



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is zoning?

A: Zoning is how the county decides what land can be used for — such as homes, schools, businesses, or parks. It sets rules about what types of buildings can be built and where.

Q: Why does zoning matter to me as a homeowner?

A: Zoning decisions affect traffic, schools, property values, noise levels, green space, and the overall character of your neighborhood.

Q: What happens if I don't attend a zoning hearing?

A: If no one from the community speaks up, decisions may be made without considering the impact on residents. Showing up — or submitting a comment — ensures your perspective is heard.

Q: How will I know when a zoning request is filed near my home?

A: Protect Our Neighborhood provides alerts on new applications and posts updates about hearing dates so you can stay informed before decisions are finalized. You can also visit the official [Cobb County website](#) to view zoning applications, public notices, and the county's hearing calendar for the most up-to-date information. Another important step is to reach out directly to your [zoning commissioner](#). Commissioners can provide updates specific to your district and explain how proposed changes may affect your neighborhood.

Q: Can I speak at a zoning hearing?

A: Yes. Any resident can attend and share their views. [Public Comments](#) can also be submitted in writing if you cannot be there in person.

Q: Are you against all new development?

A: No. We support growth that benefits families, schools, and neighborhoods. Our goal is to make sure residents have full information and a voice in shaping changes.

Q: How do petitions help?

A: Petitions show commissioners that residents are paying attention and united. They are one way to demonstrate the community's stance on an issue.

Q: Is Protect Our Neighborhood political?

A: No. We do not endorse candidates or parties. Our role is to keep neighbors informed, connected, and empowered with facts.