally can be accomplished within 6 weeks of the time that you submit a complete application.

- 3. Development Review Committee Referral and Review.** Prior to rendering a decision on your project, The Community Development Director may refer your application to the Development Review Committee which consists of various City departments, City boards and commissions, and outside agencies such as the Colorado Department of Transportation, and gas and telephone companies. The Review Committee will evaluate your plans based on how well they demonstrate compliance with your project approvals, the Municipal Code and Engineering Standards. You may review the Municipal Code on the City's website at www.cogs.us. The Engineering Standards are located [here](#), or on the Engineering home page.
- 4. Director Review & Decision.** The Community Development Director will review your construction plat and related documents and approve, approve with conditions, or deny your application based on whether the final plat -

 - a. Conforms to the approved preliminary plat, including any conditions of approval;
 - b. Substantially complies with all Municipal Code requirements; and
 - c. Complies with applicable technical standards and specifications adopted by the City.
- 5. Plat Recording.** After you have satisfied all applicable conditions of your preliminary and final plat approval, Community Development Department staff will ask that you provide two copies of your final plat on 24 x 36-inch Mylar paper for recording with the Garfield County Clerk & Recorder. Additionally, you will need to provide all related final copies of your by-laws, covenants & declarations, easements, etc. You will be required to pay the applicable recording fees which are available on the Clerk & Recorder's page of the Garfield County website: www.garfield-county.com.
- 6. Post-approval Plan Modifications.** Modifications to your approved preliminary plat or conditions of your approval may require that you submit a new preliminary plat application that will then be reviewed in accordance with the preliminary plat process. However, some minor modifications can be reviewed and approved administratively. Refer to page 11 of this guide for additional information about the types of modifications that qualify as Administrative Adjustments.



FINAL PLAT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For office use:

Pre-application Meeting Date: _____ Planning File #: _____

Applicant: _____ Lead Planner: _____

During or shortly following your pre-application meeting, you will receive this checklist noting all of the materials that the City will need to process your Final Plat application. This information constitutes your application. Failure to provide the required materials on or before the application deadline will delay your application.

Materials to be Provided by Applicant								
Submittal Requirements		Paper Copy – number and format			PDF	Notes	Required Submission (√)	Submitted by Applicant (√)
		8 ½ x11	11 x 17	24 x 36				
1	Planning Application – completed in full and signed by applicant and all property owners of record	√			√			
2	Ownership - provide proof of ownership such as Deed of Trust, Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed. Title commitment will not suffice. Note: this information is required only if ownership has changed since your site/architectural plan approval.	√			√			
3	Project Description – narrative describing the project and addressing how the project meets the conditions of preliminary plat approval and conditions of final plat found on page 1 of the Final Plat Application Guide & Checklist	√			√			

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4	Administrative Adjustment Request – refer to Administrative Adjustment information, criteria and questionnaire page 11	√			√			
5	Final Plat – refer to Plat detail sheet page 7 for information required including format of certifications	0	0	2	√	Provide 1 paper copy for review/approval. Once approved provide two final copies on 24 x 36 inch Mylar paper for recording		
6	Covenants & Declarations and HOA By-laws – submit final draft							
7	Maintenance Agreements – submit final maintenance agreements that are required for all drainage facilities as well as other improvements that if improperly maintained may have an impact of surrounding properties. Refer to Engineering Standards for agreement format.							
8	Easement Deeds – Submit final easement deeds. Easement dedications shall be made by plat and deed. Refer to Engineering Standards for easement format.							
9	Fee	\$ _____				Cash, check or credit card. Check payable to the City of Glenwood Springs		
10	Recording Fee – refer to Garfield County Clerk & Recorder for current fee to record plats and documents							

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11	Other Materials (list other materials that will be required)							

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Plat- Detail Sheet

Plats must include the information listed below to be considered complete. During the Pre-application meeting, City Staff may request additional items.

