

Sec. 21.5.11. Specific Use Permit (SUP).

- A. *Applicability.* Specific Use Permits allow for discretionary City Council approval of uses with unique or widely varying operating characteristics or unusual site development features, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this UDC. These uses and the districts where they may be located are listed in Table 21.5.8. Certain uses located within the AICUZ zone require an SUP. Approval of a Specific Use Permit authorizes a property owner to submit subsequent development applications consistent with the approved sup.
- B. *Application Requirements.*
1. *Application Required.* Any request for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) shall be accompanied by an application and SUP exhibit prepared in accordance with the Development Manual.
 2. ~~*Accompanying Applications.* An application for a Specific Use Permit shall be accompanied by a Site Plan prepared in accordance with section 21.12.14. Approval of a Site Plan as part of a Specific Use Permit shall meet the requirements for Site Plan approval under section 21.12.14.~~
 3. *Tax Certificate Required.* All applications made as a request for a Specific Use Permit shall be accompanied by a copy of a Tax Certificate.
- C. *Processing of Application and Decision.*
1. *Submittal.* An application for a Specific Use Permit shall be submitted to the City Manager or his/her designee. The City Manager or his/her designee shall review the application for completeness in accordance with section 21.4.2. The City Manager or his/her designee may, at its option, request a recommendation from any other City Department or consultant. The City Manager or his/her designee shall notify the applicant of items requiring correction or attention before providing a recommendation on the application. After appropriate review, the City Manager or his/her designee shall forward a written recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration.
 2. *Notification requirements.* An application for a Specific Use Permit requires the following notification in accordance with section 21.4.3:
 - a. Written notice prior to consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission; and
 - b. Published notice prior to consideration by the City Council.
 3. *Commission Recommendation.* The Planning and Zoning Commission shall hold a public hearing in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and section 21.4.4 and make a written recommendation regarding a proposed Specific Use Permit to the City Council. The Planning and Zoning Commission may recommend approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the SUP. The Planning and Zoning Commission may, on its own motion or by request of the property owner, postpone consideration of the request to a certain date that is not more than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the current consideration in order to review additional information or modifications which may have a direct bearing on the recommendation to the City Council.
 4. *Decision by City Council.* The City Council shall receive the written recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a proposed Specific Use Permit and shall hold a public hearing in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and section 21.4.4. The City Council may vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the SUP. The City Council may, on its own motion or by request of the property owner, postpone consideration of the request to a certain date that is not more than thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the current consideration in order to review additional information or modifications which may have a direct bearing on the final decision.

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- D. *Criteria for Approval.* The Planning and Zoning Commission, in making its recommendation, and the City Council, in considering final action on a Specific Use Permit, should consider the following criteria:
1. The proposed use at the specified location is consistent with the policies embodied in the adopted Comprehensive Land Plan;
 2. The proposed use is consistent with the general purpose and intent of the applicable zoning district regulations;
 3. The proposed use is compatible with and preserves the character and integrity of adjacent developments and neighborhoods, and includes improvements either on-site or within the public rights-of-way to mitigate development related adverse impacts, such as safety, traffic, noise, odors, visual nuisances, drainage or other similar adverse effects to adjacent development and neighborhoods;
 4. The proposed use does not generate pedestrian and vehicular traffic which will be hazardous or conflict with the existing and anticipated traffic in the neighborhood;
 5. The proposed use incorporates roadway adjustments, traffic control devices or mechanisms, and access restrictions to control traffic flow or divert traffic as may be needed to reduce or eliminate development generated traffic on neighborhood streets;
 6. The proposed use incorporates features to minimize adverse effects, including visual impacts, of the proposed use on adjacent properties;
 7. The proposed use meets the standards for the zoning district, or to the extent variations from such standards have been requested, that such variations are necessary to render the use compatible with adjoining development and the neighborhood;
 8. The proposed use ~~and associated Site Plan~~ promote the health, safety or general welfare of the City and the safe, orderly, efficient and healthful development of the City;
 9. No application made under these provisions will receive final approval until all back taxes owed to the City have been paid in full; and
 10. Other criteria which, at the discretion of the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council are deemed relevant and important in the consideration of the Specific Use Permit.
- E. *Conditions.* The Planning and Zoning Commission, in making its recommendation, and the City Council, in considering final action, may require such modifications in the proposed use and attach such conditions to the Specific Use Permit as deemed necessary to mitigate adverse effects of the proposed use and to carry out the spirit and intent of this section. Conditions and modifications may include but are not limited to limitation of building size or height, increased open space, limitations on impervious surfaces, enhanced loading and parking requirements, additional landscaping, curbing, sidewalk, vehicular access and parking improvements, placement or orientation of buildings and entryways, buffer yards, landscaping and screening, signage restrictions and design, maintenance of buildings and outdoor areas, duration of the permit and hours of operation.
- F. *Expiration of Specific Use Permit.* A Specific Use Permit shall expire if any of the following occurs:
1. A building permit, if necessary, for the use has not been approved within one (1) year after the approval of the SUP;
 2. A building permit approved as a result of the approval of the SUP expires within two (2) years after the approval of the SUP;
 3. The use has been abandoned or discontinued for a period of time exceeding six (6) months; or
 4. The SUP expires in accordance with its terms.

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