SIMPLIFIED TYPICAL CHICAGO ZONING PROCESS

Diagram Key:
- Solid steps: required for most zoning processes
- Dashed steps: required only for certain proposals or processes

Application and Review
Public Input Process
Ward/Alder-person Review
Presentation for Approval
By Right or Permitted Use

In some cases an Official Denial is required from the Zoning Administrator to initiate secondary zoning processes.

*By Right* No Zoning Change or Approvals Required

Standard Business License and Building Permit Review

Start Here

Application Notice

Application Filing

Zoning Administrator Review and Recommendation

Public Meeting Notice

Committee on Zoning, Landmarks, and Building Standards Public Hearing

City Council Decision

Additional approval processes may be required depending on the proposal type, location, or scale. Those processes are similar, but not identical to the diagram shown here.

Examples may include: Air Quality Ordinance, Special Use Approval, Administrative Adjustments, and Zoning Appeals or Variances.

*Required for Amendments within Planned Manufacturing Districts and for Planned Developments

*Pre Application Community Meeting is also Required for Proposals that Trigger Master PD Requirements