

Planning Application Guide: “General Planning” (PLN) Application

Planning applications can be submitted online through Accela Citizen Access (ACA) found on the City website under the tab “Services” → “Licenses & Permits” → “Case Status Lookup”.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Use this procedure for **BRAND NEW APPLICATIONS ONLY**. Do not use this procedure if you are resubmitting an application or applying for different approval for the same project (e.g. the project requires both Architectural Board of Review and Planning Commission review. You've previously applied for the ABR review and have a record number of PLN2020-12345. Now you are applying for the PC review.) Use the Resubmittal Procedure Guide for those types of applications.

1. Log into the ACA website using your ACA **user name** and **password**. Click **Login**.
(If you don't have a user account, register by clicking on one of the links circled in blue below.)

City of SANTA BARBARA Citizen Access

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Advanced Search

User Name or E-mail: nbiergiel Password: ***** Login >

Remember me on this computer [I've forgotten my password](#) [New Users: Register for an Account](#)

Welcome to City of Santa Barbara Citizen Portal
We are pleased to offer our citizens, businesses, and visitors access to government services online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In partnership with [Accela, Inc.](#), we are fulfilling our promise to deliver powerful e-government services and provide valuable information about the community while making your interactions with us more efficient, convenient, and interactive. To use ALL the services we provide you must register and create a user account. You can view information, get questions answered and have limited services as an anonymous user. We trust this will provide you with a new, higher level of service that makes living and working in our community a more enjoyable experience.

What would you like to do today?
To get started, select one of the services listed below:

2. Click on the **Planning** tab and then select **Create an Application**.

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Home Building Planning Enforcement Fire Public Works

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Records

Show on Map

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Date	Record Number	Record Type	Project Name	Address	Status	Action	Short Notes
No records found.							

Search for Records
Enter information below to search for records

- Site Address
- Record Number

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3. Read the “General Disclaimer” and, if you agree, click the **check box** next to “I have read and accepted the above terms.” and click **Continue Application**.

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Online Planning Application Submittal

Welcome to the Online Planning Application System. Using this system you can submit your application, pay fees, and track the status of your application all from the convenience of your home or office, 24 hours a day.

Before you begin the application process, please review these basic items:

1. Is the project site within the city limits of the City of Santa Barbara?
Refer to the [City's Interactive Mapping System](#).
2. Are you sure that your project requires an approval by the Planning Division?
We recommend that you refer to the appropriate checklists and application submittal packet ([hyperlink to Handouts Webpage here](#)), and collect all necessary information before proceeding; however, once you get started, you can save your work and come back to it later.

Please "Allow Pop-ups from This Site" before proceeding. You must accept the General Disclaimer below before beginning your application.

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I have read and accepted the above terms.

[Continue Application >](#)

4. Select an application type. For a PLN case, click on the small triangle next to **Planning General** to expand the selection and click the **radio button** (the small circle) next to “Planning General” to select it. Then click **Continue Application**.

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Select an Application Type

Click on the **little triangle next to your chosen application type**.

- o Use the "Pre-Application (General)," type to apply for:
 1. Modification Pre-Application,
 2. Planner Consultation,
 3. Property Profile,
 4. Slope Calculation Verification,
 5. Zoning Letter, or
 6. Master Environmental Assessment Report.
- o Use the "Planning General," type if none of the other choices apply.

For assistance or to apply for a type not listed below, please contact the Planning Counter at (805) 564-5578.

[Search](#)

- ▶ Planning Sign Permit or Sign Program
- ▶ Planning Pre-Application (General)
- ▶ Planning Pre-Application Review Team
- ▼ **Planning General**
 - Planning General

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- 5. **Step 1: Location Information:** Complete the **Street No.** and **Street Name** fields and click **Search**. When the parcel is found the full address and Parcel Number will fill in automatically (alternatively, search by the parcel number, and the address will fill in automatically). Click **Continue Application**. (If entering the parcel number instead of the street address, be sure to enter the 9 digit number as shown and click "Search" below the parcel number.)

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Step 1: Location Information > Location Information

Find the property by doing one of the following:

- o Use the map (Click on, "Show Map." When you have found the property, click "Use Location," to start the application process. There is no wildcard character when using the Search box in the map).
- o Look up the Address or Assessor Parcel Number (APN), and click on the, "Search," Button. The wildcard character is "%," for the Address and Parcel searches. If multiple choices appear, pick the correct address, scroll down, and click, "Select."

