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Act 250 What a Difference It Makes From 1970 to Today

The completion of the Interstate Highway system in the 1960s brought Vermont an hour closer by car to Boston and New York City. Vermont began promoting tourism, and skiing became increasingly popular. Vermont towns quickly became sites for high density second home developments on sensitive mountainsides.

In the spring of 1970, inspired by the vision of Gov. Deane Davis, the Vermont Legislature passed the Land Use and Development Law, known as Act 250, to preserve and protect the environment, as well as maintain our traditional settlement patterns. It was innovative and bold at its inception, and the law is now part of the fabric of Vermont. Act 250 incorporates a process to guide development that complements the landscape.

Protecting Vermont's environmental integrity and promoting economic prosperity benefits everyone. For almost fifty years, Act 250 has helped Vermont retain its unsurpassed scenic qualities while undergoing substantial growth.

The future will certainly bring new challenges, and Act 250 will continue to adapt, by working collaboratively with all citizens to preserve Vermont's scenic beauty in alignment with the state's economic goals.



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Act 250 Protecting Vermont's Environment Promoting Economic Prosperity



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DO I NEED AN ACT 250 PERMIT?

If you are planning construction or subdivision of land in Vermont, you may need to obtain an Act 250 Permit. The steps outlined below provide an overview of the process. For more detailed information, visit NRB.VERMONT.GOV or call the designated Act 250 District Coordinator at the numbers listed on the reverse.



STEP 1

Contact your District Coordinator

(see map)

Be ready to provide basic information about your project such as location, type of development, number of lots to be subdivided, size and any other related permits that have been issued.

AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES PERMIT SPECIALISTS can also help advise on what other permits you may need, or with information that may be requested by the Act 250 District Coordinator.



STEP 2

Jurisdictional Opinion (JO) May Be Issued

(if requested)

A ruling that determines whether an Act 250 permit/amendment is required for a proposed project. JOs are issued by the Act 250 District Coordinators.

ACT 250 PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

If the JO concludes there is **NO** Act 250 jurisdiction, no permit/amendment will be required.

ACT 250 PERMIT REQUIRED

If the JO concludes **YES** an Act 250 permit is required, an Act 250 application will need to be submitted.

Applicant has three options at this stage

Appeal to Superior Court

An immediate appeal (within 30 days) of the JO can be filed with Superior Court.

Request for Reconsideration

Applicant can request reconsideration of the JO by the District Coordinator.

Submit Application

Applicant submits an Act 250 application to the District Coordinator.

Applicant has the option to appeal to the Superior Court.

JO UPHELD, ACT 250 PERMIT REQUIRED

ACT 250 PERMIT NOT REQUIRED

Application process continues.



STEP 3

Submit Act 250 Permit Application to District Coordinator

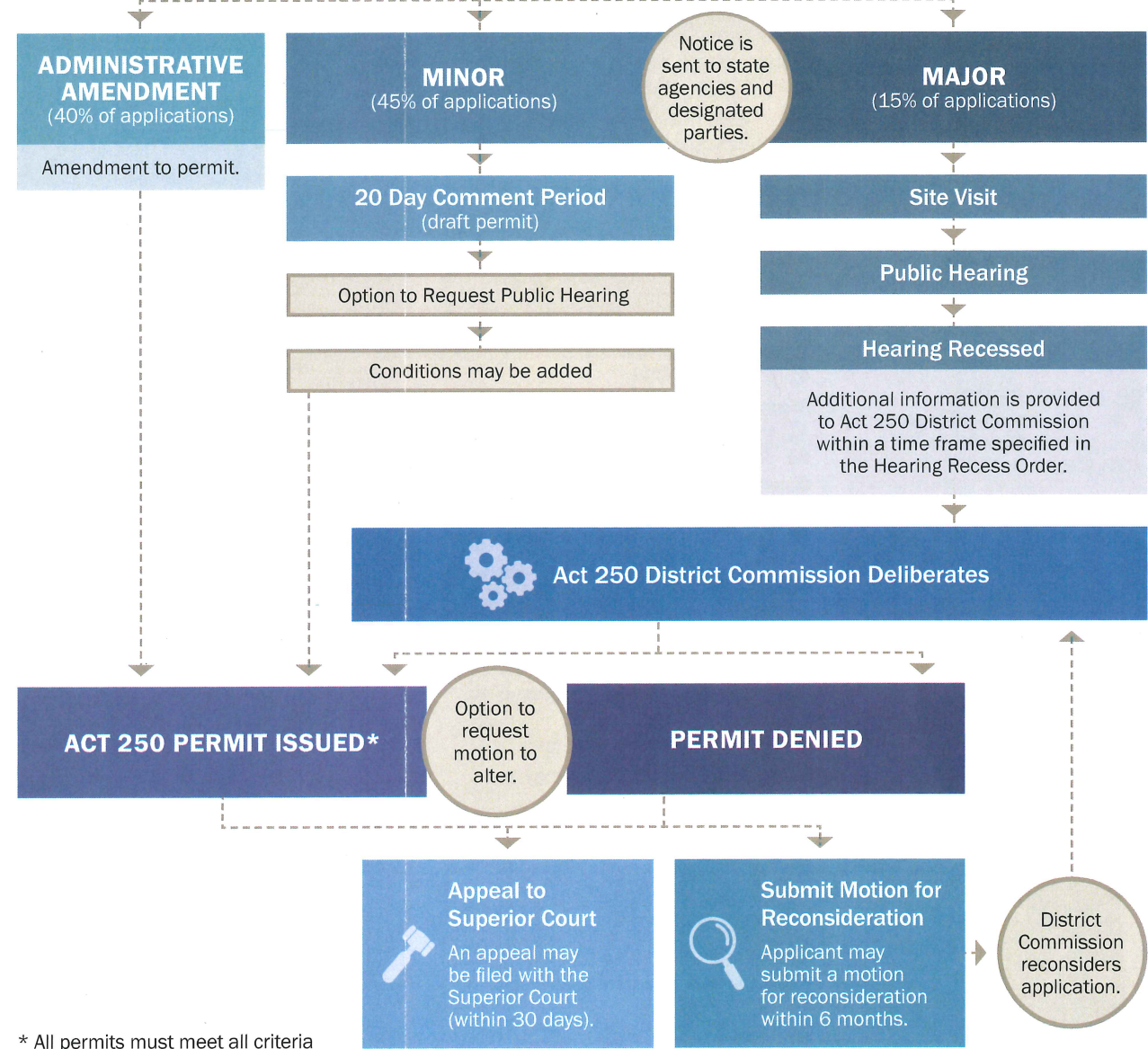
Permit application is reviewed for administrative and technical completeness.



STEP 4

Application is Reviewed by District Commission

District Commission decides whether to issue an Administrative Amendment or to process the application as a Minor or Major Application.



* All permits must meet all criteria