

Submitting a Zoning Application in ProjectDox

User Guide



Log In to ProjectDox

Step 1.

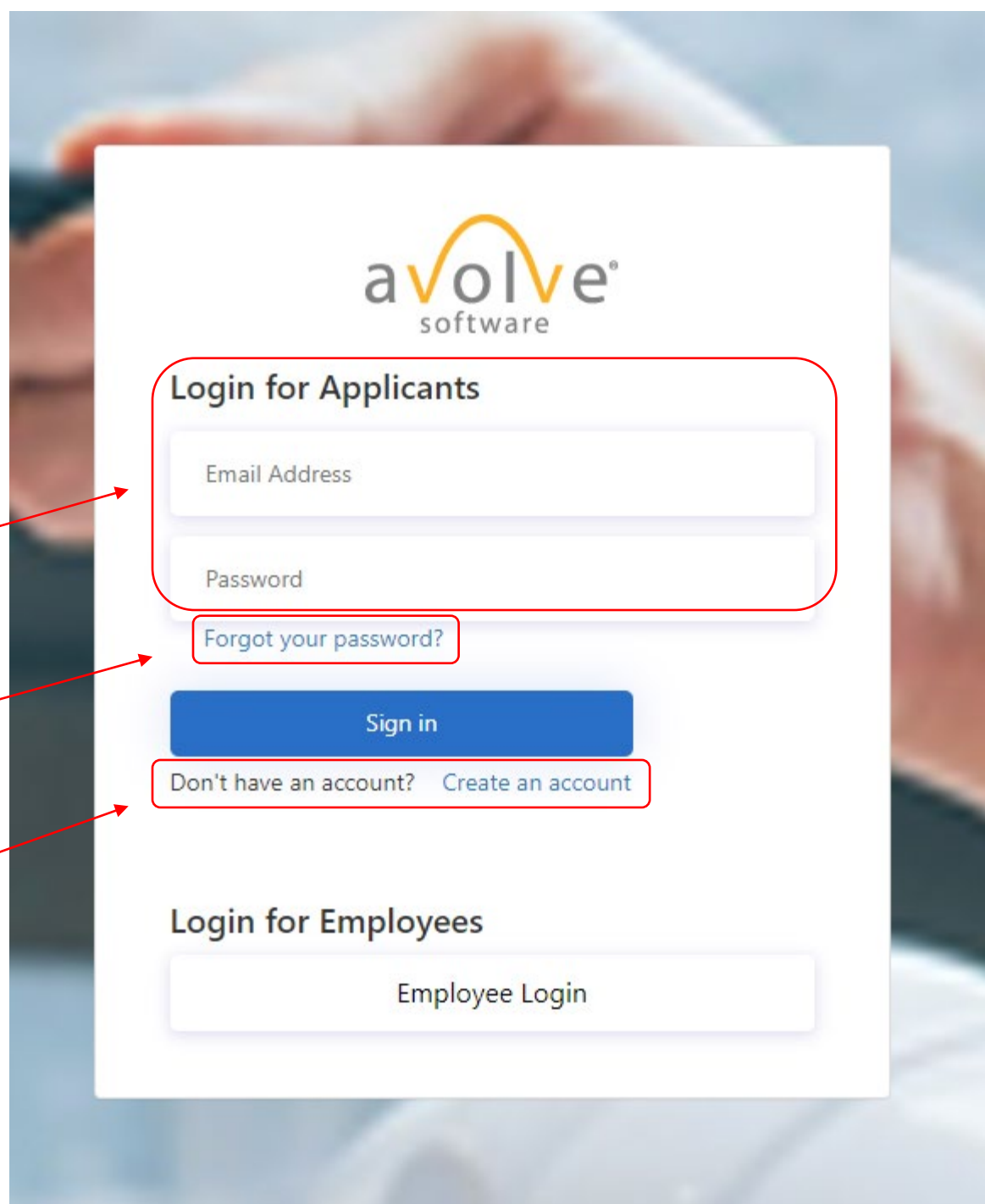
Visit [ProjectDox Plan Submission: Howard County, Maryland](#)

Step 2.

Log in using Email Address and Password.

Use "Forgot your password?" if unable to login but have an existing account.

New users: Use "Create an account" option to sign up for a new account.



