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Chapter 5.1. General Provisions

Section 5.1-1. Title, Purpose, and Application

5.1-1.1. Title
This Ordinance shall be known as the Town of Clayton Subdivision Ordinance.

5.1-1.2. Applicability
A. This Ordinance shall apply to all subdivisions of land within the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Clayton. It is the intent of this Ordinance that the extent of its applicability be automatically changed in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance or the provisions of state law which may affect the applicability of this Ordinance.

B. No land may be subdivided through the use of any legal description other than with reference to a plat approved by the Planning Commission.

C. The Planning Commission shall have the authority to review and approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the sale, lease, or development of lands subdivided prior to or following the effective date of this Ordinance as follows:
   1. The plat of the subdivided land was recorded without prior approval of the Planning Commission of the Town whether or not prior approval was required at the time the land was subdivided and the plat contains contiguous lots in common ownership where one or more of the lots are undeveloped, whether the lots are owned by the original subdivider.
   2. The plat of subdivision has been on record for more than 5 years, was not approved after the effective date of this Ordinance, and contains contiguous lots in common ownership where 1 or more of the contiguous lots are undeveloped and 1 or more is nonconforming under the Zoning Ordinance, whether the lots are owned by the original subdivider or an immediate or remote grantee from the original subdivider.
   3. The original subdivider or his successor failed to complete subdivision improvement requirements pursuant to a subdivision improvement agreement entered into when the plat for the subdivided land was approved and the plat contains contiguous lots in common ownership where 1 or more of the contiguous lots is undeveloped, whether the lots are owned by the original subdivider or an immediate or remote grantee from the original subdivider. However this section shall not apply if the Town has obtained possession of sufficient funds for security provided by the subdivider with which to complete construction of improvements in the subdivision.
   4. Whenever the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission extends to one of the situations described in this section, only the sale, lease, transfer, or development of an undeveloped lot or lots contiguous to a lot or lots in common ownership shall be subject to this Ordinance.

D. No land described in the Town of Clayton shall be subdivided or sold, leased, transferred or developed until each of the following conditions has been met:
   1. The subdivider has submitted a conforming sketch plat of the subdivision to the Administrator.
   2. The subdivider has obtained approval of a sketch plat, a preliminary plat, and a final plat.
   3. The subdivider has filed approved plats with the County Recorder of Deeds.

E. No building permit or Certificate of Zoning Compliance shall be issued for any parcel or plat of land created by subdivision after the effective date of this Ordinance that is not in conformance with this Ordinance. No excavation of land or construction of any public or private improvements shall take place that is not in conformance with this Ordinance.

5.1-1.3. Purposes
A. To protect and provide for the public health, safety, and general welfare of the Town of Clayton.
B. To guide the future growth and development of the Town in accordance with the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinance.
C. To provide for adequate light, air, and privacy, to secure safety from fire, flood, and other dangers, and to prevent overcrowding and population congestion.
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D. To promote the character and the social and economic stability of all parts of the Town and to encourage the orderly and beneficial development of the community through appropriate growth management techniques to assure the appropriate timing and sequencing of development, to promote infill development in existing neighborhoods and non-residential areas where adequate public facilities are in place.

E. To protect and conserve the value of land throughout the municipality and the balance of buildings and improvements upon the land, and to minimize the conflicts among the uses of land and buildings.

F. To guide public and private policy and action in order to provide adequate and efficient transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks, playgrounds, recreation, and other public requirements and facilities.

G. To provide the most beneficial relationship between the uses of land and buildings and the circulation of traffic throughout the Town with particular regard to the avoidance of congestion in the streets and highways and the pedestrian traffic movements appropriate to the various uses of land and buildings, and too provide for the proper location and width of streets and building lines.

H. To establish reasonable standards of design and procedures for review of subdivisions and resubdivisions in order to further the orderly layout and use of land, and to ensure proper legal descriptions and monumenting of subdivided land.

I. To ensure that public facilities and services are available concurrent with development and will have sufficient capacity to serve proposed developments and the community will be required to bear no more than its fair share of the cost of providing the facilities and services by the requiring developers to pay fees, furnish land, or establish mitigation measures to ensure that their developments provide the fair shares of capital facilities needs generated by their developments.

J. To prevent the pollution of air, streams, and ponds; to assure the adequacy of drainage facilities, to safeguard the water table, and to encourage the wise use and management of natural resources throughout the Town in order to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the community and the value of land.

K. To preserve the natural beauty and topography of the Town and to ensure appropriate development with regard to these natural features.

L. To provide for open spaces through the most efficient design and layout of the land including the use of clustering while preserving the density of development established in the Zoning Ordinance.

M. To ensure that land is subdivided only when subdivision is necessary to provide for the uses of land for which market demand exists and which are in the public interest.

N. To remedy the problems associated with inappropriately subdivided lands, including premature subdivision, excess subdivision, partial or incomplete subdivision, scattered, and low-grade subdivision.

5.1-1.4. Authorization

This Ordinance has been made in accordance with a Comprehensive Plan and the Town Zoning Ordinance as required by the State of Delaware.

5.1-1.5. Components

A. This Ordinance consists of the regulations contained herein.

B. The tables included in this Ordinance are part of the regulations of this Ordinance.

C. The drawings and graphics contained in this Ordinance are illustrations and are not part of this Ordinance.
5.1-1.6. **Ordinance Provisions are Minimum Requirements**
The provisions of this Ordinance shall be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, convenience, order, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare.

5.1-1.7. **Rules for Interpretation of Language**
A. Certain words in the singular number shall include the plural number, and certain words in the plural number shall include the singular number, unless the obvious construction of the wording indicates otherwise.
B. Words in the present tense shall include the past and future tenses, and words in the future tense shall include the present tense.
C. The word “shall” is mandatory. The word “may” is permissive.
D. The meaning of the word “used” shall include “designed” or “intended or arranged to be used.”
E. The meaning of the word “erected” shall include “constructed,” “reconstructed,” “altered,” “placed,” or “moved.”
F. The meaning of the terms “land use” and “use of land” shall include “building use” and “use of building.”
G. The meaning of the word “adjacent” shall include “abutting” and “adjoining.”