Show Map

*indicates a required field.

Address

If you search by Address, the Parcel will fill in automatically.

*Street No.: 630	Direction: --Select--	*Street Name: GARDEN	Street Type: St
Unit Type: --Select--	Unit No.:	City: SANTA BARBARA	State: CA
		Zip: 93101	

Search Clear

These fields fill in automatically when the street address is provided.

A notice was added to this work location on 11/11/2004.
Condition: Demolition Review Study Area Severity: Notice
Total Conditions: 8 (Notice: 8)

[View additional details](#)

Parcel

If you search by Parcel, the Address will fill in automatically.

*Parcel Number: 031-160-015

Search Clear

This field fills in automatically when the street address is provided.

Owner

The Owner information comes to the City from the County Assessor's Office, and is not available for viewing until the record has been submitted.

Please note that if the Owner would like to access information about this record online, we recommend that you:

1. Stop this application process;
2. Register the Owner for an online account;
3. Re-start the application process; and
4. Add the Owner as a contact for this record on the next page, using the "Lookup," option.

If you would like to add the Owner as a contact after the record has been created, please contact Planning Counter staff at (805) 564-5578.

Save and resume later

Continue Application

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- Step 2: People Information:** Click **Select from Account** in the **Applicant** section to allow you to track and process the application. Follow the prompts to confirm your information. Every application must have an Applicant (who is not necessarily the property owner). You may add **Licensed Professionals** (or any contacts) using the **Look Up** button now (or **Add New** if they are not found via Look Up). You can add additional contacts after your application is submitted, as well.

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Step 2: People Information > Applicant and Contacts

* indicates a required field.

Applicant

The “Applicant” is primary contact for the application.

If you are the Applicant (main point of contact for this project), use the “Select from Account” button to add your contact information.

If you are not the Applicant, use the “Look Up” button to find the Applicant. The Applicant must be a registered online user.

Select from Account

Look Up

Licensed Professional List

List licensed applicant team members, such as architects, engineers and contractors here. If they are already in the City’s database, click “Look Up.”

List all non-licensed team members in the contacts section below.

Add New

Look Up

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	License Number	License Type	Contact Name	Business Name	Action
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No records found.

Contact List

You may enter multiple additional contacts.

If you are not the property owner, please enter the Owner as a contact.

Please note that email addresses are required, as email is the primary method of contact for applications.

Select from Account

Add New

Look Up

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Full Name	Business Name	Contact Type	Primary Phone	Mobile Phone	E-mail	Action
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No records found.

Save and resume later

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7. **Step 2: People Information:** Once you have completed adding your contacts, review to make sure the information is correct (if incorrect, update in your ACA account) and click **Continue Application**.

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Contact added successfully. Please review your contact information. If it is incorrect, you cannot edit it here. We recommend that you click on the, "Save and resume later," button, edit your account information, then resume the application process.

Applicant Name
Email
Phone 1
Phone 2
[Edit](#) [Remove](#)

▼ Contact Addresses

[Add Contact Address](#)

To edit a contact address, click the address link.

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Address Type	Address	Action
Home	Applicant Address	Actions ▼

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[Select from Account](#)

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8. **Step 3: Application Detail > Scope of Work:** Enter the **Project Description** with as much detail as possible (see example) and click **Continue Application**.

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Step 3: Application Detail > Scope of Work

* Indicates a required field.

Project Description

Please provide a detailed description of the proposed project below.

If residential units, nonresidential floor area or hotel rooms are proposed to be demolished or constructed, please give the relevant statistics here.

Example:

Proposal for new commercial office space. Project consists of a new one-story, 563 square foot commercial building on a 10,429 square foot lot currently developed with a mixed-use building containing 2,097 square feet of residential space and 1,409 square feet of commercial space. Also proposed are two new parking spaces, reconfiguration of the existing parking lot, and relocation of the required open yard. No changes are proposed for the existing structures on site.

If an Average Unit-Size Density (AUD) project is proposed, please provide information on the unit mix and the average unit size.

