



# PLANNING PROCESS // APPEAL OF A DECISION

## ABOUT THE APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in submitting an Appeal of a Decision application. The following packet will provide general information to get started on your project and guide you through the application process from start to finish. The package is broken down into three sections: Information about the application, a visual diagram of the application process, and the application form.

**We highly encourage you to work with our Planning staff prior to submitting an application.** For questions regarding any of the information listed in this packet or to set up a pre-submittal meeting please contact us at [zoning@slcgov.com](mailto:zoning@slcgov.com) or give us a call at 801.535.7757. Pre-submittal meetings are held on Thursdays in 30 minute slots between 1:30 and 3:30 pm.



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#### APPEAL PERIOD

**An appeal must be submitted within ten (10) days of the decision.** The applicant of an Historic Landmark Commission decision being appealed can submit within thirty (30) days of the decision.

#### GUIDELINES FOR APPEALING A DECISION ([SECTION 21A.16](#))

A person who challenges a decision bears the burden of showing that the decision made was in error. The hearing officer, according to state statute, must assume that the decision is correct and only reverse it if it is illegal or not supported by substantial evidence in the record.

“Substantial evidence” means information that is relevant to the decision and credible. Substantial evidence does not include public clamor and emotion. It involves facts and not mere speculation. A witness with particular expertise can provide substantial evidence, but conjecture and public opinion alone are not substantial evidence.

In case of a commission decision the record includes information, such as the application by the person seeking approval, the staff report, the minutes of the meeting, and any information submitted to the commission by members of the public, the applicant or others, before the decision was made. It does not include facts or opinion, even expert opinion, expressed after the decision is made or which was not available to the commission at the time the decision was made.

A decision is “illegal” if it is contrary to local ordinance, state statute or case law, or federal law. An applicant is entitled to approval if the application complies with the law, so a person challenging a denial should show that the application complied with the law; a person challenging an approval should show that the application did not conform to the relevant law. Issues of legality are not restricted to the record of the decision, but the facts supporting or opposing the decision are limited to those in the record.

With regard to the factual information and evidence that supports a decision, the person bringing the appeal, according to a long line of decisions handed down by the Utah State Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals, has a burden to “marshal the evidence” and then to demonstrate that the evidence which has been marshaled is not sufficient to support the decision.

#### The appellant is therefore to:

1. Identify the alleged facts which are the basis for the decision, and any information available to the commission when the decision is made that supports the decision. Spell it out. For example, your statement might begin with: “The following information and evidence may have been relied upon by the Commission to support their decision . . .”
2. Show why that basis, including facts and opinion expressed to the commission is either irrelevant or not credible. Your next statement might begin with: “The information and evidence which may have been relied upon cannot sustain the decision because . . .”

If the evidence supporting the decision is not marshaled and responded to, the hearing officer cannot grant your appeal. It may be wise to seek the advice of an attorney experienced in local land use regulation to assist you.

