



Forsyth County Department of Planning and Development

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REZONING BACK TO AGRICULTURE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

PURPOSE

This SOP describes the procedures that will be followed if an applicant requests an expedited request to rezoning property back to agriculture.

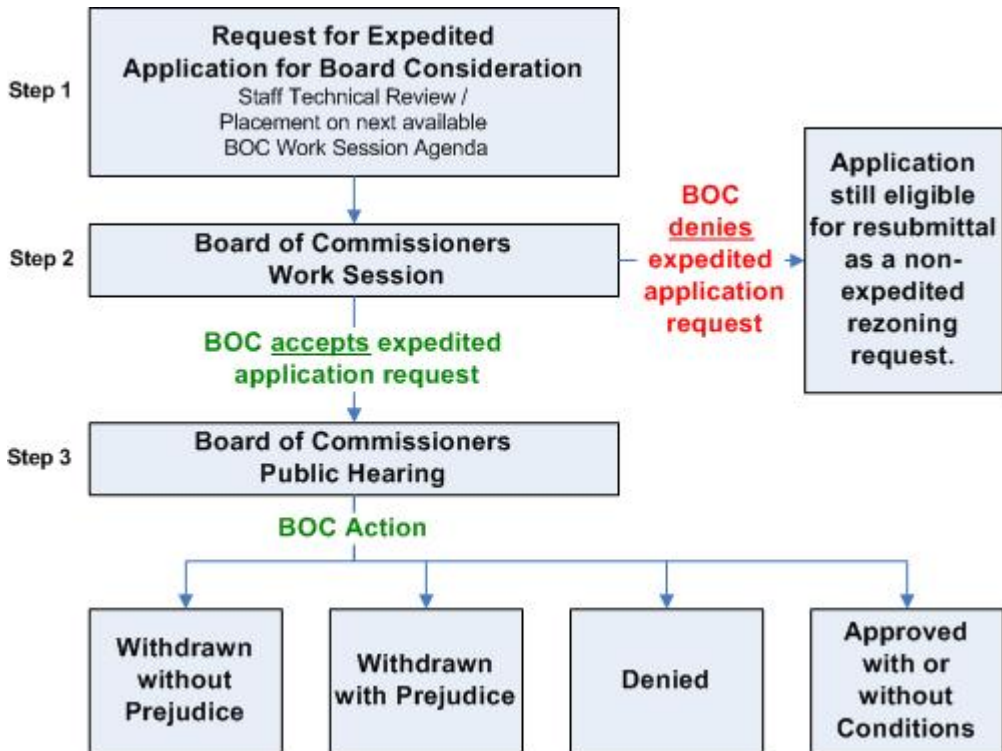
BACKGROUND

Due to the economic realities that citizens of Forsyth County are currently facing with regard to changes in development activity, an expedited process was created for those who had interest in rezoning their property back to agriculture. The simplified process would allow applicants to make a request directly to the BOC, who would evaluate the request to determine if they wanted to accept and act on the expedited request. If yes, the application would proceed to a public hearing. If not, the applicant would still be eligible to submit for a non-expedited rezoning request.

PROCEDURES

1. Applicant submits:
 - Application Form
 - Boundary Survey—Prepared by a registered land surveyor delineating the exact boundary of the property to be rezoned back to agriculture.
 - Copy of Paid Tax Receipt(s)
 - \$250
2. Department of Planning and Development will:
 - Intake Submittal Package—Reviews for minimum submittal requirements
 - Prepare Staff Report—Staff will review previous rezoning approvals to compile a staff report highlighting pertinent issues, e.g. zoning conditions that reference right-of-way or other property dedications, etc.
 - Submit Agenda Request for BOC Work Session
 - i. If BOC accepts expedited request, staff will assign the request an official rezoning (ZAXXXX) application number, schedule it for the next available BOC Public Hearing and will follow all other requirements as set forth by the Unified Development Code (UDC) for county-initiated zonings.
 - Contact Applicant with BOC Decision

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APPROVAL SIGNATURE

Jeff Chance, Director of Department of Planning and Development

EFFECTIVE DATE / VERSION CONTROL

1/7/2010 – Approved by the Board of Commissioners