General Plan Items (to be included on all plat sheets)				
Applicant			City Staff	
Yes	N/A		Yes	N/A
		<u>General Formatting Requirements</u>		
		Plat shall be drawn at a scale of 1"=100' or larger.		
		Note basis of bearings & benchmarks. Bearing of all lines and central angle, tangent distance, chord distance and arc length of all curves shall be shown.		
		All survey traverses shall close to an accuracy of at least within 1 foot in 10,000 feet.		
		The boundary survey, internal property lines and monumentation as depicted on the preliminary plat shall meet all requirements established under state law.		
		<u>General Information to be included on all plat sheets:</u>		
		Name of subdivision or address; section, township, range; city, county and state.		
		Page number (i.e. 1 of x, 2 of x, etc.)		
		Title block.		
		North arrow and indication of standardized scale, both fractional and bar (i.e. 1" = 20' or 1" = 40')		
		Date of preparation.		
		Contact information for professional preparing plans including email address.		
		Name, address, email, and telephone number of owner and applicant.		
		<u>Project Information</u>		
		Include boundaries of the proposed subdivision. Provide tract, lot and block layouts with all lots numbered and sizes noted in square footage and acreage.		
		Depict abutting subdivisions and lots and all abutting rights-of-way. Note width of streets. If abutting property is unplatted, include a note to that effect.		
		Include topography depicted in 2-foot contours.		
		Provide a vicinity map showing at least three blocks on all sides of the proposed subdivision. Scale may be different than the plat.		
		Locate all existing buildings and structures, and other improvements in the area to be platted as well as within 10 feet of the proposed plat boundary. Structures and improvements include but are not exclusive of retaining walls, fences, circulation systems (sidewalks, trails, roadways); parking areas & driveway locations; and trees of 6 inch caliper and larger.		
		Depict the location and size of existing utilities within or adjacent to the proposed subdivision including water, wastewater, storm sewers, fire hydrants, drainage facilities, telephone, electric, fiber, and gas.		
		Depict setback restrictions where they deviate from zone district standards.		
		Provide floodways and floodplain boundaries, if applicable.		
		Include a street plan which shows connections to existing rights-of-way. Depict width and name of public and private streets.		
		Label all existing and proposed public easements. Provide width and purpose of easement (utility, access, etc.). Label the location of all other areas to be dedicated for public use.		

		Include on page 1 of the plat a FEMA floodplain statement including community map number and date. Indicate whether any part of the proposed subdivision is located within a designated floodplain.		
		Include on page 1 of the plat the following geologic hazards disclosure, if applicable: "This property is subject to geologic hazards per the adopted mapping by the City of Glenwood Springs. Hazards to note are _____. A final Geologic Hazard Report will be submitted upon application of a building permit.		
		Include on page 1 of the plat if any lot within the proposed subdivision is located within an airport overlay zone: "The aviation easement dedicated herein for public aviation purposes, shall be considered a public easement subject to those terms and conditions specified on the instrument recorded at _____ of the records of Garfield County, Colorado. All other easements or interests of record affecting any of the platted property depicted hereon shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect."		

Certifications				
Applicant		Plats shall contain the following certifications, as applicable. Wording is provided for general guidance.	City Staff	
Yes	N/A		Yes	N/A
		<p>CLERK AND RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE: This plat was filed for record in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Garfield County at _____ o'clock __M on the ____ day of _____ 20__, as Reception No. _____.</p> <p>_____ Clerk and Recorder</p> <p>By _____ Deputy</p>		
		<p>SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE I, _____, do hereby certify that I am a registered land surveyor licensed under the laws of the State of Colorado, that this plat is a true, correct and complete plat of the _____ as laid out, platted, dedicated and shown hereon, that such plat was made from an accurate survey of said property by me and under my supervision and correctly shows the location and dimensions of the lots, easements and streets of said subdivision as the same are staked upon the ground in compliance with the City of Glenwood Springs regulations governing the subdivision of land</p> <p>In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this ____ day of ____ A.D. 20__.</p> <p>_____ Registered Land Surveyor</p>		
		<p>CERTIFICATE OF DEDICATION AND OWNERSHIP Know all men by these presents that _____, being sole owners in fee simple of all that real property described as follows: _____ and containing ____ acres, more or less; have by these presents laid out, platted and subdivided the same into lots and blocks as shown hereon and designate the same as _____ in the City of Glenwood Springs, County of Garfield, Colorado; and do hereby grant to the City of Glenwood Springs, County of Garfield, Colorado, for public use the streets shown hereon, including avenues, drives, courts, places and alleys, the public lands shown hereon for their indicated public use, and the utility and drainage easements shown hereon for utility and drainage purposes only; and so further state that this subdivision shall be subject to the</p>		

