



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Permits & Inspections/Planning & Zoning/  
Floodplain Administration/Zoning Board of  
Adjustments/Code Compliance

### Community Development Division

The Community Development Division is a one stop shop that includes planning and zoning, code compliance, permits and inspections as well as floodplain administration. The director plays a primary role in the planning and development of public improvements, overseeing all phases of floodplain and storm water management and coordinating development with other departments both inside and outside of the City of Crowley. This division also acts as liaison to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments and the City Council. The department provides community information regarding subdivision regulations, census data, population changes and future development objectives.

### Community Development Service to Public

This department provides an important service to the public by helping to ensure that new construction and new businesses are in compliance with city zoning, development ordinances and that land within the city is platted in accordance with the city's ordinances. Ordinances are also updated periodically with the assistance of this department in regards to zoning or other development questions.

#### Website

The city's website is designed to give general information regarding procedures for zoning, platting and re-platting property, along with the associated fees. Regulations in the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations and other development-related ordinances may be discussed in detail during the development review process and must be satisfied before a plat, re-plat or zoning request may be approved.

#### Platting

Platting is the way property is divided, through laying out on paper or mapping each piece of land. A recorded plat indicates lots, building lines, easements and rights-of-way, flood areas, boundary markers and other permanent attachments to land. Permits are the way to ensure that all construction, new or additions, are in compliance with current building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes adopted by the city to protect the property owners as well as anyone entering a structure.

#### Zoning

Zoning regulates how land is used and protects the character of each district. It protects property value and the overall quality of the community as a whole by controlling density of construction and intensity of land use, as well as through setting development standards such as landscaping, screening, building setbacks and height, parking requirements and lot coverage.