Site Plan Conditions

An Educational Primer

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Legal Framework

• What are site plan conditions?

Legal instruments that, along with the 4.1 Site Plan drawings, regulate land use, development statistics, features, amenities, mitigations, building and site operations, construction activities, and permitting processes. Site plan conditions are approved by the County Board and are applicable for the life of the site plan.

What enables site plan conditions?

The Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) Sec. 15.5.6 allows for the County Board to designate such conditions that
will ensure that features, design elements, uses, services, amenities of the application (including for additional height and
density) will be in compliance with the approved plan, as well as provisions for ensuring protections for abutting properties.

What are standard site plan conditions?

• Standard site plan conditions have been established to serve as the base conditions that serve as a starting point for site plan projects. Site plan conditions are revised and supplemented on a project-by-project basis to suit the needs of the site plan proposal, the community, and through negotiations with the developer.

How often are they updated?

The standard site plan condition set is generally updated on an annual basis or when major changes are warranted. The
last update was in August 2022.

Permitting Process Following County Board Approval of a Site Plan





- Post-4.1 Plan
- Tree Protection Plan
- Civil Engineering Plan
- Maintenance of Traffic Plan
- Final Landscape Plan
- Façade Plan
- Others



Land and Building Permits

- Land Disturbing Activity Permit
- Demolition Permit
- Excavation, Sheeting and Shoring Permit
- Footing to Grade Building Permit
- Final Building Permit



- Shell & Core CO
- COs for Tenant Occupancy
- Master CO

Major Categories of Site Plan Conditions

Compliance with Plan **Drawings** Site Plan Expiration Photographic Record of **Building Height Certification** Plat of Excavated Area Vacations and Encroachments Public Easements and Dedications

Standards for Post-Approval Plans Multi-Building Phasing Plan

Regulation of Construction Activity Construction Trailers Community Outreach during Construction Site Maintenance

Mitigations **Historic Sites** Sustainable Design (no additional Base ADU **CPTED Review** In-Building Wireless Transportation Demand

Use Regulations Façade Treatment Loading and Trash Collection **Emergency Vehicle Access** Ground Floor Uses Snow Removal Retention of Density and Parking Ratio over Subdivided Areas

Amenities

Sustainable Design (GBIP)

Public Art

Additional Density Contributions

(i.e. affordable housing,

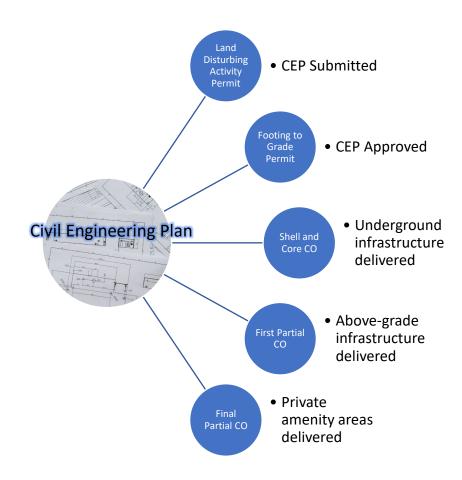
transportation and public space

improvements, community

*Note: Not every
Site Plan Condition
is listed in this
graphic; this is for
illustrative purposes
only.

Administration of Conditions

- Site Plan Conditions are administered such that they are marked completed (or benchmarked) based on issuance of permits or CO's.
- For example, the Civil Engineering Plan must be submitted prior to the issuance of the Land Disturbing Activity Permit and approved prior to the issuance of the Footing to Grade Building Permit. Public improvements required by the CEP must be installed prior to the issuance of various CO's.



Common Site-Specific Adjustments to Standard Conditions

• Intentional omission of non-applicable conditions.

Examples include residential and retail relocation, historic site demolition,
 Green Building Fund, etc.

"Fill in the Blanks"

 Examples include infrastructure/streetscape in CEP condition, ADU condition, Parking, etc.

Site-Specific Amenities

Examples include contributions to earn additional density, public spaces, etc.

Site-Specific Use Regulations

Examples include requirements for a Loading Dock Master, and others

Thank you!

Questions?

