

Act 247 Review Guidelines and Fee Schedule

For reviews in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247) as amended

Effective January 1, 2010

Required Fees and Time Limits

To determine the applicable fee and review time limit for MCPC reviews, reference the appropriate section of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code as follows:

	Act 247 Section	Fee	Time Limit (days)
301.3	Comprehensive Plan Amendments	No	45
304	Public Facilities	No	45
305	School Facilities	No	45
408	Official Map	No	45
502	Subdivision and Land Developments	Yes	30
505	Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance Amendments	No	30
609	Zoning Ordinance or Map Amendments	No	30
609.1	Curative Amendments	No	30

- A time limit may be extended if requested by the applicant or by the municipality. If a municipality requests a time extension, it must be in concurrence with the applicant.
- Whenever applications require more than one type of review or otherwise fall under more than one section of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, the Montgomery County Planning Commission will attempt to complete all reviews within the shortest official time limit. However, MCPC reserves the right to use the maximum permitted time limit if needed.

Application Procedure

1. The applicant submits the plans, a completed Municipal Request for Review form, and the county fee to the local municipality. The county fee must be in the form of a check or money order made payable to the MONTGOMERY COUNTY TREASURER. The county fee is not to be combined with the municipal fee. The applicant's canceled check serves as the receipt.
2. The municipality will forward an application consisting of the county fee, the Municipal Request for Review form signed by the appropriate municipal official, and the plans to MCPC along with any other relevant information.
3. The review time limit will officially begin when MCPC receives all necessary information and applicable fees.
4. In the event of a returned check, the MCPC review and its corresponding time limit will stop as of the date we receive notification. MCPC will notify the applicant and municipality. The review process will restart on the date MCPC receives the required fee.

Fee Information

Resubmissions

The fee schedule and time limits will apply regardless of whether the submitted application is for the review of a tentative sketch, preliminary plan, or final plan. Once the initial fee has been received, MCPC charges a fee for the resubmission of subdivisions and land developments that are essentially the same as the former submission. A flat fee of \$110.00 is required for all residential subdivisions/land developments. No fee is required for residential subdivisions/land developments of 3 lots/units or less. A flat fee of \$165.00 is required for the resubmission all non-residential subdivisions/land developments. No fee is required for non-residential subdivisions/land developments of 3 lots or 3,000 square feet or less respectively. MCPC does not charge any additional fees for a staged development unless the original overall proposal has been substantially altered. When MCPC determines an application to be substantially altered, a new fee will be required except if the change was recommended by MCPC. Each submission of a different project on the same tract of land will be charged an additional fee. Any plan for the same tract resubmitted more than five (5) years after the last review of that tract will be charged a new fee.

Mixed Developments

Whenever a mixed-use proposal with both residential and nonresidential is submitted, a reduced fee will be applied. This fee is calculated by applying the residential and nonresidential fees, per the Fee Schedule, and then adding all fees and deducting 15 percent.

For a nonresidential subdivision and land development submitted for the same tract at the same time only the larger base fee will be charged.

Waiver of Fees

Fees are waived for an application filed under the name of a governmental subunit of the United States or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including school districts and authorities. This exemption does not apply to private nonprofit organizations except for volunteer fire companies and ambulance squads.

Refunds

If MCPC fails to complete its review within the required time limits, the fee will be returned to the applicant upon request, except in those instances involving an incorrect fee or incomplete application or when MCPC has been granted a time extension for the review.

Informal Reviews and Special Circumstances

Meetings with MCPC to discuss applications, either prior to or during the formal review process, are encouraged and free of charge. If the applicant requests the meeting, the local municipality will also be invited. Meetings and informal reviews do not replace the official formal review by MCPC. In addition, if a municipality requests any meetings, court appearances, redesigns, or other special events that are related to the MCPC review, no extra fees will be charged. Similar requests by developers will be charged appropriately in accordance with fees for staff services.