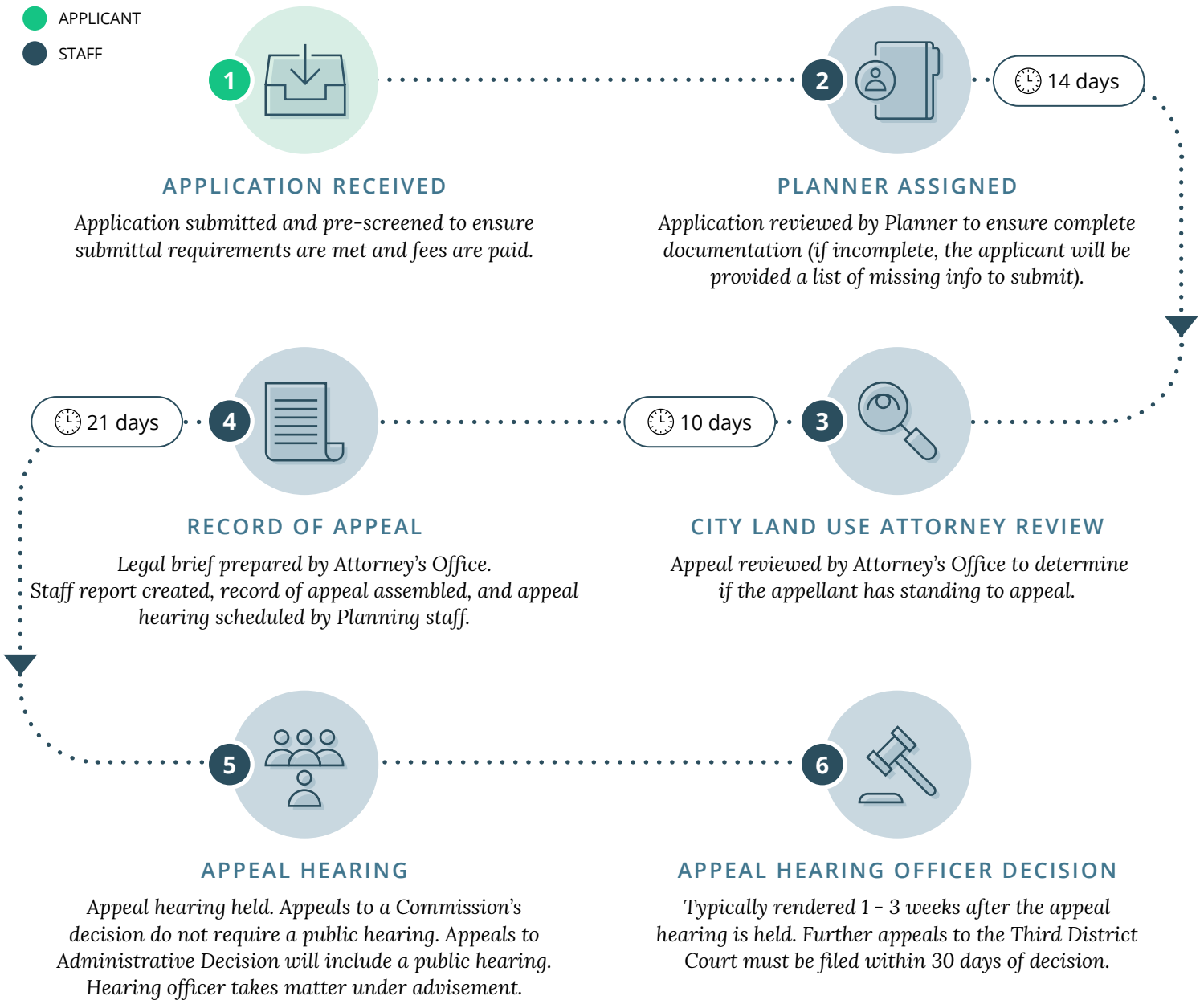


# PROCESS TIMELINE

## TIME FRAME

🕒 2 - 3 MONTHS

- APPLICANT
- STAFF



## APPEALS HEARING SCHEDULING

Appeals hearings are typically held the 3rd Thursday of the month. The assigned planner will coordinate the scheduling for the appeal.

**DISCLAIMER:** APPLICATION TIME FRAMES MAY VARY DEPENDING ON CURRENT WORKLOAD AND COMPLEXITY OF APPLICATIONS. INCOMPLETE OR MISSING INFORMATION ON DRAWINGS AND APPLICATION FORMS WILL DELAY THE PROCESS.

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION



### CONSULTATION

Available prior to submitting an application. For questions regarding the requirements, email us at [zoning@slcgov.com](mailto:zoning@slcgov.com).



### SUBMISSION

Submit your application online through the [Citizen Access Portal](#). Learn how to submit online by following the [step-by-step guide](#).



