

ARTICLE D

Plat Review and Approval

SEC. 14-1-30 PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION.

Before filing a Preliminary Plat or certified survey map (minor land division), the subdivider is encouraged to consult with the Plan Commission for advice regarding general subdivision requirements. Information on meeting dates, agenda deadlines and filing requirements may be obtained from the City Clerk-Treasurer. The subdivider shall also submit a location map showing the relationship of the proposed subdivision to traffic arteries and existing community facilities. This consultation is neither formal nor mandatory but is intended to inform the subdivider of the purpose and objectives of these regulations, the comprehensive plan, comprehensive plan components and duly adopted plan implementation devices of the City and to otherwise assist the subdivider in planning his development. In so doing, both the subdivider and planning agency may reach mutual conclusions regarding the general program and objectives of the proposed development and its possible effects on the neighborhood and community. The subdivider will gain a better understanding of the subsequent required procedures.

SEC. 14-1-31 SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY PLAT.

- (a) **Submission.** Before submitting a Final Plat for approval, the subdivider shall prepare a Preliminary Plat and a letter of application. The subdivider shall submit twelve (12) copies of the Preliminary Plat. The Preliminary Plat shall be prepared in accordance with this Chapter, and the subdivider shall file copies of the Plat and the application as required by this Section with the City Clerk-Treasurer at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting of the Plan Commission at which action is desired. The City Clerk-Treasurer shall submit a copy of the Preliminary Plat to the Plan Commission and to the City Engineer for review and written report of his recommendations and reactions to the proposed plat.
- (b) **Public Improvements, Plans and Specifications.** Simultaneously with the filing of the Preliminary Plat of map, the owner shall file with the City Clerk-Treasurer twelve (12) complete sets of engineering reports, plans and specifications for the construction of any public improvements required by this Chapter, specifically addressing sewer and water service feasibility, drainage facilities, traffic patterns, typical street cross sections, erosion control plans, pavement design and other improvements necessary in the subdivision.
- (c) **Property Owners Association; Restrictive Covenants.** A draft of the legal instruments and rules for proposed property owners associations, when the subdivider proposes that common property within a subdivision would be either owned or maintained by such an organization of property owners or a subunit of the City pursuant to Sec. 236.293, Wis. Stats., and proposed deed restrictions or restrictive covenants, shall be submitted at the time of filing the Preliminary Plat with the City Clerk-Treasurer.

- (d) **Affidavit.** The surveyor preparing the Preliminary Plat shall certify on the face of the plat that it is a correct representation of all existing land divisions and features and that he has fully complied with the provisions of this Chapter.
- (e) **Supplementary Data to be Filed with Preliminary Plat.** The following shall also be filed with the Preliminary Plat:
 - (1) Use Statement. A statement of the proposed use of lots stating type of residential buildings with number of proposed dwelling units; types of business or industry so as to reveal the effect of the development on traffic, fire hazards and congestion of population; and
 - (2) Zoning Changes. If any zoning changes are contemplated, the proposed zoning plan for the areas, including dimensions; and
 - (3) Area Plan. Where the subdivider owns property adjacent to that which is being proposed for the subdivision, the Plan Commission and/or Common Council may require that the subdivider submit a Preliminary Plat of the remainder of the property so as to show the possible relationships between the proposed subdivision and future subdivision. In any event all subdivisions must be shown to relate well with existing or potential adjacent subdivisions.
- (f) **Street Plans and Profiles.** The subdivider shall provide street plans and profiles showing existing ground surface, and proposed and established street grades including extensions for a reasonable distance beyond the limits of the proposed subdivision when requested.
- (g) **Soil Testing.** The subdivider shall provide a preliminary soils report, listing the types of soil in the proposed subdivision, their effect on the subdivision and a proposed soil testing and investigation program. Pursuant to the public policy concerns prescribed in Section 14-1-21, the Common Council may require that borings and soundings be made in specified areas to ascertain subsurface soil, rock and water conditions, including depth to bedrock and depth to ground water table.
- (h) **Referral to Other Agencies.**
 - (1) The City Clerk-Treasurer shall, within two (2) days after filing, transmit four (4) copies to the County Planning Agency, two (2) copies to the Director of the Planning Function in the Wisconsin Department of Development, additional copies to the Director of the Planning Function for retransmission of two (2) copies each to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation if the subdivision abuts or adjoins a state trunk highway or a connecting street and the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations if the subdivision is not served by the public sewer and provision for such service has not been made, and an adequate number of copies to the Plan Commission. The County Planning Agency, the Wisconsin Department of Development, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations shall be hereinafter referred to as objecting agencies.
 - (2) Within twenty (20) days of the date of receiving the copies of the plat, any state or county agency having authority to object under Subsection (h)(1) above shall notify the subdivider and all approving or objecting authorities of any objection based upon failure of the plat to comply with the statutes or rules which its examination is authorized to cover, or, if all objections have been satisfied, it shall so certify on the face of a copy of the plat and return that copy to the approving authority from which

it was received. The plat shall not be approved or deemed approved until any objections have been satisfied. If the objecting agency fails to act within the twenty (20) day limit it shall be deemed to have no objection to the plat.

- (3) In lieu of the procedure under Subsection (h)(1), the subdivider or the subdivider's agent may submit the original plat to the Department of Local Affairs and Development which shall forward two (2) copies to each of the agencies authorized to object. The Department shall have the required number of copies made at the subdivider's expense. Within twenty (20) days of the date of receiving the copies of the plat, any agency having authority to object shall notify the subdivider, and all agencies having the authority to object, of any objection based upon failure of the plat to comply with the statutes or rules which its examination is authorized to cover, or if there is no objection, it shall so certify on the face of a copy of the plat and return that copy to the Department of Development. After each agency and the Department have certified that they have no objection or that their objections have been satisfied, the Department shall so certify on the face of the plat. If an agency fails to act within twenty (20) days from the date of the receipt of copies of the plat, and the Department fails to act within thirty (30) days of receipt of the original plat, it shall be deemed that there are no objections to the plat and, upon demand, it shall be so certified on the face of the plat by the Department.
- (i) **Drafting Standards.** The subdivider shall submit to the City Clerk-Treasurer and to those agencies having the authority to object to plats under provisions in Chapter 236 of the Wisconsin Statutes copies of a Preliminary Plat (or certified survey) based upon an accurate exterior boundary survey by a registered land surveyor which shall show clearly the proposed subdivision at a scale of not more than one (1) inch per one hundred (100) feet having two (2) foot contour intervals, shall identify the improvements (grading, tree planting, paving, installation of facilities and dedications of land), easements which the subdivider proposes to make and shall indicate by accompanying letter when the improvements will be provided. Any proposed restrictive covenants for the land involved shall be submitted.