5.1-1.8. **Compliance Required**
After the effective date of this Ordinance, all applications for subdivision approvals of any kind shall be reviewed under this Ordinance.

5.1-1.9. **Conflict with Other Regulations**
However, where this Ordinance imposes a greater restriction or requirement than is imposed by other resolutions, ordinances, rules, regulations, easements, covenants, or agreements, the stricter provision shall govern.

5.1-1.10. **Relationship to Private Agreements**
It is not intended that this Ordinance invalidate or annul any easements, covenants, or other private agreements between parties.

5.1-1.11. **Severability**
The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any provision or the application of any provision is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or applications.

**Section 5.1-2. Administration**

5.1-2.1. **Administrator Named**
A. Administrator Named.
   The Town Foreman or designee is the administrator of this Ordinance.
B. Responsibilities.
   The Administrator is responsible for securing compliance with this Ordinance.

5.1-2.2. **Appeals**
A. Sketch and Preliminary Plans.
   1. An applicant may appeal a decision regarding a Sketch or Preliminary Subdivision Plan to the Town Council.
   2. An appeal must be filed within 30 days of the date that action was taken on the plan.
B. Final Subdivision Plan.
   1. An applicant may appeal a decision regarding a Final Subdivision Plan to the Kent County or New Castle County Superior Court.
   2. The appeal must be filed in accordance with the rules and regulations regarding appeals to the court.
5.1-2.3. Deviations

A. General. The Planning Commission, may permit a deviation from the provisions of this Ordinance.

B. Criteria for Granting. The Commission must find that the application meets following the criteria for granting a deviation:
   1. Will not be detrimental to the public safety, health, or welfare or have an adverse effect on adjoining properties.
   2. The circumstances upon which the request is based are unique to the property for which relief is sought and are not applicable generally to other properties.
   3. Because of the particular physical surroundings, shape, or topographical characteristics of the property, for which relief is sought, the owner would incur a particular hardship, as distinguished from a mere inconvenience if this Ordinance was applied strictly.
   4. The relief sought furthers the intent or and carries out the provisions of the comprehensive plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

C. The Commission may attach conditions to the approval of a deviation.

D. Application Submission.
   1. A request for a deviation shall accompany the application for a Preliminary Subdivision Plan.
   2. The application shall include a statement demonstrating how the relief sought furthers the criteria for granting a deviation.
   3. The Preliminary Subdivision Plan must depict the subdivision layout with and without the deviation.

Section 5.1-3. Amendments

5.1-3.1. General
The Town Council may amend, supplement, change, or modify the provisions of this Ordinance.

5.1-3.2. Who May Initiate
An amendment to this Ordinance may be initiated by a resolution of the Town Council or at the request of the Planning Commission.

5.1-3.3. Application Submission
A. An application for an amendment shall be submitted to the Administrator at least 15 days prior to the Planning Commission’s next regular meeting.
B. The Administrator shall forward the application to the Commission for review and recommendation prior to the Town Council’s public hearing.

5.1-3.4. Planning Commission Review
A. The Planning Commission shall consider the relationship of the proposed change to the general purpose and intent of this Ordinance, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Zoning Ordinance.
B. The Planning Commission shall forward the proposed amendment and its recommendation to the Town Council.

5.1-3.5. Town Council Public Hearing
A. The Town Council shall set a public hearing date.
B. Public Notice.
   1. Prior to the public hearing, a notice shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation.
   2. The notices shall provide information about the nature of the proposed amendment and announce the time and the place for the Town Council’s public hearing.
C. The public hearing shall be held within 15 days of publication of the second notice.
D. Conduct of Public Hearing.
   1. The Planning Commission’s report and recommendation shall be presented at the public hearing and made a part of the hearing record.
   2. All interested parties and citizens shall be given an opportunity to be heard.
   3. Following the public hearing, the Council may make changes to a proposed amendment.

5.1-3.6. Limitation on Reapplication
No application for an amendment proposing substantially similar provisions shall be received by the Planning Commission for a period of 12 months following the decision in the matter by the Town Council.

Section 5.1-4. Enforcement

5.1-4.1. Administrator Authorized to Institute Action
The Administrator is authorized and directed to institute appropriate actions to put an end to any violations of this Ordinance.

5.1-4.2. Penalties for Violations
A. Initial Violation. Any person or corporation, who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance or shall fail to comply with any requirements of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a violation and shall be liable to a fine of not more than $100.00 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, for each lot or parcel so transferred or sold or agreed or negotiated to be sold.
B. Subsequent Violations.
   1. Defined. A subsequent violation is defined as each and every day that any person or corporation shall violate any provision of this Ordinance or shall fail to comply with any requirements of this Ordinance.
   2. Penalty. An entity, who commits a subsequent violation, shall be charged with such violation and shall be assessed for a violation in the amount of $100.00 each day without the necessity of a separate citation or summons issued by the Town of Clayton.

5.1-4.3. Responsible Parties
The owner or owners of any lots, parcels, or tracts, or part of such lots, parcels, or tracts, where anything in violation of this Ordinance shall occur, and any architect, builder, contractor, agent, person, or corporation employed in connection with such lots, parcels, or tracts, and who have assisted in the commission of any such violation, shall be guilty or a separate offense and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined as herein before provided.
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Chapter 5.2. Definitions

Section 5.2-1. Interpretation
Words and terms not defined in this Ordinance shall be interpreted according to their normal dictionary meanings and customary usage.

