

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Only one residence allowed per septic system; existing systems require designated future drain field area.
- If connecting to public sanitation system, must also connect to public water system.
- Minimum acreage for septic system is 1.0 acre as a 'rule of thumb'. ADH advises enough area for the structure(s), primary septic field area, and secondary septic field area; all within the required setbacks and distances from wells, streams, property lines, etc.
- Any time that 1 parcel of land is split into 3 or more tracts AND *any* of those tracts are less than 3 acres AND will use septic systems, then such land divisions **meets the definition of a subdivision** according to the Arkansas Department of Health and requires submission of plans to their agency.
- Prior to issuance of building permit, a septic design system must be approved by the ADH.

Each lot affected by a lot split or property line adjustment must meet the zoning requirements for that district. You cannot alter a lot in such a way that would create Code non-compliance including required lot width and size, setbacks, or buildable area, etc. Dedication of easements and rights-of-way are also required in most cases. If a zoning requirement cannot be met, then a Variance must be requested via Application/fee and obtained from the Board of Zoning Adjustment (Note – need for a Variance could result in delay of or extend time for approval). If a subdivision requirement cannot be met, Application shall include a written Waiver request.

A survey must be prepared by a registered land surveyor. The lot split application and six (6) copies of the drawing are to be submitted to the City of Centerton. The planning staff will determine if administrative approval can be given, or if approval must be obtained from the Planning Commission. The plat will be reviewed by the City staff and engineer and returned to the applicant. If the property is located in the county but within the Centerton Planning Area, a copy of the plat will be sent to Benton County agencies for their review and comment.

Upon addressing all comments, the applicant will then submit eight (8) Final original plats for recording purposes. The plats will need to be signed by the surveyor and property owner(s). City approval signatures will be obtained by the Planning Department. The owner will be responsible for all recording fees & costs; the surveyor shall ensure distributing originals to the City and/or County with recording documentation included thereon.

The following is a summary of the items, which constitute a Lot Split/Property Line Adjustment submittal.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS: (Please check all that apply and return with Application)

- Completed Lot Split/Property Line Adjustment application form; include copy of completed "Plat Drawing Checklist".
- Submit fee of \$250. NOTE: This Application Fee now includes engineering review costs associated with the project per Ordinance No. 2016-03, effective January 12, 2016. Recording Fees will be invoiced, as applicable.
- Six (6) paper copies and one (1) digital file of tract split/property line adjustment plat. Submittals shall meet requirements for plat drawing as follows.

PLAT DRAWING CHECKLIST: (Please have Surveyor complete checklist and return with Application)

All Lot Splits/Property Line Adjustments shall comply with the “Arkansas Standards of Practice for Property Boundary Surveys and Plats”, latest revision, and following requirements. Plat area shall fit on one or more 18” x 24” standard sheets, and shall include the following information:

- Scale. Plat shall be drawn at a scale not smaller than 1"=100' and must clearly depict all necessary and required information in a clear, organized and legible manner, as determined by Planning Director.
- Name, address, telephone numbers of the record owners, applicant, and design professional that prepared the plat.
- Property lines and Parcel ID labels, including owners of all properties adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the parent parcel(s).
- North arrow with basis of direction and bar scale. When the basis of direction is referenced to the Arkansas Coordinate System, NAD83 Grid, a note shall be included to list convergence Angle at a specified point. If distances have been converted to ground, the Combination Adjustment Factor at a specified point shall be noted.
- Date of survey, date of plat/drawing preparation, zoning classifications, lot width and area requirements, setbacks, and proposed use.
- A general vicinity map showing the location of the project within the City with a radius of 1 mile.
- Wetlands and Flood Areas. Notes regarding whether any **wetlands and flood areas** exist on parent parcel(s), including any wetland determinations in progress. Flood areas shall include base flood elevation (BFE), when applicable, and reference FIRM panel number and effective date and method of location. **Each lot that is entirely or partially within a flood hazard area shall be designated as being flood prone.**
- Title Block, indicating the name and type of project and name of firm and individual who prepared the drawing, with revision block and correct date.
- A complete and accurate legend for symbols used on drawings.
- Boundary survey, shown on the plat drawing or a separate drawing. The Surveyor shall seal, sign and date the survey. Lot boundaries shall show distances in feet and directions by bearings reading clockwise. When circular curves are platted, the following four (4) curve elements shall be shown: radius, arc length, chord bearing, and chord distance. Monuments or references bearing the license number of the responsible surveyor for found or to be set pins/corners. Tract or lot lines that cross existing/proposed right-of-way lines shall also be monumented at the point of intersection. As-Recorded and As-Surveyed data shall be shown whenever differences are identified.
- Point of Commencement from a permanent, well defined reference point, such as a ¼ section corner/monument.
- If known, Arkansas State Plane, North Zone, NAD83 Grid coordinates shall be labeled on at least two corners of the Parent Tract.
- Ties to corners, monuments, corner accessories and other relevant witness information, which control the location of a boundary or corner, the surveyor's basis for acceptance thereof, and the originating source of monuments or accessories.
- Easements: Show width, location, and purposes of all existing and proposed easements for drainage, utilities, flood control, conservation, and all other public purposes within and adjacent to the parent tract(s). If an easement is blanked or indeterminate in nature, a note to this effect shall be placed on the plat or plan. An Abstract parcel search may be needed to verify existing encumbrances.

