

Pierce County Lot Split Guidelines

A lot split is required if the owner of a piece of property wishes to transfer part of their property to another owner (regardless of relationship). The only exception is a piece of property may be sold to an adjoining neighbor as long as the property purchased is added to an existing lot or parcel and a new lot is not created.

1. An application for a Lot Split Certificate and the application fee of \$50 (make checks payable to the Pierce County Treasurer) must be made by the owner of the land to the Zoning Administrator.
2. Present the original Survey Certificate as shown on the included sample along with seven (7) copies along with the completed application.

The Survey Certificate should be prepared on mylar drafting paper and include:

1. The proposed name of the split
 2. The names of the owner, engineer, surveyor, architect or engineer who prepared the plat
 3. Scale at 1" = 100' or larger
 4. Date of preparation and north arrow
 5. Legal description indicating exactly from which 40 acre tract and which quarter section the lot split is being removed.
 6. The location of monument or benchmarks
 7. Building setback lines and lot numbers
 8. Utility easements
 9. Topography
 10. Existing structures
 11. Certificates for signatures of all owners, surveyor, notary acknowledgement, zoning administrator, Board of Commissioner's Chairman, County Clerk and Register of Deeds
 12. The survey shall also contain a location map at a scale of at least 1" = 500' indicating exactly from which 40 acre tract and which quarter section the lot split is being removed.
3. A list of the names and addresses of all those persons having any ownership interest in the property involved prepared and certified by a registered abstractor must also be submitted.
 4. Also:
 - ◆ The completed application, fee, signed plat, and abstractor's certificate must be submitted before the split will be placed on the Board of Commissioners Agenda for final approval.
 - ◆ The school district in which the split is located must be notified per state statute.
 5. No lot split shall be approved if:
 - a. A new street or alley is proposed.
 - b. A vacation of streets, alleys, setback lines, access control or easements is required or proposed.
 - c. Such action will result in significant increases in service requirements or will interfere with maintaining existing service levels.
 - d. The split will result in no direct access to a street.
 - e. A substandard-sized or non-conforming lot or parcel will be created.

6. For Lot Splits of Less than Forty Acres
 - a. In addition to the steps above, a Conditional Use Permit must be granted by the Pierce County Board of Commissioners.
 - i. File the enclosed Conditional Use Permit Application with your Lot Split Application.
 - ii. Include a check or money order for \$100 payable to "Pierce County Treasurer."
 - iii. A Public Hearing will be held in front of the Pierce County joint Planning Commission at its next regular meeting.
 - iv. A Public Hearing will be held in front of the Pierce County Board of Commissioners the first Monday of the month following the Planning Commission meeting.
 - v. If your Conditional Use Permit Application is approved, your Lot Split will be approved as well.