

ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT

WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING AN APPLICATION

Administrative Adjustments are intended to allow flexibility in property development without requiring the time and expense of approval through a public hearing process. Since the level of public input is more limited for Administrative Adjustments, the extent to which a zoning or sign standard or a provision of a Planned Unit Development (PUD), Community Unit Plan (CUP), Protective Overlay (P-O), or Conditional Use (CU) can be adjusted is limited. The limitations on Administrative Adjustments are described in detail in this instruction sheet. If a requested change exceeds the limitations for an Administrative Adjustment, an application for a Variance or for a PUD, CUP, P-O, or CU Amendment must be submitted. Separate instructions for requesting a Variance or Amendment are available. It is important to note that an Administrative Adjustment, Variance, or Amendment is not granted simply because complying with a particular requirement is inconvenient or more expensive. There must be solid justification for why a requirement should not be applied to a particular project.

1. All applicants desiring to request an Administrative Adjustment should consult with the Metropolitan Area Planning Department (MAPD) prior to submitting a formal application. The purpose of the consultation is to advise the applicant of the rights and responsibilities in submitting such a request.
2. The Planning Director, with the concurrence of the Zoning Administrator, has the authority to approve applications for Administrative Adjustments. The Planning Director may impose special conditions of approval, including but not limited to time limitations, access limitations, screening and landscaping, and other controls to prevent damage to adjacent properties or to safeguard public interests. The applicant may appeal a decision to deny an Administrative Adjustment or to impose certain conditions. If the Administrative Adjustment is for a zoning or sign standard, the applicant may appeal by filing an application for a Variance. If the Administrative Adjustment is for a provision of a PUD, CUP, P-O, or CU, the applicant may appeal by filing an application for an Amendment. The filing fee for the Administrative Adjustment shall be applied toward the filing fee for the Variance or Amendment.
3. Administrative Adjustments to zoning standards (shown as "Zoning Adjustment" on the application form) shall be limited to the following:
 - a. Reducing minimum Front, Side, and Rear Setbacks (required by the property development standards of the zoning District) by up to 20 percent, or reducing a Side or Rear Setback by up to 50 percent adjacent to a Golf Course, open space or reserve or when the required Yard to be adjusted does not exceed 300 square feet;
 - b. Reducing minimum Interior Side Setback for a Principal Structure to three feet when all parts of Principal Structure to be extended into the original Interior Side Setback are located more than one-half the depth of the Lot behind the front property line and when the addition does not obstruct or eliminate the required off street Parking and provided the Zoning Adjustment does not increase lot coverage more than ten percent and extended portions of the Principal Structure are not more than 60 percent of the maximum height allowed by the property development standards of the zoning District;
 - c. Reducing minimum Rear Setback for a Principal Structure to five feet when the addition does not obstruct or eliminate the required off-street Parking and provided the adjustment does not increase lot coverage more than ten percent and extended portions of the Principal Structure do not occupy more than one-half of any required rear Yard nor be more than 60 percent of the maximum height allowed by the property development standards of the zoning District;