Example for AUD projects:

Proposal for a new AUD (Priority Overlay) project on a 5,180 square foot lot in the C-G Zone with a density of 37 du/acre. The project is proposed as a 3 story building with 4 units and 4 parking spaces. The units include three 2-bedroom units and one 3-bedroom unit with an average unit size of 970 sq. ft. Existing on site is 1,080 sq. ft. office building of which 334 square feet will be demolished. Remodel of the remaining 746 square feet and add an additional 2,879 sq. ft. to create the 4-unit apartment building.

Project Description:

Test application for User Guide.

Save and resume later

Continue Application

9. **Step 3: Application Detail > Application Info:** Complete the relevant fields in this section. If your application involves more than one type of review (i.e., SFDB and a mod) select *only the one you are applying for now*, here. If you plan to submit more than one application for a project, make a note in **Special Requests or Instructions**. Staff will contact you about how to proceed. Click **Continue Application**.

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Step 3: Application Detail > Application Info

* Indicates a required field.

Basic Information

ACA APPLICANT INPUT

Please fill in the fields below to the best of your knowledge.

What review body are you applying for right now?:

--Select--

Why is the review required?:

--Select--

If you chose, "Minor Zoning Exception," or "Other," above, please provide more information here:

Only use this field if you chose, "Minor Zoning Exception," or "Other," above. See ? at left

Are other Planning approvals needed? If so, describe them here.:

See ? at left

Are there any related records? If so enter the record number here.:

PLN2018-12345

Special Requests or Instructions:

Enter any special requests or instructions, communications with staff, or notes to assist staff

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10. **Step 3: Application Detail > Residential Units:** Select the appropriate radio button (the small circle) next to **Yes** or **No**. *If you’ve selected Yes, fill in the fields below.* Click **Continue Application**.

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Step 3: Application Detail > Residential Units

Fill out these fields to the best of your knowledge. City Staff will review the information provided for accuracy.

For more information on how to fill out these fields, please click on [this hyperlink](#) (not linked yet, sorry!).

* Indicates a required field.

Residential Unit Information

Residential
If you answer, "Yes," please fill out the fields below, and include the numbers in the Project Description.

* Is there a net change in the number of residential units onsite? If "Yes," please fill in the fields below.: ?

Yes No

Existing Residential Units:

Residential Units to be Demolished:

Total Residential Units: ?

Save and resume later

Continue Application

11. **Step 3: Application Detail > Nonresidential Floor Area and Hotel Rooms:** Select the appropriate radio button (the small circle) next to **Yes** or **No** and complete the Floor Area and Rooms fields *only if you’ve selected Yes*. Click **Continue Application**.

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Step 3: Application Detail > Nonresidential Floor Area

Fill out these fields to the best of your knowledge. City Staff will review the information provided for accuracy.

* Indicates a required field.

Nonresidential Floor Area and Hotel Room Information

Nonresidential
If you answer, "Yes," please fill out the fields below, and include the numbers in the Project Description

* Is there a net change to the amount of nonresidential floor area onsite? If "Yes," please fill in the fields below.: ?

Yes No

Existing Nonresidential Floor Area:

Nonresidential Floor Area to be Demolished:

Total Nonresidential Floor Area: ?

* Is there a net change in the number of hotel rooms onsite? If "Yes," please fill in the fields below.: ?

Yes No

Existing Hotel Rooms:

Hotel Rooms to be Demolished:

Total Hotel Rooms: ?

Save and resume later

Continue Application

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12. **Step 4: Documents > Upload:** Click **Add** to add your application documents as PDFs (even images). Please group all pages of each document in one pdf and not as individual pages!

Note: Be sure to name your files following the required naming convention before you upload them, as it is not possible to change the file name later!

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Step 4: Documents > Upload

Add all documentation that is required in the specific application submittal packet (hyperlinks below).

Examples of required documentation include: Master Application form, site plans, floor plans, elevations, photos, aerial photos, letters, reports from specialists such as arborists or historians, etc.

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Submit Documents

Upload all required documentation, such as :

1. Application submittal packets,
2. Owner Authorization Form or Master Application, signed by Owner
3. Applications checklists,
4. Site plans, floor plans, and elevations,
5. Photos, including aerial photos,
6. Letters,
7. Reports from specialists such as arborists or historians,
8. Other required or helpful documentation.