Section 5.2-2. Definitions
Adjacent. Physically touching or bordering upon; sharing a common boundary, but not overlapping.
Administrator. Town Foreman, or other person authorized to administer this Ordinance.
Applicant. See Subdivider.
Assemblage. Merger of separate parcels into a single tract of land.
Block. A unit of land bounded by streets or by a combination of streets and public land, railroad rights-of-way, waterways, or any other barrier to the continuity of development.
Buildable Area. The area of a lot remaining after the minimum yard and open space requirements of this Ordinance have been met.
Building. See Structure.
Building Line. A line parallel to the street line touching that part of a building closest to the street.
Cluster Development. See Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.5-2.2 Cluster Development.
Consolidation. Removal of lot lines between parcels.
County. Kent County or New Castle County, Delaware.
Crossway. A public way intended for pedestrian use which excludes motor vehicles and cuts across a block in order to furnish improved access to adjacent streets or properties.
Dwelling Unit. One or more rooms, designed, occupied, or intended for occupancy as a separate living quarter, with cooking, sleeping, and sanitary facilities provided within the dwelling unit for the exclusive use of a single family maintaining a household.
Easement. Authorization by a property for another to use the owner’s property for a specified purpose.
Engineer. An individual who is technically and legally qualified to practice the profession of engineering and who is a registered engineer in the State of Delaware.
Final Subdivision Plat. See Plat, Final Subdivision.
Frontage. That side of a lot abutting on a street; the front lot line.
Health Officer. The State Health Officer responsible for Kent County or New Castle County.
Local Street. See Street, Access.
Lot. A designated parcel, tract, or area of land established either by plat, subdivision, or considered as a unit of property by virtue of a metes and bounds description, to be separately owned, used, developed, or built upon.

A. Lot, Corner. A lot or parcel of land abutting upon 2 or more streets at their intersection or upon 2 parts of the same street forming an interior angle of less than 135 degrees.

B. Lot, Double Frontage. A lot, other than a corner lot, that has frontage on 2 streets

C. Lot, Interior. A lot other than a corner lot

Lot Area. The total area within the lines of a lot excluding any street rights-of-way.

Lot Depth. The average distance measured from the front lot line to the rear lot line.

Lot Line. A line of record bounding a lot that divides one lot from another lot or from a public street or any other public space.

A. Lot Line, Front. The lot line separating a lot from a street right-of-way.

B. Lot Line, Rear. The line opposite and most distant from the front lot line.

C. Lot Line, Side. Any lot line other than a front or rear lot line.

Lot of Record. A lot that exists either by virtue of a metes and bounds description or by depiction on a plat or deed recorded in the Office of the Kent County or New Castle County Recorder of Deeds.

Lot Width. The horizontal distance between the side lines of a lot measured at right angles to its depth along a straight line parallel to the front lot line at the minimum required building setback line, i.e., the buildable width of a lot.

Minor Street. See Street, Access.

Plan, Sketch. A concept, informal map of a proposed subdivision or site plan of sufficient accuracy to be used for the purpose of discussion and classification.

Plan, Preliminary Subdivision. The preliminary drawing or drawings, described in this Ordinance, indicating the proposed manner or layout of a subdivision to be submitted to the Planning Commission.

Plat, Final Subdivision. The map of a subdivision that is to be recorded after approval by the Town Council and any accompanying material required by this Ordinance.


Regulations. See Section 5.1-1.5. Components (of this Ordinance).

Resubdivision. Any change in a map of an approved or recorded subdivision plat that affects any street layout on an area reserved for public use or any lot line or that affects any map, plan, or plat recorded prior to the adoption of any regulations controlling subdivision.

Right-of-Way. A strip of land occupied or intended to be occupied by a street, crosswalk, railroad, electric transmission line, oil or gas pipeline, water main, sanitary or storm sewer main, shade trees, or another special use. The term “right-of-way”

Roadway. The paved area of a street between the curbs, including travel lanes and parking areas but not including shoulders, curbs, sidewalks, or swales.

Service Drive. See Street, Service.

Setback Line. The line that is the required minimum distance from any lot line and that establishes the area within which the principal structure must be placed.

State. The State of Delaware
Street. Any vehicular way that: (1) is an existing State, County or Town roadway; (2) is shown upon an approved plat; (3) is approved by other official action; or (4) is shown on a plat duly filed and recorded in the Office of the Kent County or New Castle County Recorder of Deeds prior to the appointment of the Planning Commission and the grant of power to review plats. A street includes the land between the right-of-way lines, whether improved or unimproved.

A. Street Access. A street designed to provide vehicular access to abutting property and to discourage through traffic.

B. Street, Alley. A service roadway providing a secondary means of public access to abutting property and not intended for general traffic circulation.

C. Street, Centerline of. The center line of any street shown on any official Town, County, or State records.

D. Street, Collector. A street that collects traffic from local streets and connects with minor and major arterials.

E. Street, Cul-de-Sac. A street with a single common ingress and egress with a turnaround at the end.

F. Street, Dead-End. A street with a single common ingress and egress.

G. Street, Private. A street that has not been accepted by the Town or the State.

H. Street, Service. A street running parallel to a freeway or an expressway that serves abutting properties, but restricts access to the freeway or expressway.

Street Frontage. See Frontage.

Street Line. The line between a lot, tract, or parcel of land and an adjacent street.

Structure. A combination of materials forming a construction for use, occupancy, or ornamentation whether installed on, above, or below the surface of land or water.

Subdivider. Any individual, firm, partnership association, corporation, estate, trust, or any other group or combination acting as a unit that subdivides or proposes to subdivide land as defined in this Ordinance. This also includes agents of subdividers.