- d. Reducing or waiving the required compatibility Setback;
- e. Reducing or waiving the required compatibility height standard;
- f. Increasing maximum Building Height permitted by the property development standards of the zoning District by up to 20 percent;
- g. Increasing maximum height for energy generating structures provided the energy generating structure would not be closer to an adjacent property line than twice the height of the structure, nor be located within 200 feet of any existing residential structure on an adjacent property, and would not exceed a height of 100 feet to the tip of the motor blades;
- h. Increasing maximum lot coverage by up to ten (10) percent;
- i. Reducing Lot Area, Lot Width, Loading Space and Parking requirements by up to ten percent, except that Parking requirements for Manufacturing, Warehousing, Wholesale or Business Services, large item community retail, all remodeling/expansion projects, and all redevelopment of existing Sites with new construction may be reduced by up to twenty-five (25) percent;
- j. Increasing the maximum projection of structural elements into Front, Rear or Side Setbacks by up to 20 percent, provided there is no reduction in the corresponding Setback requirement;
- k. Changing the location of required Screening in relation to alleys;
- l. Permitting Parking in residential Districts to be located within a required front Yard or street side Yard, but in no case closer to a front or street side property line than eight feet;
- m. Reducing or waiving the required Screening specified in Sec. IV-B.3 of this Code when the Building is located Adjacent to a Golf Course, public or private Park or open space reserve area of a homeowners' association and the Building is architecturally designed to utilize the views of the Adjacent property; or when existing topography or vegetation provide a natural screen; or when the Adjacent residential property is developed with an institutional, Major Utility, or Multi-Family Use and the location of improvements on one or both properties provides adequate Screening;
- n. Permitting an Accessory Structure to be placed in front of the Principal Structure on less than five acres of land as specified in Sec. III-D.7.e(2);
- o. Increasing maximum height permitted by the property development standards of the AFBP-O Air Force Base Protection Overlay District, but in no event shall an adjustment be granted that permits a structure height in excess of the height permitted by the underlying zoning district, and in addition to the Zoning Adjustment Criteria contained in Sec. V-I.6., the following criteria shall be used to evaluate adjustment requests: a line-of-sight analysis shall demonstrate that the proposed structure height does not provide a view of any portion of the air force base for a person located at any point on the Structure that exceeds the height permitted by the Overlay District given existing topography and the location and height of existing Structures and/or vegetation.
- p. Permit remote off-site parking to be located more than 600 feet from the supported Use; and permit such parking to be separated by an arterial street, expressway, or freeway from the supported Use; or

- q. Screening requirements for Outdoor Storage associated with a rural Home Occupation, as required by Sec. IV-E.7.d may be reduced or waived on properties of less than five acres in size by zoning adjustment when existing topography or vegetation provides a natural screen or when the Adjacent land is used for agriculture or some other nonresidential land use.
4. Administrative Adjustments to sign standards (shown as "Sign Code Adjustment" on the application form) shall be limited to the following:
 - a. Reducing the minimum allowed distance required between on-site ground, monument or pole signs by up to one-third;
 - b. Increasing the maximum allowed height of on-site ground, monument or pole signs, or of building or wall signs, by up to twenty-five (25) percent;
 - c. Increasing the maximum allowed size of individual building or wall signs or of the total allowed building sign wall elevation coverage by up to twenty-five (25) percent;
 - d. Increasing the maximum number of allowed building or wall signs per any elevation by up to one (1) in the NO, GO, NR, OW or IP zoning districts, or up to two (2) such signs per any elevation in the LC zoning district.
 - e. Reducing the minimum allowed depth of parking, loading or open space area required in the LC zoning district for building or wall signs on elevations not having street frontage;
 - f. Allowing structurally altered legal non-conforming on-site pole, ground or monument signs to be structurally altered at their existing base or pole structure location provided that the extent of non-conforming sign height or sign size is reduced;
 - g. Allowing legal non-conforming off-site pole, ground or monument signs to be structurally altered to an extent exceeding fifty (50) percent of the sign's structural value or to an extent that includes repairs or modifications exceeding fifty (50) percent of the of the sign's structure, at their existing base or pole structure location provided the number of main support poles or pylons are reduced to a single support pole or pylon, or the extent of non-conforming sign height or sign size is reduced;
 - h. Increasing the maximum allowed height of ground, monument or pole signs for on-site or off-site signs located within seventy-five (75) feet of a zoning lot line that directly abuts the right-of way of an elevated portion of a highway structure to a height at the top of the sign that does not exceed twenty (20) feet above the height of the top of the highest railing or barrier along the traffic deck or decks within the right-of-way at a point perpendicular the sign.
 - i. Allowing variable message or electronic message signs for Institutions located in any residential zoning district, or in any "NO", "GO", "NR", "OW" or "IP" zoning districts.

