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AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION APPLICATION Development Services Guide

An application is a process of evaluation and does not automatically ensure approval of your proposal.

What is the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)?

The Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) is a provincial zone in which agriculture is recognized and protected as the priority use. Farming is encouraged and non-agricultural uses are controlled. The Agricultural Land Reserve takes precedence over, but does not replace other legislation and bylaws that may apply also to the land.

When do I need an ALC Application?

An application is required for:

- any use not designated as a farm use in accordance with the Agricultural Land Commission Act and/or the Agricultural Land Reserve Use
- Subdivision and Procedure Regulation, the subdivision of lands affected by the ALR, and
- for the inclusion or exclusion of land from the ALR.

Who can apply for an ALC Application?

A property owner or agent having written authorization from the property owner may submit an application.

Where is an application obtained and submitted?

Applications must be submitted through the ALC'S application portal on the Agricultural Land Commission's website www.alc.gov.bc.ca. The ALC will then refer the application to the CRD for processing. The ALC will issue you an instructional email regarding where to pay and how much the fee will be. This email must be brought to the CRD when making the payment.

How long will an application take?

An application is process in approximately 3 months by the CRD however, processing times may vary. Approval time may be affected by application completeness, accuracy and compliance with other referral agency or regulatory requirements.

How much will an application cost?

The fee for an ALC application is \$900.00, and there are no fees for an inclusion application. The ALC will direct applicants where payment is to be made. Additional information including professional reports

may be required to support your application. All costs related to the application are the responsibility of the applicant.

Why does the CRD review ALC Applications?

Planning Services reviews ALC applications to ensure compliance with any relevant CRD land use bylaws. A resolution approving the proposal by the CRD Board of Directors is required before the application is forwarded to the ALC. Should the application not be in compliance with relevant CRD land use bylaws, the Board has the ability to not pass the application on to the ALC and the applicant will receive a partial refund of \$600.

Who approves an ALC application?

The Agricultural Land Commission is the approving authority for all ALC applications in the CRD.

What happens to your application?

A summary of the Application process is shown below:

Application Process:

1. *Pre-Application Meeting:*

You are encouraged to meet with Planning Services staff in advance of submitting your application to discuss the feasibility of your proposal and to review what applications may be required.

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2. *Submit Application:*

Submit your online application to the ALC and follow their payment directions.

3. *Planning Review:*

Planning Services will review your application and refer it to the appropriate Advisory Planning Committee. It will then, along with a report from the planning staff that has evaluated your application against the current policies and bylaws of the CRD will be brought forward to the Board of Directors. If approved the application will be sent to the ALC for consideration, but if the application is denied by the Board of Directors, then half of the application fee will be returned to the applicant.

4. *ALC Resolution:*

The ALC will review your application and pass a resolution approving, approving with amendments or refusing your application.