Please use separate, multi-page PDFs for each uploaded document. For example, all sheets of the plan set should be in a single, multi-page PDF, and all sheets of the applicant letter should be in a separate, multi-page PDF.

Minimum document resolution: 300 dpi x 300 dpi.

Here are hyperlinks to application submittal packets and the Planning Handouts are of the City's webpage:

[Design Review Submittal Packet](#)

[Modification & Performance Standard Permit Submittal Packet \(generally Staff Hearing Officer\)](#)

[Development Application Review Team Submittal Packet \(generally Planning Commission\)](#)

[Planning Handouts Webpage](#)

IMPORTANT: Please re-name the documents on your system to match the naming convention (NEED DOCUMENT STANDARDS HYPERLINKED HERE) prior to uploading them, as you can't change the name once you're in the upload process.

The maximum file size allowed is 1000 MB.
html,htm,mht,mhtml,exe,bat,cmd are dis allowed file types to upload.

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No records found.							

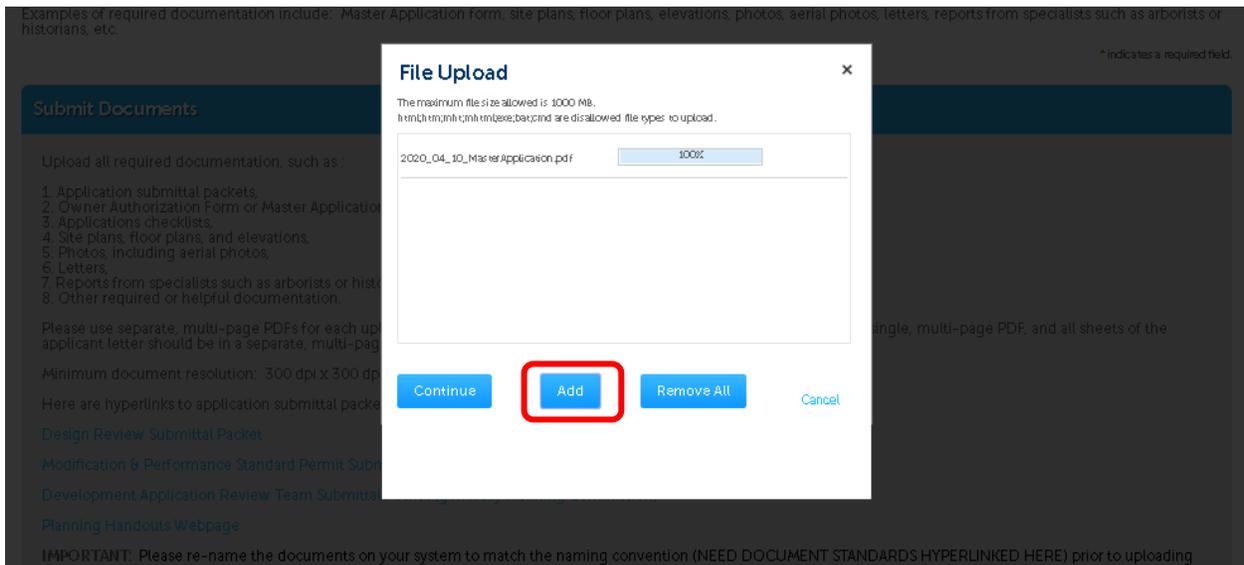
Add

Save and resume later

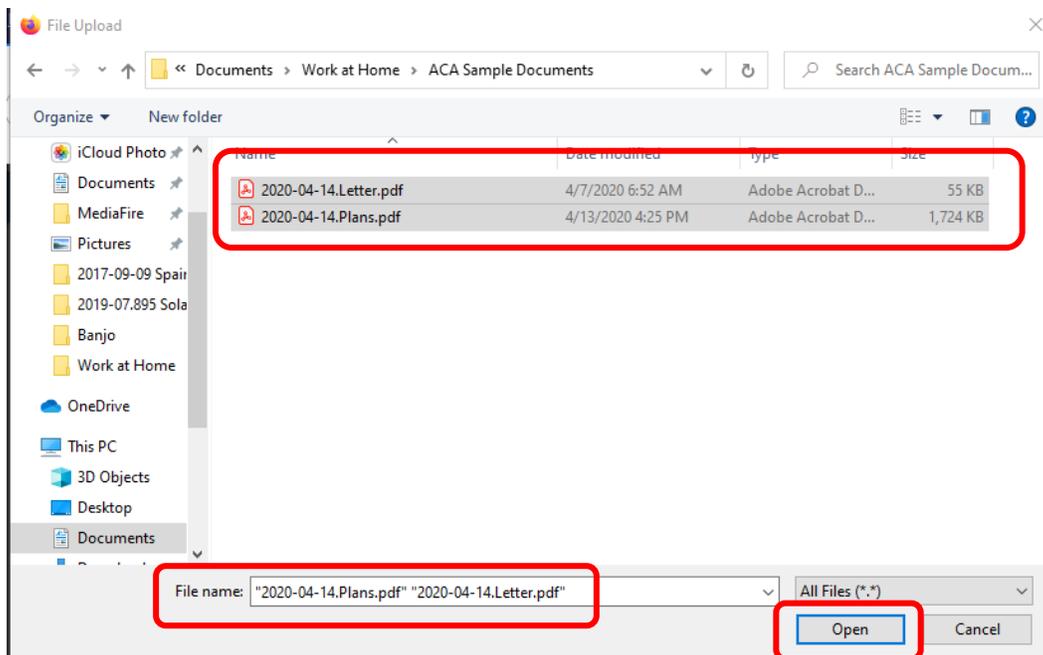
Continue Application

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13. Click **Add** again.



Your computer’s file system will appear. Navigate to the documents that you wish to upload. You can highlight multiple documents, and they will upload simultaneously. Click **Open**. The file(s) that you chose in the previous step will upload.



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14. Once you’ve selected your files (more than one can be added at once), click **Continue** to finish adding the files to your application.

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File Upload

The maximum file size allowed is 1000 MB.
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Continue **Add** **Remove All** Cancel

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15. **Step 4: Documents > Upload:** Select the relevant **Document Type** from the dropdown menu. (When selecting a Document Type, pick the item that most closely matches your document. Check the GENERAL types before you use the specific types.) Write a brief **Description** and click **Save**. Click **Add** to add additional documents or **Continue Application** if you are done.

Step 4: Documents > Upload

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* Document Type:

* Description:

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16. **Step 5: Review:** Review your application. You may click the **Edit** button in each section to change any part of the application (you will have to click back through all the sections to return to the Review screen). Once the application looks accurate, check the **Certification** box at the bottom of the screen and click **Continue Application** at either the top or bottom of the screen.

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Step 5: Review

Save and resume later

Continue Application

Please review all information below. See Instructions and Warnings for more information

Instructions and Warnings

Click the "Edit" buttons to make changes now, or click the "Save and resume later," button.

Once you are satisfied with your data input, please check the box to agree to the certification at the bottom of the page, then click "Continue Application" to submit the application.

Please review your information carefully, as once you've submitted the application you cannot edit it.

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Address Edit

630 GARDEN St
SANTA BARBARA CA 93101

Parcel Edit

Parcel Number: 031-160-015
Adjacent to Potential Historic Structure: -
Air Quality Buffer - 250 Feet from Hwy 101: -
Cultural Resources Monitoring: -
Average Unit Density Priority Housing Overlay: -
Baths: 0
Bedrooms: 0
Parcel Business Plan: -

Name	Type	Size	Description	Document Status	Status Date	Upload Date	Action
2020_04_10_MasterApplication.pdf	GENERAL Application Forms	138.16 KB	Master Application	Uploaded	04/10/2020	04/10/2020	Actions

I certify that I have read and understand the instructions that accompany this application and that the statements made as part of this application are true, complete, and correct and that no material information has been omitted. By checking the box below, I understand and agree that I am electronically signing and filing this application.

By checking this box, I agree to the above certification.

Date: 04/10/2020

Save and resume later

Continue Application

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17. Congratulations, your application has been submitted! This screen provides your record number (outlined in red, below). Staff will review your application, and invoice fees. Please save a copy of your application and payment summaries.



Step 3: Receipt/Record issuance

Receipt



Your application(s) has been successfully submitted.
Please print your record(s) and retain a copy for your records.

[Print/View Summary](#)

630 GARDEN St, SANTA BARBARA CA 93101

PLN2020-00164

[View Summary](#)



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