	<p>protective covenants filed and recorded for this subdivision in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Garfield County, Colorado as Reception No. _____, and subject to the Subdivision Agreement filed and recorded for this subdivision in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Garfield County, Colorado as Reception No. _____.</p> <p>EXECUTED this ____ day of _____, A.D. 20__.</p> <p>Owners _____</p> <p>STATE OF _____</p> <p>COUNTY OF _____</p> <p>The foregoing dedication was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, A.D. 20__, by _____.</p> <p>My commission expires _____.</p> <p>WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL,</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Notary Public</p>		
	<p>CITY COUNCIL CERTIFICATE:</p> <p>This plat was approved by the City Council of Glenwood Springs, Garfield County, Colorado this ____ day of _____, A.D. 20__, for filing with the Clerk and Recorder of Garfield County and for conveyance to the City of the public dedications shown hereon subject to the provision that the approval in no way obligates the City of Glenwood Springs for financing or construction of improvements on land, streets or easements dedicated to the public except as specifically agreed to by the City Council in the Subdivision Agreement.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Mayor</p> <p>Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Glenwood Springs.</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City Clerk</p>		

Recording Formatting – Final Plat & Related Documents				
Applicant		City Staff		
Yes	N/A		Yes	N/A
		Final plat printed on 24 x 36 inch Mylar paper-2 copies		
		Covenants & Declarations, if applicable, printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper-2 copies		
		By-laws, if applicable, printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper-2 copies		
		Easement deeds, if applicable, printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper-2 copies		
		Maintenance Agreements, if applicable, printed on 8 ½" x 11" paper-2 copies		

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Administrative Adjustment

OVERVIEW

An Administrative Adjustment allows the Community Development Director, Planning and Zoning Commission and/or City Council to review and approve minor modifications or deviations from the dimensional or numeric standards of Title 070-the Development Code. The process is intended to provide greater flexibility when necessary, without requiring a formal zoning amendment or variance. Administrative adjustment can be considered for the following Code standards:

Allowable Administrative Adjustments	
Code Standard	Allowable Administrative Adjustment (maximum percentage)
Site Standards	
Lot area, minimum	15
Lot coverage, maximum	15
Block length, maximum	15
Lot Dimensional Standards	
Front setback, minimum	15
Side setback, minimum	15
Rear setback, minimum	15
Encroachment into setback pursuant to Table 020.20, Authorized Exceptions to Setback Standards, maximum	15
Building Standards	
Building height, maximum (excludes wireless communication facilities)	15
Accessory building height, maximum (excludes wireless communication facilities)	15
Separation between buildings, minimum	15
Projection into height requirement pursuant Table 020.21, Authorized Exceptions to Maximum Height Standards, maximum	15
Development Standards	
Number of required parking spaces, maximum or minimum	15
Lighting height, maximum	15
Sign height, maximum	15
Fence or wall height, maximum	15 (one foot maximum)
Minimum landscaping requirements	15

The Administrative Adjustment process cannot be applied to proposed modifications or deviations that result in the following:

1. An increase in the overall project density;
2. A change in permitted uses or mix of uses;
3. A deviation from the Use-specific Standards in 070.030.030 of the Municipal Code;
4. A deviation from Sensitive Area Protection Standards in 070.040.020 of the Municipal Code;
5. A deviation from building or fire codes;

6. A deviation from the City's Engineering Standards;
7. Requirements for public roadways, utilities, or other public infrastructure or facilities; or
8. A change to a development standard where that same standard was already modified through a separate administrative adjustment or variance.

REVIEW CRITERIA

The Community Development Director, Planning and Zoning Commission, and/or City Council will evaluate your application based on whether and to what extent your adjustment:

1. Will not result in incompatible development;
2. Will not result in adverse impacts unless adequately mitigated; and
3. Is of a technical nature and is required to-
 - a. Compensate for an unusual site condition;
 - b. Eliminate a minor inadvertent failure to comply with a Code standard; or
 - c. Protect a sensitive resource, natural feature, or community asset.

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the questionnaire on pages 15-16 after you have had your pre-application conference. Use one questionnaire for each adjustment you are requesting. Once completed, submit the Administrative Adjustment questionnaire(s) along with the other items on your checklist. Use separate sheets if necessary.
2. It is important to remember that the decision to approve or deny an adjustment is a discretionary action based on how well you address the review criteria. This is your opportunity to describe in detail the reason why you need to deviate from the Municipal Code.

Administrative Adjustment Criteria

Adjustment type

Explain what it is that you are proposing that does not meet the Municipal Code requirement.

Administrative Adjustment Criteria

1. Explain how your request will not result in incompatible development. _____

2. Explain how the adjustment will not result in, or how you have mitigated any adverse impacts. _____

3. Explain how the adjustment is necessary to compensate for an unusual site condition.

4. Explain how the adjustment is necessary to eliminate a minor inadvertent failure to comply with the Municipal Code. _____

5. Explain how the adjustment is necessary to protect a sensitive resource, natural feature, or community asset. _____