The screenshot shows the 'avolve' software login interface. A red rounded rectangle encloses the 'Login for Applicants' section, which includes 'Email Address' and 'Password' input fields. A red arrow points from the 'Step 2' text to this section. Below the inputs is a 'Forgot your password?' link, with a red arrow pointing from the text 'Use "Forgot your password?" if unable to login but have an existing account.' to it. Below the link is a blue 'Sign in' button. Below the button is a link that says 'Don't have an account? Create an account', with a red arrow pointing from the text 'New users: Use "Create an account" option to sign up for a new account.' to it. At the bottom is a 'Login for Employees' section with an 'Employee Login' input field.

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Login for Applicants

Email Address

Password

[Forgot your password?](#)

[Sign in](#)




[Don't have an account? Create an account](#)

Login for Employees

Employee Login

Open the Portal



 Home  Profile  Services

James Wilkerson | Admin | Logout

Welcome to the Portal

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ProjectDox - A tool for plan submission, review, approval and tracking using a paperless online system that allows parallel collaboration between agencies to review and markup plans, share comments and more easily identify potential conflicts and issues. ProjectDox offers automatic task notification and plan routing between the applicant and all review departments. It also incorporates tools to increase the effectiveness of the review process and reduce review cycle time.

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Continue

Home, Services, and Continue button will all take you to the “Services” page, where applications can be accessed.



Services Screen

Click **“Go To ProjectDox”** to directly access existing projects and perform tasks.

Choose the appropriate Zoning Petition type to begin submission process.

Submit Alternative Compliance Application

Submit your Alternative Compliance application here. You will submit your application, justification, exhibits, and any required corrections online.

Submit Redline Application

Submit your Redline application here. You will submit your application, plan set, and any required corrections online. Once available, approved plans can be downloaded online.

Submit Alternative Compliance Application

Submit Redline Application

Submit Division Petition Application

Submit your Division Zoning Petition here. Division Zoning Petitions include: Administrative Adjustment, Temporary Use, and Nonconforming Use Confirmation. You will submit your petition, plan set, supporting documentation and provide any required amendments online.

Submit Hearing Examiner Petition Application

Submit your Hearing Examiner Zoning Petition here. Hearing Examiner Zoning Petitions include: Non-Residential Variance Petition, Residential Variance Petition, Conditional Use Petition and Nonconforming Use. You will submit your petition, plan set, supporting documentation and provide any required amendments online.

Submit Division Petition Application

Submit Hearing Examiner Petition Application

Submit Zoning Board Petition Application

Submit your Zoning Board Petition here. Zoning Board Petitions include: Zoning Map, Zoning Regulations, PDP Amendment, and PDP MXD. You will submit your petition, plan set, supporting documentation and provide any required amendments online.

Update Alternative Compliance Application

Update your previously submitted Alternative Compliance application here.

Submit Zoning Board Petition Application

Update Alternative Compliance Application

Submit A Zoning Petition Application

Use “Select Request Type” dropdown to choose “Petition Type.”

Name project and click “Start Application Process.”

Access active projects and tasks or find completed projects.

“View All Projects” takes you to standard ProjectDox view of projects.

Review submitted and unfinished applications.

Start New Application Request ?

To start a new application request:

- Select an application type
- Provide an application name
- Click the button below

Type: *

Select Request Type ?

Name: *

Start Application Process

My Projects VIDEO SERIES: GETTING STARTED | ACCEPTING A TASK | DOWNLOADING APPROVED PLANS

| PROJECT | DESCRIPTION | LOCATION | STATUS | TASKS (50) |
|----------------------------|--|--|-----------|---|
| ZBP-380 | Single family home with a detached garage | 3430 Court House Drive | Upload | <div>Open</div> Assign Zoning Petition Number |
| DP-462 | auto storage, auto repair, material storag | 1116 Andrew Brook Lane | Upload | <div>Open</div> Assign Zoning Petition Number |
| DP-464 | 3430 Court house dr | single family | Upload | <div>Open</div> Assign Zoning Petition Number |
| ZBP-449 | 3430 Court House Drive | 3430 Court House Drive | In Review | <div>Open</div> Zoning (PSZ) Staff Review Cycle #1 |
| NCU-25-999 | This is a test of the Non-Conforming Use Division Petition | This is a test of the Non-Conforming Use Division Petition | Resubmit | <div>Open</div> Hearing Authority D&O Distribution and Closure of Petition File |

1 - 5 of 50 records

You have more than 50 projects, to view all your projects, click the button below.