- j. Allowing "off-site" signs that do not exceed one hundred (100) square feet in area or twenty-five (25) feet in height, provided that the sign for the business being advertised is located on a Zoning Lot that abuts or is adjacent to the Zoning Lot on which the advertised business is located, and on which the proposed "off-site" sign would otherwise be allowed by the "on-site" sign regulations set forth in Sections 24.04.193, 24.04.199 or 24.04.221.
 - k. Increasing the maximum distance that a Temporary Sign may be placed from a subdivision, as set forth in Section 24.04.190.6.i.(1), by up to twenty-five (25) percent.
 - l. Increasing the maximum nighttime brightness and/or light intensity of allowed electronic message signs, as set forth in Section 24.04.220(p), up to a maximum of 4,000 nits.
5. In no event shall the Planning Director approve an Administrative Adjustment to a PUD, CUP, or P-O that allows any of the following:
- a. More than a five-foot or ten (10) percent increase in building height, whichever is greater.
 - b. More than a ten (10) percent increase in floor area or building coverage or in residential unit density when calculated on a total, aggregate project basis.
 - c. A change in use to a use that is more "intensive" (as defined by Section II-B.6.i. of the Unified Zoning Code) than a use approved as part of the PUD, CUP, or P-O.
6. The Planning Director shall not approve an Administrative Adjustment to a zoning standard or to a PUD, CUP, P-O, or CU if the proposed development:
- a. would adversely affect the safety and convenience of vehicular and pedestrian circulation in the vicinity of the subject tract, including traffic reasonably expected to be generated by the proposed use and other uses in the area given the existing zoning, existing land uses and proposed land uses in the area;
 - b. creates more adverse impacts on existing uses in surrounding areas than which reasonably might result from development of the site in strict compliance with the adjusted standard;
 - c. would not be compatible with existing or permitted uses on abutting sites, in terms of adjusted building height, setbacks and open spaces, bulk and scale, landscaping, parking or circulation features;
 - d. will be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the vicinity for reasons specifically articulated by the Planning Director. The applicant shall have the burden of demonstrating that the proposal meets the applicable review criteria.
7. The Planning Director shall not approve a Sign Code Adjustment if the Planning Director finds that the proposed development:
- a. creates more adverse impacts on existing uses in surrounding areas than those that might reasonably result from development of the site in strict compliance with the adjusted standard;

- b. would not be compatible with existing or permitted uses on abutting sites, in terms of adjusted sign height or size, number of signs, sign bulk and scale, or minimum allowed depth of parking , loading or open space area required;
 - c. will be detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare or materially injurious to properties or improvements in the immediate vicinity for reasons specifically articulated by the Planning Director.
8. The applicant shall submit a completed application form for an Administrative Adjustment, which must be signed by all property owners and by the authorized agent(s) of such owner(s).
 9. The applicant shall submit a written justification that describes in detail the need for the Administrative Adjustment and how the proposal meets the applicable criteria for approval of an Administrative Adjustment.
 10. The applicant shall submit an accurate site plan, CUP drawing, or PUD drawing (as applicable). For adjustments to zoning or sign standards or a Conditional Use, one (1) 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17" copy of the site plan shall be submitted. For adjustments to a CUP, PUD, or P-O, one (1) 24" x 36" folded copy and one (1) 11" x 17" copy of the drawing shall be submitted. Site plans and drawings shall be drawn to scale and show the location of property lines and buildings, parking areas, driveways and other improvements or facilities which necessitate the adjustment, in conformance with the attached Site Plan Guidelines. Other plans, drawings or information which the MAPD deems necessary to enable proper consideration of the request may be required.
 11. In accordance with local policy, the applicant shall post one or more zoning adjustment signs on the application site for a period of ten days following submittal of the Administrative Adjustment request. The decision on an Administrative Adjustment request typically is transmitted to the applicant one week after the required sign posting period. Signs shall be purchased from the MAPD when the application is filed. The fee for each sign is \$5, and one sign is required for each street frontage.
 12. The applicant shall submit the required filing fee as follows:

Residential Use	\$175 + sign fee
Non-Residential Use	\$250 + sign fee
Sign Code Adjustment	\$250 + sign fee
Additional Administrative Adjustment on same lot	\$75

All checks should be payable to the "City of Wichita", which acts as agent for the MAPD.

13. All application materials and the filing fee are submitted at the MAPD, which is located on the 2nd floor of The Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W. 3rd Street and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, excluding holidays. Applications should be submitted no later than 4 p.m. to allow time for application review and processing prior to the close of business. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Questions regarding the application process may be directed to the MAPD at (316) 268-4421.

ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT CHECKLIST OF REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Application form
- Written justification
- Site plan, CUP drawing, or PUD drawing (as applicable)
- Other plans, drawings, or information required at pre-application consultation (if not applicable)
- Filing fee

Note: When applying, please have yourself or your representative present during the processing of the application in case planners have questions or to correct possible errors on the application.