Subdivision. The division of any tract or parcel of land into 2 or more plots, parcels, units, lots, condominiums, tracts, sites, or interests for the purpose, of offer, sale, lease, development, whether immediate or future; either on an installments plan or upon any other plans, terms, or conditions; or for any other purpose to include any division or partition of land or involving the opening, widening, or extension of any streets or access easements and the extension of any electrical, sewer, water or any other utility line operated and maintained by the Town. Subdivision includes assemblages or consolidation of tracts, parcels, lots or sites, resubdivision, and condominium creation or conversion.
Chapter 5.3. Application and Approval

Section 5.3-1. Overview
The procedure for obtaining approval for a subdivision plan is as follows:
Step 1. Preliminary Conference/Sketch Plan
Step 2. Preliminary Subdivision Plan
Step 3. Final Subdivision Plat.

Section 5.3-2. Preliminary Conference/Sketch Plan

5.3-2.1. General
A. Before preparing a preliminary subdivision plan, an applicant shall meet with the administrator to
discuss the approval process and the requirements for preparing a plan.
B. Purposes.
   1. To provide information about and expedite the subdivision process.
   2. To minimize applicant expense in preparing drawings and supplying information.
   3. To coordinate the applicant’s development plans with the Town’s comprehensive plan, zoning
      ordinance, and public improvement needs.

5.3-2.2. Sketch Plan
Depending on the type of proposed subdivision, the Administrator may require an applicant to prepare a
sketch plan. Such a plan shall lay out the approximate locations of existing features and planned
construction and shall provide ownership information.

5.3-2.3. Other Public Agencies
Where appropriate, the Administrator shall advise an applicant to contact other public agencies that will
review the proposed subdivision plan.

Section 5.3-3. Preliminary Subdivision Plan

5.3-3.1. Application Requirements
An application for approval of a preliminary subdivision plan must include:
A. Completed application form.
B. 20 copies of the proposed subdivision plan. The plan shall contain all data, illustrations,
   computations, and ownership information required in this Ordinance.
C. Filing fee.
D. A statement of no objection from each State and County agency that must sign-off on plats to be
   recorded with the Recorder of Deeds. These agencies include, but are not limited to, the County Fire
   Marshal, the Delaware Department of Transportation, the County Soil Conservation Service, the 911
   Agency, and the County Engineer.
E. Where required, a site plan.
F. Other information needed by the Commission to take action on the plan.

5.3-3.2. Approval Procedure
A. The plan and accompanying materials shall be filed with the Administrator.
B. Review and Recommendation by the Administrator.
   1. The Administrator shall review the plan for completeness and conformance to the
      recommendations made during review of the sketch plan.
   2. The Administrator shall prepare a report containing his/her comments and recommendations and
      comments from the Development Advisory Committee.
C. Planning Commission Hearing.
   1. Within 30 days of receiving an application for approval of a Preliminary Subdivision Plan, the
      Commission shall hold a public hearing, give public notice of the hearing, and take action on the
      application.
   2. Public Notice.
      a) Prior to the public hearing, a notice shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation.
      b) The notice shall provide information about the nature of the proposed subdivision plan and
         announce the time and the place for the Commission’s hearing.
   3. The hearing shall be held within 15 days of publication of the notice.
      a) The Administrator’s recommendations shall be presented at the hearing and made a part of
         the hearing record.
      b) The Commission shall forward to the Council a written report of its action including
         conditions.
D. Duration and Revocation.
   1. The duration of an approved preliminary subdivision plan is 12 months from the approval date.
   2. Proceeding to Final Plat application
      a) The applicant must file an application for approval of a Final Subdivision Plat for all or part
         of the property included in the Preliminary Subdivision Plan within 12 months of the date on
         which the Commission approved the Preliminary Subdivision Plan.
      b) When Final Plats for a part of an approved Preliminary Plan are filed, plats for the remainder
         of the property must be filed within 24 months of the date on which the Commission
         approved the Preliminary Subdivision Plan.
   3. Automatic Revocation. If an applicant does not file an application for all or part of an approved
      Preliminary Plan as required above, the Preliminary Plan approval is automatically revoked.
   4. Extension. The Commission may grant 1, 6-month extension if an applicant can demonstrate that
      delays were beyond his/her control.

5.3-3.3. Public Improvements
A. Following approval of a preliminary subdivision plan, the applicant shall file plans for the public
   improvements required for the subdivision with applicable public agencies.
B. Prior to approval of a final plat, the applicant shall provide written evidence that each applicable
   public agency has approved plans for the public improvements proposed for the subdivision. The
   final plat shall depict the locations of all roads and public improvements to be dedicated and any other
   requirements of the Commission.
Section 5.3-4. Final Subdivision Plat

5.3-4.1. Application Requirements

A. General.
   1. Within 12 months following Commission approval of a preliminary plan, an applicant shall file an application for approval of a final subdivision plat with the Council.
   2. A final plat shall contain all data, illustrations, computations, and ownership information required in this Ordinance.
   3. A final plat may be for all or part of the property included in the approved preliminary plan.
   4. The final plat must be substantially in accordance with the preliminary plan.
   5. The final plat must include all adjustments, additions, and changes required as conditions for preliminary plan approval.

B. An application for approval of a final subdivision plat must include:
   1. Completed application form.
   2. Copies of the final plat.
      a) 9 paper prints.
      b) 2 prints on mylar or other suitable reproducible material.
      c) 1 opaque linen print.
   3. Filing fee
   4. Other information needed by the Council to take action on the plan.

5.3-4.2. Approval Procedure

A. The plan and accompanying materials shall be filed with the Administrator at least 15 days prior to the meeting of the Council at which the Council will take action on the plan.

B. Review and Recommendation by the Administrator.
   1. The Administrator shall review the plan for completeness and conformance to the recommendations made during review of the sketch plan.
   2. The Administrator shall prepare a report containing comments and recommendations including comments from agencies involved with required public improvements.

C. Council Action. The council shall take action on the record plat at a regularly-scheduled meeting.

5.3-4.3. “As Built” Drawings

When required public improvements are completed, the applicant shall provide 1 copy of all construction and improvement plans that contains “as-built” locations and field notations.

