



Bonner County Planning Department

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Conditional Use Permit Application Information

What is a conditional use permit?

A conditional use permit is a land use permit that allows specific uses subject to certain conditions.

Why is a conditional use permit required?

Bonner County is divided into specific zoning districts. Each district provides a range of uses that are permitted "outright" and a range of uses that are "conditional." Conditional uses include activities that require a greater level of review. These types of proposed uses must be consistent with the Bonner County Comprehensive Plan; compatible with the neighborhood; and not create a hazard.

How long does it take to process a conditional use permit application?

Processing time is dependent on a number of factors, including the complexity of the project, the completeness of the application and the number of applications being considered by Bonner County at any given time. Plan on a minimum of 120 days for the processing of the permit.

How much does it cost to apply for a conditional use permit?

Conditional use permit application fees are based on the type of use: See Current Fee Schedule

Who prepares a conditional use permit application?

Applicants either prepare the application themselves or hire a licensed or registered design professional to serve as the project representative. Detailed mapping and stormwater management plans are generally required, which usually require a professional to prepare. However, it is not required by Bonner County Revised Code that conditional use permit applications be prepared by a licensed or registered design professional.

Who reviews and approves a conditional use permit application?

Planning department staff reviews conditional use permit applications for consistency with Bonner County Revised Code. Applications may also be reviewed by state and federal agencies for conformity with state and federal guidelines. If additional information is required by either Bonner County or any reviewing agency, planning staff will forward this request for information to the applicant. After all reviews are complete, the project will be acted on by the Hearing Examiner or the Zoning Commission at a public hearing.