View All Projects

Applications:

Unsubmitted ?

Search:

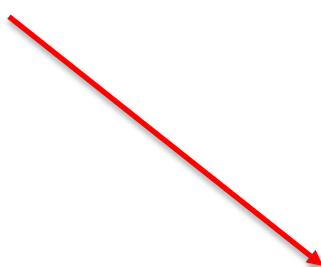
| REQUEST # | NAME | TYPE | UPDATED ON | UPDATED BY | ACTION |
|-----------|-------|-------------------|------------|--------------|--|
| DP-388 | test1 | Division Petition | 08/18/2023 | Justin Tyler | <div><div></div><div></div><div></div></div> |

Terms and Conditions

Step 1.
Review the pertinent
information.

Step 2.
Check the box
acknowledging your
understanding and
agreement.

Step 3.
Click "Accept and Start My
Application."



Terms And Conditions ?

August 29, 2023

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Howard County Government has the right to perform periodic maintenance on the Site without prior notification to you.

Under the Maryland Public Information Act, the public is entitled to view and obtain copies of the documents filed with Howard County via the PDOX system. However, the County reserves the right to release these documents to the public only in printed form.

☐ I have read, understand, and agree to the above terms and conditions

[Accept & Start My Application](#)

[Back To My Home Page](#)

Zoning Petition Application Form

Step 4.

Review and acknowledge the Process Information. Be sure to fill in all fields marked with a red asterisk * as those are required fields.

Step 5.

Select within the drop-down menu, the applicable Petition type.

– Process Information

Information regarding the process for this petition is provided at the following link:

[Process Information](#)

Process Information Reviewed? ☐ Yes

– Petition Type

Petition Type *

[select]

Zoning Petition Criteria

Step 6.
Provide a response to the
Petition criterion. Be sure to
fill in all fields marked with a
red asterisk * as those are
required fields.

– Administrative Adjustment Criteria

Describe the unique physical conditions, including irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of lot or shape, exceptional topography, or other existing features peculiar to the particular lot; and describe how, as a result of such unique physical conditions, practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships arise in complying strictly with the bulk provisions of these Regulations.

Describe how the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the lot is located; will not substantially impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property; and will not be detrimental to the public welfare.

Explain how practical difficulties or hardships have not been created by the owner provided, however, that where all other required findings are made, the purchase of a lot subject to the restrictions sought to be varied shall not itself constitute a self-created hardship.

Explain how within the intent and purpose of these Regulations, the variance, if granted, is the minimum variance necessary to afford relief.

That no variance be granted to the minimum criteria established in Section 131.0 for Conditional Uses except where specifically provided therein or in an historic district. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the granting of variances in any zoning district other than to the minimum criteria established in Section 131.0.

Petitioner's Representative Information

Step 7.

If you are the Petitioner's Representative, simply check the box at the top of the section to autofill the fields using the information in your user profile.

Note:

The Petitioner's Representative will be the primary/only user in the PDox system for this Petition and this role cannot be re-assigned if box is checked.

If Petitioner has no representation, fill in the petitioner's contact for this section.

- Petitioner's Representative Information

☐ Select if the Petitioner's Representative is the currently logged in user.

Important: The Petitioner's Representative will be the primary/only user in the PDox system for this petition.

All email notifications and tasks will go to this individual. PDox tasks cannot be re-assigned.

| | |
|--|--|
| Petitioner's Representative First Name * | <input type="text"/> |
| Petitioner's Representative Last Name * | <input type="text"/> |
| Address * | <input type="text"/> |
| Address Line 2 | <input type="text"/> |
| City * | <input type="text"/> |
| State * | <input type="text" value="MD"/> |
| Zip Code * | <input type="text"/> |
| Phone Number * | <input type="text"/> |
| Email Address * | <input type="text" value="zoning@howardcountymd.gov"/> |
| Profession * | <input type="text"/> |

Petitioner's Representative Information

Step 8.

If you are the Property Owner and/or Petitioner, simply check the box at the top of the section to autofill the fields using the information in your user profile.

Provide the required Petitioner information for the Zoning Petition.

Select the appropriate relationship in the Subject Property in the dropdown.

- Petitioner Information

☐ Select if the Petitioner is the currently logged in user.

