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Message:

Commercial Development

Process

- 1. Preliminary Meeting
- 2. Project will be done one of two ways:
 - a. Administratively (in the Planning Office)
 - i. Site Plan needs to be submitted for Approval
 - ii. All requirements for a commercial development must be met
 - Signed Application must be received
 - 2. Commercial Checklist (Form 20-E)
 - 3. Commercial Application Fee (\$300)
 - 4. Utility Notification Letters
 - Letter signed by the Fire District
 - Sign needs to be put up for no less than 10 days (requirements of the sign can be found under the Commercial Ordinance)
 - iii. Once Plans are signed off by the Planning Director an approval sheet will be sent over to the Permit Office giving the Planning Departments approval for Permits and Addressing.
 - b. Go to the Planning Commission & Parish Council for Approval
 - i. Site Plan needs to be submitted to the Planning Office and Forte & Tablada's Office by the 18th of the Month before the following monthly meeting. (refer to ordinance for amount of copies to submit)
 - ii. All requirements for a commercial development must be met
 - Signed Application must be received.
 - 2. Commercial Checklist (Form 20-E)
 - 3. Commercial Application Fee (\$300)
 - 4. Utility Notification Letters
 - 5. Letter signed by the Fire District
 - Sign needs to be put up for no less than 10 days before the Planning Commission Meeting (requirements of the sign can be found under the Commercial Ordinance)

- iii. The Planning Commission Meeting will be held the first Wednesday of the Month.
 - Your development will get one of three recommendations:
 - a. Approve
 - b. Deny
 - c. Defer
 - 2. The developments with the recommendations to Approve or Deny will go to the Parish Council Meeting for vote. (Parish Council Meetings are held the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month)
 - The developments with the recommendation to Defer will automatically come back to the Planning Commission the following month.
- iv. Once voted on at the Parish Council Meeting
 - If voted to accept the recommendation of the Planning
 Commission to approve, then all comments need to be addressed with Forte & Tablada and 4 sets of site plans/construction plans must be brought to Forte & Tablada to be signed.
 - 2. Forte & Tablada, once all bills are paid with them and plans are signed, will bring plans to the Planning Department to be signed.
 - When all fees are paid in the Planning Department the Plans will be signed.
 - 4. The Planning Department will then send a letter (not plans) to the Permit office giving their approval for Permits and addressing.

3. The Permit Office

- a. 2 sets of architectural plans need to be submitted for review. (do not submit the stamped fire marshal set)
 - i. This process can take 2 or more weeks
 - ii. Once Plans are approved in the Permit office the Planning Departments approval is needed (if not already given) before plans can be issued back and permits given.
 - iii. State Fire Marshal Letter
- b. After Permits are given, inspections will be done in 3 stages
 - i. First Stage
 - 1. Plumbing Rough in
 - 2. Foundation Inspection
 - ii. Second Stage
 - Electrical Rough in

- 2. Plumbing Top out
- 3. Mechanical Rough in
- 4. Framing
- iii. Third Stage
 - 1. Electrical Final
 - 2. Plumbing Final
 - 3. Mechanical Final
 - 4. Certificate of Occupancy
- c. Before the Third Stage is completed there are some approvals that are needed:
 - i. State Fire Marshal
 - ii. Planning Department Approval for Certificate of Occupancy
 - iii. Sewer Approval
 - iv. Elevation Certificate (if in a Flood Zone)
- 4. Planning Department Approval for the Certificate of Occupancy
 - a. A Final Inspection must be scheduled in order to get this approval
 - i. The Planning Director and a representative from Forte & Tablada (Parish Engineer) attend the inspection
 - ii. There are fees for the Inspection
 - 1. \$300 in the Planning Department
 - 2. \$300 for Forte & Tablada
 - 3. In the event an additional inspection must be made there will be additional fees.
 - iii. Once the Inspection is passed and all fees are paid, the Planning Department will send an approval letter to the Permit Office.