

## City of Cambridge Community Development Department Development Log



The Development Log provides an active record of large-scale new development projects occurring in the City of Cambridge. The Log, updated on a quarterly basis, is distributed to City departments and the public to keep them posted about development progress, from permitting through construction to completion.

## **Criteria for inclusion** in the Log include:

- ◆ Commercial projects totaling over 30,000 square feet;
- ♦ Any other commercial project that falls under the jurisdiction of the Incentive Zoning Ordinance;
- ♦ Any other commercial project that falls under the jurisdiction of the Parking and Transportation Demand Management Ordinance;
- Residential projects of eight or more units that are either new construction, convert from a non-residential use, or add to or subtract from the existing number of units or square footage;
- ♦ Any other residential project subject to the Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance;
- ◆ Any other residential projects that employ 100% Affordable Housing Overlay zoning;
- Municipal projects in which one or more City departments have an interest that is considered significant;
- Any other project that has a significant impact on the neighborhood in which it is located.

## Projects meeting the criteria are categorized by **Project Stage**, which include:

- ◆ *Pre-Permitting:* Projects that have scheduled a public meeting under the Affordable Housing Overlay provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or that have initiated a formal city permitting application other than with Community Development Department or the Board of Zoning Appeal.
- Permitting: Project under review by Community Development and/or Board of Zoning Appeal.
- ♠ Required Design Review Underway: Projects that have either initiated an Affordable Housing Overlay consultation with the Planning Board or undergoing Large Project Review conducted by the Community Development Department, as well as buildings included in approved PUD projects undergoing Planning Board design review.
- ◆ Zoning Permit Granted or As of Right: Projects that have received a Special Permit from the Planning Board, received a Special Permit or Comprehensive Permit from the BZA, completed Large Project Review conducted by the Community Development Department, or completed the Affordable Housing Overlay consultation process, or a project that is As of Right.
- Building Permit Granted: Project received Building Permit for structure (foundation and site mobilization permits do not meet standard).

◆ *Complete:* Project received Certificate of Occupancy (CO) or Temporary CO for the entire structure.

Notes on other topics included in the Development Log:

- ♦ Address / Name: Includes the primary street address of the project and any name by which it is commonly known.
- ♦ Affordable Units: Number of affordable housing units included in the development. This value is not shown for developments with inclusionary housing units until the number of affordable units is determined through the filing of a covenant, prior to issuance of a building permit. However, the number of affordable units is included for city-financed developments both during the permitting process and while permitted and awaiting construction. "TBD" indicates that the number of affordable units is "to be determined".
- Gross Floor Area: Includes only the gross floor area of the project under development. Other gross floor area may exist on the parcel, in either existing or prospective buildings, that affects the floor-to-area ratio (FAR) reported.
- ◆ *Neighborhood:* Cambridge is divided into thirteen neighborhoods for planning purposes. For more information see: http://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/planud/neighplan.aspx.
- ◆ Parking Spaces: Includes both on-site and off-site spaces assigned to uses found in the project; to avoid double counting on-site spaces assigned to projects reported elsewhere are reported under those projects. Where on-site parking is shared with other developments or parking associated with the project is located off-site additional information about parking is stated in the Notes field.
- ◆ *Permit Type*: refers to the type of development approval required:
  - o Affordable Housing Overlay: An all affordable housing project proceeding under the terms of the Affordable Housing Overlay provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
  - As of Right: Projects that do not require a major development approval and that otherwise meet the criteria for inclusion in the development Log.
  - o Board of Zoning Appeals: Project requires a special permit and/or variance granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
  - o *Comprehensive Permit*: Project permitted under Chapter 40B provisions for development of affordable housing.
  - Large Project Review: Projects subject to Large Project Review provisions in Article 19 of the Zoning Ordinance.
  - o Planning Board Special Permit: Project required a special permit granted by the Planning Board.

- ◆ Project Type: refers to the type of construction called for by the project. Project Types include
  - o New Construction: A new building constructed from foundation on up.
  - o Alteration: Includes the rehabilitation of an existing building.
  - Addition: Addition to an existing structure
  - Alteration/Addition: Combines alteration of an existing building with an addition.
  - o Change of Use: Used where a change of use requires a special permit, such as the repurposing of an existing building
  - Master Plan: Used for approved development that has not been allocated to a specific building.
- ◆ Zoning: Refers to the primary zoning under which the project is proceeding. For more information about zoning in Cambridge see: <a href="https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/Zoning">https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/Zoning</a>

**Open Data:** Both current and historical data about projects found in the Development Log are available to the public in tabular format in the Planning section of the City's Open Data web site. You can view and search data without establishing an account. If you wish to save your work or make comments an account is required.

With this edition of the Development Log there are five tables and two associated maps. "Current Edition" tables contain data from the projects listed in the most recent edition. The data in these tables will be changed each time the Log is updated. Note that there are two Current Edition tables, one with project level data and another enumerating individual uses by project. Each table has an associated map. To download a copy of the data found here visit the Planning Category of the City's Open Data Portal:

https://data.cambridgema.gov/browse?q=development log

Disclaimer: All information that is presented here is accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of publication. All information stated is subject to revision or retraction at any time.

This document is found at: <a href="https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/developmentlog">https://www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/developmentlog</a>

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