Planning administers development functions including application review, specific plans, General Plan, Zoning Ordinance/Map and annexations. This department ensures that the decisions we make today will result in a viable and healthy future for our city. Zoning oversees the division of land according to different uses and promotes healthy development.



The City of Chester Building and Zoning is responsible for enforcing all zoning regulations and building, mechanical, electrical & plumbing codes within the corporate limits of the City of Chester. Building and Zoning is also responsible for issuing all permits for construction and renovation work.

It shall be unlawful for any person to commence work for which a permit is required without first paying the applicable fee and obtaining a permit from the building official. Where work for which a permit is required by this Code is started or preceded prior to obtaining said permit, the fees herein specified shall be doubled, but payment of such double fee shall not relieve any persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code in the execution of the work nor from any other penalties prescribed herein.

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