Section 5.3-5. Fees

5.3-5.1. Filing Fees

A. From time to time, the Council shall establish by resolution filing fees for subdivision applications.

B. Filing fees shall be paid at the time a subdivision plan is filed for processing or review.

C. The fees shall reflect the type and size of subdivision.

5.3-5.2. Application Review Costs

A. In addition to filing fees, the applicant shall be responsible for all engineering and legal fees incurred by the Town in connection with the processing, review and approval of subdivision plans and plats.

B. Upon request, the Town shall provide an estimate of the application review costs prior to plat recordation.
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Chapter 5.4. Improvements

Section 5.4-1. General Improvements

5.4-1.1. Conformance to Applicable Rules and Regulations
In addition to the requirements established in this ordinance, all subdivision plats shall comply with the following laws, rules, and regulations. If a subdivision plan does not comply with these laws, rules, and regulations, it may be disapproved and building permits may be withheld.
A. All applicable statutory provisions.
B. The Zoning Ordinances, building and housing codes, and all other applicable laws of the County and State.
C. The comprehensive plan.
D. Standards and regulations adopted by any Clayton boards, committees, or commissions.
E. Rules, regulations, and standards of applicable County or State agencies.

5.4-1.2. Adequate Public Facilities
A. Requirement. No preliminary plan shall be approved unless the Commission determines that public facilities are or will be adequate to support and service the area of the proposed subdivision.
B. Upon request, the applicant shall provide information needed by the Commission to evaluate the adequacy of public facilities. For developments needing a Site Plan Permit, the community impact study shall be used to judge adequacy.
C. The following services shall be examined for adequacy:
   1. Roads.
   3. Water service.

5.4-1.3. Self-Imposed Restrictions
If the owner, applicant, or subdivider places restrictions on any land included in a subdivision that are different from, more strict than, or in addition to those required by the Zoning Ordinance or this ordinance, the Commission may require that such restrictions be indicated on the Subdivision Plan and/or that restrictive covenants be recorded with the Recorder of Deeds. The owner, applicant, or subdivider shall grant the Town the right to enforce the restrictive covenants.

5.4-1.4. Monuments
The applicant shall provide permanent reference monuments follows.
A. The external boundaries of a subdivision shall be delineated by monuments of stone or concrete, not less than 30 inches in length and not less than 4 inches square or 5 inches in diameter with a suitable center point. These monuments shall be flush with the finished grade and places at locations required by the Town.
B. Monuments of non-corrosive metal pipe, ¾ inches in diameter and not less than 24 inches in length shall be set in place flush with the finished grade at all:
   1. Intersections of streets.
   2. Intersections of streets and alleys with subdivision boundary lines.
   3. Points of streets, alleys, and boundary lines where there is a change in direction or curvature.
   4. Lot corners.

5.4-1.5. Subdivision Name
The proposed name of the subdivision shall not duplicate, or too closely approximate phonetically, the name of any other subdivision in the area covered by this ordinance. The Council shall have final authority to designate the name of a subdivision.
5.4-1.6. Character of Land
Land which the Commission finds to be unsuitable for subdivision or development due to flooding, improper drainage, steep slopes, rock formations, adverse earth formations or topography, utility easements, or other features, which will be harmful to the safety, health, and general welfare of the current or future inhabitants of and/or its surrounding areas, shall not be subdivided or developed unless acceptable methods are determined by the developer and approved by the Commission upon recommendation of the Administrator, to solve the problems created by the unsuitable land conditions. Such land shall be set aside for uses that mitigate the characteristics that make the land unsuitable for development.

Section 5.4-2. Lot Layout
5.4-2.1. Requirement
Lots shall be arranged so that there will be no foreseeable difficulties, because of topography or other conditions, in securing building permits.

5.4-2.2. Lot Access
Every lot shall abut and have access to a street.

5.4-2.3. Lot Dimensions
A. Lot dimensions shall comply with the minimum standards of the zone in which they are located.
B. Side Lot Lines. In general, side lot lines shall be at right angles to street lines or radial to curving street lines unless a deviation from this rule will produce a better street or lot plan.
C. Corner Lots. Corner lots shall have sufficient extra width to permit the building setback from both streets required by the Zoning Ordinance.
D. Depth and Width. Excessive lot depth in relation to lot width shall be avoided.
E. Lot Area. The area of all lots shall be the minimum required for the zone in which the subdivision is located.
F. Lots Used for Single-Family Homes. The size and shape of lots intended for single-family use shall be sufficient to permit the construction of garage for a single automobile.
G. Non-Residential. The depth and width of properties proposed for non-residential, including railroad, uses shall be sufficient to provide parking, loading, landscaping, and other facilities specified in this ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable requirements.
H. Double the Minimum Area. Where lots are more than double the required minimum area, the Commission may require that these lots be arranged to permit further subdivision and the opening of future streets.
I. Drainage.
   1. Lots shall be laid out so as to provide positive drainage away from all buildings.
   2. Individual lot drainage shall be coordinated with the general storm drainage pattern for the area in which the subdivision is located.
   3. Drainage systems shall be designed to avoid concentration of sort water runoff from adjacent lots on to any single lot.

5.4-2.4. Lot Orientation
A. The lot line common to the street right-of-way shall be the front lot line.
B. All lots shall face the front line and a similar line across the street.
C. Wherever feasible, lots shall be arranged so that the rear line does not abut the side line on an adjacent lot.
5.4-2.5. **Double Frontage and Reversed Frontage Lots**

Double frontage and reversed frontage lots shall be avoided except where necessary to provide separation of residential development from traffic arterials or to overcome specific disadvantages of topography and orientation.

**Section 5.4-3. Roads and Streets**

5.4-3.1. **General Requirements**

A. **Service from Public Streets.** Every subdivision shall be served by a dedicated public street. Except as provided in this ordinance, there shall be no private streets platted in any subdivision.