### REQUIRED FEES

- **\$285** filing fee submitted within required appeal period. Additional required notice and hearing fees will be assessed after submission.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

ADDRESS OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

DECISION APPEALED

NAME OF APPELLANT

PHONE

MAILING ADDRESS

EMAIL

APPELLANT'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY (*\*owner's consent required*)

Owner  Architect\*  Contractor\*  Other\*

IF OTHER, PLEASE LIST

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER (*if different from appellant*)

PHONE

MAILING ADDRESS

EMAIL

## OFFICE USE

CASE NUMBER BEING APPEALED

RECEIVED BY

DATE RECEIVED

APPEALED DECISION MADE BY

Administration  Historic Landmark Commission  Planning Commission

**DISCLAIMER:** PLEASE NOTE THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE PROJECT PLANNER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR STAFF ANALYSIS. ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR STAFF ANALYSIS WILL BE COPIED AND MADE PUBLIC, INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR ENGINEERING DRAWINGS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PUBLIC REVIEW BY ANY INTERESTED PARTY.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

1. This is to certify that I am making an application for the described action by the City and that I am responsible for complying with all City requirements with regard to this request. This application will be processed under the name provided below.
2. By signing the application, I am acknowledging that I have read and understood the instructions provided for processing this application. The documents and/or information I have submitted are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the documents provided are considered public records and may be made available to the public.
3. I understand that my application will not be processed until the application is deemed complete by the assigned planner from the Planning Division. I acknowledge that a complete application includes all of the required submittal requirements and provided documents comply with all applicable requirements for the specific applications. I understand that the Planning Division will provide, in writing, a list of deficiencies that must be satisfied for this application to be complete and it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide the missing or corrected information. I will keep myself informed of the deadlines for submission of material and the progress of this application.
4. I understand that a staff report will be made available for my review prior to any public hearings or public meetings. This report will be on file and available at the Planning Division and posted on the Division website when it has been finalized.

NAME OF APPLICANT

EMAIL

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE

APPLICATION TYPE

SIGNATURE

DATE

**LEGAL PROPERTY OWNER CONSENT**

If the applicant is not the legal owner of the property, a consent from property owner must be provided. Properties with a single fee title owner may show consent by filling out the information below or by providing an affidavit.

**Affirmation of sufficient interest:** I hereby affirm that I am the fee title owner of the below described property or that I have written authorization from the owner to pursue the described action.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY

NAME OF OWNER

EMAIL

MAILING ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

DATE

1. If a corporation is fee titleholder, attach copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors authorizing the action.
2. If a joint venture or partnership is the fee owner, attach copy of agreement authorizing action on behalf of the joint venture or partnership.
3. If a Home Owner's Association is the applicant then the representative/president must attach a notarized letter stating they have notified the owners of the proposed application. A vote should be taken prior to the submittal and a statement of the outcome provided to the City along with the statement that the vote meets the requirements set forth in the CC&Rs.

**DISCLAIMER:** BE ADVISED THAT KNOWINGLY MAKING A FALSE, WRITTEN STATEMENT TO A GOVERNMENT ENTITY IS A CRIME UNDER UTAH CODE CHAPTER 76-8, PART 5. SALT LAKE CITY WILL REFER FOR PROSECUTION ANY KNOWINGLY FALSE REPRESENTATIONS MADE PERTAINING TO THE APPLICANT'S INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS APPLICATION.

# SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

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Please provide the following information with your application. Confirm that you have included each of the requirements listed below by adding a check mark for each item.

CHECK

STAFF

REQUIREMENTS ([21A.16.030.A](#))

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**A written description of the alleged error and the reason for this appeal, see [page 2](#).**

**INCOMPLETE INFORMATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

INITIALS

**DISCLAIMER:** I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SALT LAKE CITY REQUIRES THE ITEMS ABOVE TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MY APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED. I UNDERSTAND THAT PLANNING WILL NOT ACCEPT MY APPLICATION UNLESS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE SUBMITTAL PACKAGE.