

CHATHAM COUNTY PLANNING OFFICE



DIGITAL DOCUMENT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Chatham County, in the interest of record automation, requires that all subdivision and re-zoning applications and supporting documents, including plats/maps, be submitted to the Planning Office in digital and hardcopy formats. The primary function of this document is to provide digital submission standards, procedures, and requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements will delay the processing of your application.

ELECTRONIC PLAN AND APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

- ALL DIGITAL FILES MUST BE PC COMPATIBLE. All digital documents must be submitted in Portable Document Format (.pdf). A digital copy of all hardcopy documents must be provided with the application submittal.
- All related digital files should be located in a single directory or folder in the media and named accordingly. Acceptable media will include floppy disks and CD-ROM's. Discs and disc sleeves/cases should be labeled with the contact name, phone number, project name and phase. Revisions to previous submittals should be labeled as such. Digital files may be transmitted via email if approved by the Planning Office.
- Multiple pages of a document shall be combined into a single document when document size permits. Ideally, files should not be larger than 5 megabytes (MB) in size. Files should not be submitted in a compressed format (i.e. WinZip or PkZip).
- PDF documents produced by scanning paper documents should be scanned at resolutions that will ensure pages are legible both on the computer screen and when printed. Therefore, we recommend scanning documents at 300 dots per inch (dpi) to balance legibility and file size. All documents should be properly oriented to the top of the page.
- When submitting numerous digital documents you must provide an ASCII text file named "Submittal.txt" that contains a listing of the documents in the order of the packet submission.

Note: Staff may request digital files compatible with ESRI ArcView GIS software (i.e. AutoCAD .dwg or .dxf files) depending on the size and scope of the project.

If you have any questions regarding the submission of digital documents please contact Jason Sullivan with the Planning Office at 919/542-8233 or jason.sullivan@chathamcountync.gov.