B. **Street Names.** Street names shall neither duplicate nor closely resemble existing street names in either the Town or the County, except for extensions of existing streets. The Council shall have final authority over street names in every subdivision.

C. **Grading and Improvement Plan.** Roads shall be graded and improved in conformance with the construction standards of the applicable government agency. Applicable government agencies shall approve design specifications prior to final plat approval.

D. **Classification.** Each road shall be classified as either a State-maintained road or a municipal street. Municipal streets shall be further classified as access streets or collector streets.

E. **Topography and Arrangement.**
   1. Streets shall be laid out to create desirable building sites while respecting existing topography, minimizing street grades, avoiding excessive cuts and fills, and preserving trees.
   2. Access streets, intended primarily for access to individual properties, shall be arranged to discourage their use by through traffic.
   3. Collector Streets.
      a) Collector streets shall be laid out to continue existing, planned, or platted streets on adjacent tracts unless the Commission determines:
         1) That topography or other physical condition prevents continuation.
         2) That coordination between the two subdivisions is unnecessary.
         3) That access between the two adjacent subdivisions should be restricted.
      b) Access to Undeveloped Adjacent Tracts. Collector streets shall be extended to the boundary lines of adjacent subdivisions. Temporary turnarounds shall be provided within the subdivision at the ends of the collector streets via temporary easements or other means approved by the Commission.

4. **Alleys.**
   a) **Commercial and Industrial Developments.** Private alleys shall be provided in commercial and industrial areas unless adequate access to parking and loading areas is provided by other means.
   b) **Residential Areas.** Private alleys are not permitted in residential developments except to provide rear access to townhouses or where required by topographic or unusual physical conditions.

F. **Blocks.**
   1. Streets shall be spaced so that blocks meet the dimensional requirements of this ordinance and to minimize the number of intersections with existing or proposed State-maintained roads.
   2. The lengths, widths, and shapes of blocks shall be appropriate for the character of the Town, the surrounding neighborhood, the proposed development.
   3. In long blocks, the Commission may require the reservation of an easement through a block to accommodate utilities, drainage facilities, or pedestrian traffic.
   Where a subdivision borders on or contains an existing or proposed State-maintained road, the State shall determine how access shall be provided from the subdivision to the State-maintained road.

5.4-3.2. Design Standards for Municipal Streets
A. Applicability. These standards apply to municipal streets. State standards apply to State-maintained roads.
B. Purposes of Standards. The purposes of these standards are to provide for roads in suitable locations and of sufficient width to:
   1. Accommodate future traffic.
   2. Provide access to police, fire fighting, snow removal, sanitation, and road maintenance equipment.
   3. Provide a safe and convenient road system.
   4. Minimize adverse affects on adjoining properties.
C. Intersections.
   1. Streets shall be laid out to intersect one another at or as near to right angles as topography, existing development and streets, and best design practices will permit.
   2. No street shall intersect another street at an angle of less than 70 degrees for all other streets.
   3. Intersections shall be designed to provide clear sight distance for oncoming vehicles, and the street grade should be suitably leveled within and approaching the intersection.
   4. Curbs at street intersections shall be rounded off concentrically with the property lines.
   5. Each property corner at street intersections shall be rounded of by an arc with a radius of not less than 20 feet.
D. Right of Way and Roadway Widths. The widths for rights-of-way and roadways shall be as set forth in Table 3.
E. Cul de Sac Streets.
   1. Maximum length. 600 feet.
   2. Unless the Commission approves a “T” or “Y” backaround, cul-de-sac streets shall comply with the following standards:
      a) Paved Circular Turnaround. 100 feet in diameter to the street line.
      b) Roadway. 80 feet in diameter.
F. Street Grades. Not less than 0.5 percent or greater than 7.0 percent.

5.4-3.3. Construction Standards for Municipal Streets
Municipal streets shall be constructed to current State standards for the type of road being constructed.

5.4-3.4. Dedications and Reservations for State-Maintained Roads
When a subdivision adjoins a State-maintained road, the subdivision layout shall provide for the platting and dedication of the State-maintained road. The State shall determine the amount of land need for dedication or reservation.

Section 5.4-4. Drainage and Storm Sewers
5.4-4.1. Design
Every subdivision plan shall provide for storm or flood runoff channels or basins. The stormwater drainage system shall be separate from and independent of any sanitary sewer system. The system shall be designed according to the standards contained in the Kent County Drainage Code.

5.4-4.2. Construction
Construction of drainage facilities shall be in accordance with standards and specifications established by the Delaware Department of Transportation.
5.4-4.3. Streams and Water Courses
Where a proposed subdivision is traversed by any stream, water course, or drainage way, the subdivider shall make adequate provision for surface water drainage including the dedication of easements as determined by the Commission.

Section 5.4-5. Water Facilities
5.4-5.1. Requirement
Each lot in a subdivision shall be connected to the Town’s water supply and distribution system. The subdivider shall provide these improvements and appropriately spaced fire hydrants.

5.4-5.2. Design and Construction
These facilities shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards and specifications established by the Town.

5.4-5.3. Water Mains
Water mains shall be at least 8 inches in diameter and shall conform to the requirements of applicable State agencies and the Town.

5.4-5.4. Hydrants
Hydrants shall be of the “B” type with national B-62 standard threads.

Section 5.4-6. Sanitary Sewer Facilities
5.4-6.1. Requirement
Each lot in a subdivision shall be connected to a public sanitary sewerage system.

5.4-6.2. Design and Construction
Sanitary sewer facilities shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the standards and specifications of applicable State agencies and the Town.

5.4-6.3. Prohibited Sewerage Facilities
Private sewage collection and treatment facilities are prohibited. This includes community systems as well as individual facilities, such as septic systems.

