



What City Departments will I Typically Work With During My Project?



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Three City departments - Planning, Development Services and Building - will assist you in the building process. Please contact each department individually before you begin work. The Planning Division assures compliance with the zoning code, the Development Services Division provides engineering review, and the Building Division assures that buildings meet applicable building codes. We will also rely on input from other agencies, such as Clackamas County Fire District No.1 and the Oregon Dept. of Transportation, to assure that your project is safe, well served by public facilities, and a valuable addition to the Oregon City community.

Planning

The Planning Division assures property is (re)developed safely and in compliance with adopted land use standards. These standards regulate how the city develops in the short and long-term, and provide a fair and open process for review of land use decisions. Planning staff conducts current and long range planning to ensure that the needs of the community are being met.

Public input is very important to this process. The Planning Division provides public notice of land use applications, works with the public and developers to address land use impacts, and writes staff reports analyzing how a proposed project meets the community agreed upon standards.

Daily tasks include answering zoning and development questions, reviewing proposed commercial and residential buildings, property divisions and signs for compliance with the municipal code and working with the community in long-term visioning projects.

Development Services

The Development Services Division provides engineering expertise and review for the construction of public improvements (roads, sewer, water, and stormwater) to serve new development. The Division works with the City Engineer to ensure close coordination of private and public projects within the city.

Following preliminary approval of a land use application by the Planning Division, the Development Services Division reviews your engineering plans for adequate utilities and public improvements as well as all work completed within the right-of-way.

Daily tasks include reviewing the development of public utility infrastructure (sewer, water and storm lines) as well as the construction of streets, reviewing and finalizing land divisions and plats, and calculating system development charges (SDC).

Building

The Building Division is responsible for permitting, review and inspection of commercial, industrial and residential developments buildings.

Prior to beginning of construction, the Building Division will review your plans to ensure compliance with applicable state building codes. Once the building plans are approved and the fees paid, a permit will be issued and construction may begin.

At various stages of the construction process, our inspectors will perform inspections to assure the construction is being built in accordance with the approved plans and that the code requirements are met.

Daily tasks include assisting customers before and during the permit process, answering code related questions, performing plan reviews and performing building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical inspections all in the name of public safety.