



City of Aransas Pass Development Guide

Getting Started: Development & Resources

Before beginning any development project—whether purchasing a new property or developing an existing one—it's essential to understand zoning regulations and how they align with your intended use.

For guidance or questions, contact the Planning Department at (361) 758-3111 or email planning@aptx.gov.

This overview is designed to help individuals get started and navigate the initial steps of planning a residential or commercial project in Aransas Pass.

Where to Start: Pre-Development Meeting

Scheduling a Pre-Development Meeting with the Planning Department is a highly recommended first step for anyone considering a new development project.

This meeting will help you:

- Gain a clear understanding of the development process.
- Receive relevant documentation, including checklists and timelines.
- Ask questions and receive tailored guidance for your specific project.

How to Schedule a Pre-Development Meeting:

- Contact the Planning Department at (361) 758-3111 Ext. 4 to set up an appointment.
 - To make the meeting most effective, please provide:
 - Site location map
 - Conceptual site plan, sketches, or other graphic information
 - Any additional project details that may help in the assessment
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City of Aransas Pass Development Process

******All applications must be submitted electronically through the official portal:***
aransaspasstx.portal.opengov.com

Development Steps:

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Requires review by the Planning and Zoning Commission and approval by the City Council.
2. Voluntary Annexation – If requested by the applicant.
3. Rezoning & Plats – Includes Replats (reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission) and Variances (handled by the Zoning Board of Adjustment).
4. Subdivision Improvement Plans – Covers Floodplain/Ground Development Permits, Utilities, and Street Infrastructure.
5. Final Plat – Submission and approval of the final subdivision plat.
6. Site Development Plans – Required for Commercial and Mixed-Use Developments.
7. Building Permit – Required for construction, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work.

Key Resources:

- Fire & Safety Compliance: Consult the Aransas Pass Fire Department (APFD) and Aransas Pass Police Department (APPD) for safety and security regulations.
 - Utility Services: Ensure your Certificate of Occupancy is obtained before requesting water services, or confirm that your building plans have been approved and all fees have been paid.
 - Development Map & Online Resources: Access zoning and planning details online at www.aptx.gov. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage, click on Quick Links, then select Interactive Map, or scan the QR code below.
 - Business Licensing: Stay compliant by registering your business with the appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.
 - Community & Networking Support: Connect with the Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce for networking opportunities and business promotion. Visit AransasPass.org or call (361) 758-2750.
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Helpful Tips

- Plan Ahead: Research zoning and permit requirements early to avoid delays.
 - Stay Updated: Regularly check for city regulation changes that may impact your project.
 - Be Prepared: Having complete documents and plans ready can expedite approvals and reduce setbacks.
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Key Contacts

- Planning Department: (361) 758-3111 Ext. 4
- Building Department: (361) 758-3111 Ext. 3
- Fire Department (APFD): (361) 758-2086
- Police Department (APPD): (361) 758-5224
- Water Department: (361) 758-5301 Ext. 1
- Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center: (361) 758-2750

City of Aransas Pass Online Interactive Map

Easily explore zoning districts, county lines, city limits, flood zones, and other key development details with our interactive map. Visit www.aptx.gov, scroll to Quick Links, and select Interactive Map, or scan the QR code below to get started.



For additional support, visit the City of Aransas Pass website at www.aptx.gov or call (361) 758-5301.