SITE PLAN GUIDELINES

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A site plan is required as part of an application for an Administrative Adjustment. The site plan should be legible, show the entire subject property, and contain the following elements:

1. Sheet Size: The site plan generally should be 8-1/2" x 11" but should be no larger than 11" by 17".
2. Title: A brief description of the Administrative Adjustment including the address of the property.
3. Applicant Name: Name of the applicant and agent, if applicable, who prepared the site plan.
4. North Arrow: Indicate the north direction. North generally should be the top of the page.
5. Scale: The scale should be shown on the site plan and generally should be 1" = 20'. A smaller scale can be used for larger properties but should not be smaller than 1" = 60'.
6. Dimensions: The site plan should have dimensions in feet noted for all sides of the property as well as any other dimensions relevant to the Administrative Adjustment.
7. Existing Conditions: Indicate all structures and features as they exist on the property. These should be drawn to scale with dimensions shown.
8. Modifications by Administrative Adjustment: Indicate any modifications to structures or features that will result if the Administrative Adjustment request is approved. These should be drawn to scale with dimensions shown.

APPLICATION

This form MUST be completed and filed at the Planning Department located on the 2nd floor of The Ronald Reagan Building, 271 W. 3rd Street, Wichita, KS, 67202 in accordance with directions on the accompanying instruction sheet. AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. Check the appropriate box for type of application being submitted. A separate application form and filing fee is required for each application. A pre-application conference with the planning staff is recommended before filing this application.

SECTION I

This property is located within: Wichita Sedgwick County (unincorporated)

Metropolitan Area Planning Commission:

- Zone Change: From zoning district: _____ to _____
- Planned Unit Development: Approval Amendment to PUD _____ Adjustment to PUD _____
- Community Unit Plan: Approval Amendment to CUP _____ Adjustment to CUP _____
- Protective Overlay: Approval Amendment to PO _____ Adjustment to PO _____
- Conditional Use: To allow: _____ zone district: _____
 Adjustment to CU/CON#: _____
- Vacation of: _____ zone district: _____
(Use a separate sheet for legal description, if necessary)
- Administrative Permit: To allow: _____-foot high wireless communication facility. zone district: _____
- Off-Site Billboard Sign within _____ feet of a residential lot/structure. zone district: _____

Board of Zoning Appeals:

- Variance: To allow: _____ zone district: _____
- Appeal of: _____ zone district: _____
- Zoning Adjustment: To allow: _____ zone district: _____
- Sign Code Adjustment: To allow: _____ zone district: _____

SECTION II

1. The application area is legally described as Lot(s) _____; Block(s) _____, _____ Addition, (Wichita) Sedgwick County, KS. If appropriate, a metes and bounds description may be attached.
2. The application area contains _____ acres.
3. This property is located at (address) _____ which is generally located at (relation to nearest streets) _____
4. We are filing this request for the following reasons: _____
5. County control number: _____

6. The names of the owners of all property included in this application MUST be listed as applicants. Contract purchasers, lessees or others directly associated with the property may also be listed if they desire to be advised of the proceedings. (Use a separate sheet for additional applicants if needed.)

A. Applicant _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____
 Email Address _____

Agent _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____
 Email Address _____

B. Applicant _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____
 Email Address _____

Agent _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____
 Email Address _____

C. Applicant _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____
 Email Address _____

Agent _____ Phone _____
 Address _____ Zip Code _____
 Email Address _____

7. We acknowledge receipt of the instruction sheet explaining the method of submitting this application. We realize that this application cannot be processed unless it is completely filled in; is accompanied by a current abstractor's certificate as required in the instruction sheet; and is accompanied by the appropriate fee. We further certify that the foregoing information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge. We authorize unannounced inspections of the subject property by City and/or County staff for the purpose of collecting information to review and analyze this request. We acknowledge that the MAPC, Governing Body, or Board of Zoning Appeals shall have authority to impose such conditions as it deems necessary in order to serve the public interest and welfare.