Section 5.4-7. Sidewalks, Curbs, and Cutters
5.4-7.1. Sidewalks
A. Requirement. Sidewalks shall be required in all subdivisions and shall be included within the dedicated, nonpavement right-of-way of all streets and roads.
B. Design. Sidewalks shall conform to the following unless otherwise specified by the Commission.
   a) Residential Subdivisions: 5 feet wide.
   b) Commercial and Industrial Subdivisions: From curb to property line.
C. Pedestrian Access Easements.
   1. The Commission may require perpetual, unobstructed easements to facilitate pedestrian access from roads to schools, parks, playgrounds, or other nearby roads.
   2. Pedestrian access easements shall be at least 20 feet wide.
   3. Pedestrian access easements shall be indicated on the plat.

5.4-7.2. Curbs and Gutters
A. General Requirement. Curbing shall be required for the purposes of drainage, safety, and delineation or protection of pavement edge.
B. Specific Requirements. Curbing may be required:
   1. For stormwater management.
   2. To stabilize pavement edge.
   3. To delineate parking areas.
   4. 10 feet on each side of drainage inlets.
   5. At intersections.
   6. At corners.
   7. At tight radii.
C. The Commission may vary curb requirements according to the type of street and intensity of development. Where curbing is not specifically required, the Commission may approve an alternative type of edge definition and stabilization for safety reasons and to prevent pavement unraveling.

Section 5.4-8. Utilities

5.4-8.1. Requirement
Provision shall be made for each lot in a subdivision to be connected to utility services, including but not limited to, gas electricity, telephone, fiber optic, and cable television.

5.4-8.2. Location
A. All utility facilities shall be located underground throughout the subdivision.
B. Existing Facilities. Existing utility facilities, located aboveground, shall be removed and placed underground except those located on public roads and rights-of-way.
C. Connections. The subdivider shall install underground service connections to the street property line of each platted lot at his/her expense.
D. The preliminary plan shall show the locations of existing and proposed underground utility lines.

5.4-8.3. Easements
A. Easements shall be provided for public and private utilities.
B. Easements shall be at least 10 feet wide.
C. The subdivider and the applicable utility companies shall coordinate the establishment of utility easements established in adjoining properties.
D. Utility easements shall be indicated on the plat.

Section 5.4-9. Erosion and Sediment control

5.4-9.1. Requirement
All subdivision plans shall include adequate provision for controlling temporary flooding, soil erosion, and sediment during construction and after construction is completed.

5.4-9.2. Top Soil
No top soil shall be removed from a site or used as spoil. Top soil, moved during the course of construction, shall be redistributed so as to provide at least 6 inches of cover to all areas of the subdivision and shall be stabilized by seeding and planting.

Section 5.4-10. Street Lights

5.4-10.1. Requirement
Street lights shall be required in every subdivision unless exempted by the Commission.

5.4-10.2. Design, Location, and Construction
The Commission shall specify the number, type, spacing, and installation method for street lights.
Section 5.4-11. Public Uses

5.4-11.1. Open Space, Park, and Recreation Areas

A. General

1. The Commission shall require that either:
a) Land be dedicated for open space, parks, playgrounds, or other recreational purposes in locations designated on the master plan or where such dedications are appropriate; or
b) A cash payment in lieu of land dedication be deposited with the Town.

2. The land or fees received under this ordinance shall be used only for providing open space, park and recreational facilities to serve the subdivision for which the land was dedicated or the fee was collected. The location of the land and the amount of fees shall bear a reasonable relationship to the use of the park or recreation facilities by the future residents of the subdivision.

B. Land Dedications.

1. Each dedication shall be of suitable size, dimension, topography, and general character and shall have appropriate road access.

2. The area shall be shown and marked on the subdivision plat “Dedicated for Park and Recreation Purposes.”

3. The amount of land to be dedicated shall be calculated in accordance with Table 1. Calculation of Land to be Dedicated for Recreation and Open Space.

C. Fee-in-Lieu of Land Dedication.

1. When land dedicated for is either insufficient to satisfy the requirements or not suitable for open space, parks, or recreation uses, the Commission may require payment of a cash deposit in lieu of land dedication.

2. Fee in lieu of land dedication shall be calculated in accordance with Table 2. Calculation of Fee in Lieu of Dedicating Land for Open Space and Recreation.

3. The Town shall use the fee to provide open space, park or recreation facilities that will be available to and generally benefit the residents of the subdivision for which the fee is collected.

4. A fee-in-lieu of land dedication shall not be used to satisfy the open space requirements in cluster subdivisions.

D. Open Space Dedications in Cluster Developments

1. Liability and Maintenance. Property owners shall be responsible for the liability and maintenance of open space areas. Open space set aside under Cluster Development shall be protected by legal arrangement satisfactory to the Town Council and sufficient to assure its maintenance and preservation for whatever purpose it is intended. Covenants or other legal arrangements shall specify ownership of the open space; method of maintenance; responsibility for maintenance; taxes and insurance; compulsory membership or compulsory assessment provisions; guarantees that any association formed to own and maintain the open space will not be dissolved without the consent of the Town Council; and any other specifications deemed necessary.

2. Up to 1/3 of the required open space may be located in a 100-year floodplain.

3. Cluster open space shall not include areas devoted to public or private vehicular streets or any land which has been, or is to be, conveyed to a public agency via a purchase agreement for such uses as schools or other public facilities.

4. Cluster open space must be set aside and usable for recreation or conservation, and shall be shown on an approved subdivision plan.

5. Table 3. Cluster Development Open Space Requirements sets forth the standards for determining open space requirements for cluster developments.

E. Other Recreation Dedications. The provisions of this section are minimum standards. A developer may set aside additional land for park or recreational use.
5.4-11.2. Other Public Uses
A. The Commission may require land dedication for other public uses, including but not limited to schools and fire stations.
B. The Commission shall use the following criteria for determining when land dedication for other public uses:
   1. Where a need is included in the comprehensive plan.
   2. Where the Town’s adopted capital improvement plan or budget have identified a need.
   3. Where the type of development proposed in a subdivision requires such a facility.