Petitioners First Name *

Petitioners Last Name *

Petitioners Business Name /Trading As
Enter d.b.a or trading as (if applicable)

Address *

Address Line 2

City *

State * MD

Zip Code *

Phone Number *

Email Address *

Petitioner's Interest in Subject Property *

Property Information

Step 9.

Use the Howard County Interactive Map to determine Tax Map, Grid and Parcel/Lot Number.

The SDAT link provides property ownership information.

Be sure to complete all fields marked with a **red asterisk *** as those are required fields.

- Property Information

The following websites are helpful for finding the applicable information for this section:

- Use Howard County's [Interactive Map](#) to determine Tax Map, Grid, and Parcel/Lot Number by turning on the "Property Boundaries" layer under "General Layers" and selecting the parcel. You can also find Site Development Plans (SDPs) for your property by using the Scanned Drawings layer.
- The Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation ([SDAT](#)) website provides details about a property including ownership, location information, plat number(if available) and sales.
- The Maryland State Archives [PLATS.NET website](#) provides access to all plats filed with the Land Office and the Circuit Courts of Maryland.

Are there multiple properties involved with this petition? *
☐ Single Property
☐ Multiple Properties

Property Description *

ⓘ Provide a brief description of the Property (e.g., 'Single family home with a detached garage.')

Existing Use *

Property Owner *

ⓘ If this is not the same as listed in SDAT, please provide an explanation.

Property Address *

ⓘ Enter the Property address as assigned by Howard County.

Property Address Line 2

Property City *

Property State *
MD

Property Zip Code *

Tax Map *

Grid *

Parcel/Lot Number *

Zoning District *

ⓘ Enter the Zoning District. If more than one district (split zoning), enter each zoning district separated by a comma for the Property that is the subject of the petition.

County Council District *

Total Site Area *

ⓘ Enter the Total Site Area for the petition in acres. Use a maximum of two decimal places.

Use Area (if different) *

Subdivision Name (If applicable)

Site Development Plan (If applicable)

Plat Number and recordation date (If applicable)

Site Plan Requirements

Step 10.

Review and acknowledge the Site Plan requirements.

*The site plan will get uploaded during the 2nd step of the submission process. An email providing instructions for file uploads will follow the initial submission.

- Site Plan

No application shall be considered complete unless a Site Plan is uploaded during Step 2. The required site plan items are provided at the following link:

[Plan Requirements](#)

Site Plan requirements reviewed? * ☐ Yes

Save or Submit the Application

Step 11.

Review and acknowledge the Next Steps process. A follow up emailing containing upload instructions will follow the initial submission.

Step 12.

Acknowledge and submit the request when the form is complete or save for later if more information is still needed.

- Next Steps (optional)

After submitting this petition, DPZ staff will complete an initial screening of your submission and assign a petition number. You will receive an email providing access to a PDF of this petition with instructions on how to submit and upload a signed version. Additionally, the email will provide instructions for uploading the Site Plan and other supporting documents. After all complete documents are submitted, an email will be sent with instructions for paying the required fees.

Next Steps Reviewed ☒ Yes

- Signature

The undersigned agrees to the following:

- To furnish such additional plats, plans, reports or other material as may be required by the Department of Planning and Zoning, the Hearing Examiner or Zoning Board, as applicable, in connection with the filing of this petition.
- To pay all costs in accordance with the current schedule of fees and to follow any applicable posting and advertising requirements.
- To provide information explaining the relationship of the person(s) signing this petition to the entity, if the petitioner listed is an entity that is not an individual.
- To hereby affirm that all of the statements and information contained in, or filed with this petition, are true and correct, and to have read the instructions on this form, filing herewith all of the required accompanying information.

☐ By checking this box you are agreeing with all of the items stated above.

Applicant: Justin Tyler

Signature date:

Save for Later

Submit Request

Submission Confirmation

This screen indicates the submission was successful.

You will receive an email containing a PDF copy of your application and acknowledging receipt.

Please note: The print button will only print out this confirmation page.

Application Request Confirmation

Thank You!

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Applicant: | Justin Tyler |
| Signature Date: | 6/17/2024 1:28:02 PM |
| Request Number: | DP-809 |
| Request Name: | PPT workflow |

[Print](#)

Who to Contact for Assistance

Who do I contact if I experience technical issues?

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Who do I contact regarding questions about the plan types and submission requirements?

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