

General Information

A plat is one of the primary means of describing property. Plats are required for property being subdivided in the rural portions of Minnehaha County when there will be any lots of 10 acres or less in size. Plats are also required for any parcel that will have angled or curved boundary lines that cannot be described by standard legal description. Any property divisions within the joint jurisdictional area around Sioux Falls must be platted, regardless of the size of the lot.

A registered land surveyor will survey the lot and develop an official drawing and name of the property. A series of signature blocks will be attached to the plat that include: the surveyor, property owner, road authority, County Auditor, County Director of Equalization, County Planning Director, County Treasurer, and County Register of Deeds. The signature for the surveyor, property owner, and road authority must be signed prior to submittal to the Planning Department for review. Plats within the platting jurisdictions of Sioux Falls, Brandon, Dell Rapids, Hartford, and Crooks will also have signature blocks for city approval. Any plat within a joint platting area must be submitted first to the appropriate city, then to the Planning Department to begin the county approval process. Each entity required to sign the plat may have additional requirements beyond those of Planning Department.

Any plat submitted to the county for approval must include the following:

- The full size original (Mylar) copy of the plat.
- Two full size paper copies of the plat.
- One 8-½ by 11 copy of the plat drawing.
- The plat submittal application form.

Also, for those properties outside the Sioux Falls joint platting areas, the Planning Department will charge a plat review fee of \$250 plus \$25 for each lot.

Approval Process

County approval for a plat takes approximately one week. If a plat is submitted to the Planning Department by 5:00 p.m. on a Tuesday it will be ready for pickup by 8:00 a.m. the following Tuesday provided no corrections are required on the plat. The Planning Department will obtain the signatures of the Planning Director, County Auditor, and Director of Equalization. Once signatures are obtained, the property owner, or representative, will need to pick up the plat and obtain the County Treasurer's signature and file the completed plat with the Register of Deeds.

Additional Considerations

When a plat includes any new road, an additional text block is required under the owner's certificate portion of the plat. This certificate must specify who will be responsible for construction and ongoing maintenance of the road. If the township will be accepting responsibility for the road, a signature block for the township must also be included on the plat. New roads will also require a street sign. The cost for each sign is \$455, and this must be paid at the time the plat is submitted to the Planning Department. The County Highway Department will install the sign.

Any plat that includes more than 4 lots must complete a preliminary subdivision plan, prior to plat approval by the Planning Department.

Contact Information

Please contact the Minnehaha County Planning Department at 605-367-4204 with any questions. All applications may be submitted to our office on the Third Floor of the County Administration Building, 415 N Dakota Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.



PLAT SUBMITTAL APPLICATION FORM

Property/Contact Information – Please Fill Out Each of the Following Items

Plat Name: _____

Owner Name and Phone Number: _____

Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

Surveyor Name and Phone Number: _____

Current Land Use: _____

Proposed Land Use:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Building Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Transfer of Ownership | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Existing Farmstead | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Line Adjustment | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Current Location of Building Eligibilities: _____

Proposed Location of Building Eligibilities: _____

Office Use Only - Please Do Not Fill Out This Section

Petition Number: _____ Receipt Number: _____

Date: _____ Pick Up Date: _____

Filing Fee: _____