_____ By _____
 Applicant's signature Authorized Agent (if any)

_____ By _____
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 Applicant's signature Authorized Agent (if any)

The Petition must bear the signature(s) of the property owner(s). If an authorized agent signs on the owner's behalf, the agent shall sign his own name and attach the owner's written notarized authorization to this application.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Map _____ Zoning (N) _____ (S) _____ (E) _____ (W) _____ MAPC/BZA _____ Township _____
 Council/Commission District _____ DAB _____ Sm. City PC _____
 NA/HOA _____
 Date _____ Fee _____ Received By _____

Required Documents:

- Ownership List BZA Justification Legal Description Vacation Petition Site Plan Signs

**WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COMMISSION
and BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
2022 CALENDAR**

The Ronald Reagan Building, 271 West 3rd Street, Second Floor, Ste. 203, Wichita, Kansas

CLOSING DATE (By 4:00 p.m.)	NOTICE TO OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER (By 9:00 a.m.)	ADVERTISING DATE (No Later Than Thursday)	SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE HEARING DATE (Thursday at 9:30 a.m.)	MAPC/BZA HEARING DATE (Thursday at 1:30 p.m.)
November 29, 2021	December 13, 2021	December 16, 2021	December 22, 2021	January 6, 2022
December 13, 2021	December 27, 2021	December 30, 2021	January 13, 2022	January 20, 2022
December 27, 2021	January 10, 2022	January 13, 2022	January 27, 2022	February 3, 2022
January 10, 2022	January 24, 2022	January 27, 2022	February 10, 2022	February 17, 2022
January 24, 2022	February 7, 2022	February 10, 2022	February 24, 2022	March 3, 2022
February 7, 2022	February 21, 2022	February 24, 2022	March 10, 2022	March 17, 2022
February 28, 2022	March 14, 2022	March 17, 2022	March 24, 2022	April 7, 2022
March 14, 2022	March 28, 2022	March 31, 2022	April 14, 2022	April 21, 2022
March 28, 2022	April 11, 2022	April 14, 2022	April 28, 2022	May 5, 2022
April 11, 2022	April 25, 2022	April 28, 2022	May 12, 2022	May 19, 2022
April 25, 2021	May 9, 2022	May 12, 2022	May 26, 2022	June 2, 2022
May 9, 2022	May 23, 2022	May 26, 2022	June 09, 2022	June 16, 2022
May 23, 2022	June 13, 2022	June 16, 2022	June 23, 2022	July 7, 2022
June 13, 2022	June 27, 2022	June 30, 2022	July 14, 2022	July 21, 2022
June 27, 2022	July 11, 2022	July 14, 2022	July 28, 2022	August 4, 2022
July 11, 2022	July 25, 2022	July 28, 2022	August 11, 2022	August 18, 2022
July 25, 2022	August 8, 2022	August 11, 2022	August 25, 2022	September 1, 2022
August 8, 2022	August 22, 2022	August 25, 2022	September 8, 2022	September 15, 2022
August 29, 2022	September 12, 2022	September 15, 2022	September 22, 2022	October 6, 2022
September 12, 2022	September 26, 2022	September 29, 2022	October 13, 2022	October 20, 2022
September 26, 2022	October 10, 2022	October 13, 2022	October 27, 2022	November 3, 2022
October 10, 2022	October 24, 2022	October 27, 2022	November 10, 2022	November 17, 2022
October 24, 2022	November 7, 2022	November 10, 2022	November 23, 2022	December 1, 2022
November 7, 2022	November 18, 2022	November 23, 2022	December 8, 2022	December 15, 2022
November 28, 2022	December 12, 2022	December 15, 2022	December 21, 2022	January 5, 2023
December 19, 2022	December 30, 2022	January 5, 2023	January 12, 2023	January 19, 2023
December 30, 2022	January 13, 2023	January 19, 2023	January 26, 2023	February 9, 2023
January 13, 2023	January 30, 2023	February 2, 2023	February 16, 2023	February 23, 2023
January 30, 2023	February 13, 2023	February 16, 2023	March 2, 2023	March 9, 2023
February 13, 2023	February 24, 2023	March 2, 2023	March 16, 2023	March 23, 2023

The MAPC and the BZA meet at 1:30 p.m. on the dates indicated above. If you have questions contact the Metropolitan Area Planning Department at (316) 268-4421.

Red = date adjustment due to holiday