- Reasonably observed encroachment and possession lines.
- Show and label type/dimension of monuments found or set during the course of the survey and I.D. #.
- Site Benchmark tied to a specific, defined Datum, when buildable lots are created by survey.
- Written boundary or survey legal description using a common point of commencement, reading clockwise, for all tracts involved in the Lot Split/Property Line Adjustment, including area in square feet and acres.
- Show all applicable site improvements, including: dwelling, building, structures, and site elements such as property line fences, walls, wells & well houses, septic tank, clean-outs, location of existing lateral line fields to extent plottable, existing water & sewer lines (above ground or visible utility features), existing easements, proposed easements and all other matters of record. If existing septic is based on ADH Permit, show & dimension approx. location for alternate lateral- line field. {ref BC 5.4.4 (9 & 10)}
- Street right-of-way lines, including for the City/County/AHTD, with centerlines dimensioned, include basis (e.g., Deed, prior plat, prescriptive, etc.). Show all physical features-dimensions-labels within full ROW and pavement Centerlines, type/edges, across frontage of parcel. For County & AHTD basis for ROW.
- Right-of-way dedications, necessary to meet the Master Street Plan, County and AHTD requirements.
- Easement grants if required. If Public easements are being dedicated per plat, add approval signature for City acceptance as shown in example on Page 6.
- Do all tracts in proposed land division/split have minimum required 60-ft frontage on public roads (ingress/egress)?
 - Yes**—clearly Indicate full public road ROW on plat and dimension.
 - No**— If no public road frontage, provide minimum 30-ft Access Easement plus 15-ft contiguous Utility Easement, both Restricted To Use By New 'pipe-stem' Lot. (Land locked Tracts CAN NOT BE CREATED; all parcels shall have adequate access to public roadways meeting local & Fire Code requirements.)
- For properties in the County, add note: **“Benton County will not accept for maintenance any roads or infrastructure that are platted or filed for record in which a certificate of approval for Benton County Judge is not provided.”**
- Are existing habitable buildings on parent tract connected to Septic or Sanitary Sewer?
 - Existing septic system** — Require letter from the AR Dept. of Health that the existing septic system is operational by state standards or that the property is conducive for septic. Entire septic system & lateral line field must be fully contained on tract and at least 10-ft from property line, with provision for future drain field (see ADH requirements for secondary or alternate lateral line fields).
 - Existing public sanitary sewer** — Add the following note to the plat in LARGE BOLD PRINT:
“Sanitary sewer is available in this area; all development on newly created tract(s) shall connect to the available public sewer system.”
- If public sewer is NOT available, and any development upon new lots will require plumbing, add the following Statement of Non-Assurance from State Health Dept when vacant parcels are being created: **“Approval of this plat does not carry any assurances that the tract(s) will qualify for a septic system permit from the AR Department of Health.”** {ref BC 5.4.4 (11) }
- Statement of Non-Buildability; ADD following statement: **“Approval of this plat does not in any way indicate that any of the tracts on this plat are buildable according the Planning Regulations of (Benton**

County and) the City of Centerton, nor an endorsement by the (Planning Board and) Planning Commission of said buildability of said lots." {ref BC 5.4.4 (12) }

- Do all tracts in the proposed land division/split have access to public water utility connection?
 - Yes**—Show on plat approximate location of Water Main & Size for connection(s) to be made, and Name of Utility of jurisdiction; *IF Parent parcel connected currently, also show Water Meter location.*
ADD note to Plat: **"These tracts have access to public water system connection and all new development shall connect to public water service."**
 - No**—Add the following note to the plat: **"This property is not serviced by nor have access to a public water system connection at this time."**

- Benton County Recorder Block – 2 ½" x 2 ½" in upper right hand corner of plat.

- Signature Block per Centerton Requirements. See examples on page 6. ***Note: If no dedication of easements or public rights-of-way is being made, revise owner statement to omit and do not include signature approval block for City Council (Mayor and City Clerk).***

➤ **EXAMPLES OF SIGNATURE BLOCKS:**

Certificate of Ownership and Dedication of Rights-of-Way/Easements:

We, the undersigned, owners of the real estate shown and described herein, do hereby certify that we are the sole owners of the hereon platted property and have caused said property to be surveyed and platted and do hereby dedicate all public rights-of-way and all utility, drainage, and conservation easements shown hereon to the public for the installation, operation, maintenance, and replacement of streets, utilities and drainage systems.

Printed Name / Company Owner Signature / & title Date

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State of Arkansas

County of _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Notary Public _____

My Commission Expires _____

Centerton Planning Commission Approval:

Approved by the City of Centerton Planning Commission and recommended for acceptance this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Planning Commission Chairperson: _____

City Engineer: _____

Street/Parks Department: _____

Fire Department - Chief: _____

Water & Sewer Department: _____

Centerton City Council Acceptance:

This plat and any dedication(s) thereon is/are hereby accepted by the City of Centerton City Council this ____ day of _____, 20__.

ORDINANCE No. 20__ - ____

Mayor – Bill Edwards

City Clerk – Todd Wright

Required only if new public dedications are being made to the City for acceptance.

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