Section 5.4-12. Inspection and Completion
5.4-12.1. Inspection
Applicable, authorized officials shall inspect and approve all construction work required in this ordinance.
5.4-12.2. Completion
Upon completion of each required improvement, the subdivider shall furnish the Administrator with the following information:
A. An accurate and detailed description of the improvement as actually constructed.
B. Location of the improvement.
C. Completion date of the improvement.

Section 5.4-13. Nonresidential Subdivisions
5.4-13.1. General
In addition to the requirements contained in this ordinance, an applicant for the subdivision of commercial or industrial property shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commission that the proposed street, parcel, and block pattern respects other uses in the vicinity.
5.4-13.2. Other Principles and Standards
A. Proposed commercial and industrial parcels shall be suitable in area and dimensions to the types development anticipated.
B. Street rights-of-way and pavement shall be sufficient to accommodate the type and volume of traffic that the proposed development will generate.
C. The Town may impose special requirements with respect to the design and construction of streets, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks.
D. The Town may impose special requirements with respect to the installation of utilities, water facilities, sewer facilities, or drainage systems.
E. The subdivider shall make every effort to protect existing or proposed residential areas from potential nuisances resulting from proposed commercial or industrial subdivisions, including the provision of extra depth in parcels adjacent to existing or proposed residential developments and provisions for permanently landscaped buffers strips where appropriate.

Section 5.4-14. Relationship to Site Plan Review
Where a site plan permit is required, the Commission shall review and take action on the site plan simultaneous with review and approval of the preliminary subdivision plan. The Commission shall not approve a preliminary subdivision plan unless it has approved a site plan permit for the property proposed for subdivision.
Section 5.4-15. Dedications and Maintenance Bond

5.4-15.1. Application
A. When all required improvements for a subdivision are completed to the satisfaction of the Administrator, the subdivider shall file an application for the dedication of streets, other public areas, and easements with the Administrator.
B. The application shall include a maintenance bond.

5.4-15.2. Maintenance Bond
A. The Commission, upon recommendation of the Administrator, shall determine the amount of the maintenance bond.
B. The amount of the bond shall be sufficient to assure the satisfactory condition of the improvements for a period of 1 year following their completion.
C. The Town Attorney shall determine the form of the bond, its sufficiency, manner of execution, and surety.
Chapter 5.5. Specifications for Documents

Section 5.5-1. Purpose and Organization

5.5-1.1. Purpose
A. To provide the Commission and the council with sufficient information to assure compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances, rules, standards, and policies of the Town, County, State and other agencies involved in the review of development proposals.
B. To ensure that the proposed development meets the design and improvement standards contained in this ordinance.

5.5-1.2. Organization
A. The specification is based on the type of development and the particular state of a development application.
B. The intent of this organization is require an applicant to present more detailed information as a development application progresses from a sketch plan to a final plat.

Section 5.5-2. Required Documents

5.5-2.1. List of Documents
Table 5. Required Documents lists the documents required to be submitted during the subdivision review procedure.

5.5-2.2. Waiver
A. The Administrator, the Commission, or the Council may waive requirements for submission of documents and/or may tailor the level of detail to the nature of a particular subdivision.
B. When a requirement is waived, the minutes of the Commission’s or the Council’s meeting shall document the reason for the waiver.
Table 1. Calculation of Land to be Dedicated for Recreation and Open Space

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<td>10 to 19 D.U.s per acre</td>
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<td>1 D.U. per 10,000 sq. ft. to ½ acre</td>
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<td>1 D.U. per 9,000 sq. ft.</td>
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Note: D.U. means dwelling unit.

Table 2. Calculation of Fee in Lieu of Dedicating Land for Open Space and Recreation

Formula:

$200.00 multiplied by the number of times that the total area of the subdivision is divisible by the required minimum lot size of the zoning district in which the tract to be subdivided is located.

Example:

Fee required for a 10 acre subdivision in the R Zone
Minimum R Zone Lot Size: 8,000 square feet.
Area of New Subdivision: 10 acres or 435,600 square feet
Calculation: $200(435,600/8,000) = $10,890

Table 3. Cluster Development Open Space Requirements

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Example:

An applicant proposes to develop 42 acres in the RS Zone. The last column in the table below shows that approximately 165 detached homes could be built conventionally in the RS Zone at 4 dwellings per acre. Nearly 38 of the 42 acres would be needed to construct the homes. Development under the cluster option would result in the same number of homes, but the types of dwellings could vary. One way to accomplish a variation is illustrated in the columns under “Cluster Subdivision.” About 17 acres would be needed for the cluster homes. This option would allow nearly 21 acres to remain in open space and/or be devoted to recreation uses.

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<td>Minimum Lot Sizes in Square Feet</td>
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<td>Acres Needed for Each Type Subdivision Type</td>
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### Table 4. Rights-of-Way and Roadway Widths

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<td>Alleys</td>
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**Notes:**
(a) A State Maintained Street is any street or road owned and/or maintained by the State. State streets include freeways, arterials, and subdivision streets as defined by the State.
(b) Municipal Streets are streets, roads, alleys, etc. owned and maintained by the Town of Clayton.
(c) The Commission may reduce the roadway width to 20 feet for streets serving lots of 1 acre or greater.
(d) Paved with curbs and gutters.

### Table 5. Required Documents

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<th>“X” “G” “E”</th>
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<th>Sketch Plan</th>
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<td>A vicinity map at specified scale showing location of tract with reference to surrounding properties, streets, municipal boundaries, etc. within 500 feet; date of current survey</td>
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<td>Proposed lot lines and areas of lots in square feet</td>
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<td>Size and location of existing or proposed structures with all setbacks dimensioned</td>
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