

City of Columbus
BUILDING & ZONING

The Department of Building and Zoning Services (BZS) supports the safety and quality of life for City of Columbus residents and visitors alike. The Department processes permits, reviews plans, inspects projects, and ensures projects are compliant with all local regulations and codes.

My team would like to...

- build a structure on site...
- add a concrete surface...
- improve/add infrastructure...
- demolish an existing structure...
- demolish an existing structure...
- change the use of the site...
- change the site zoning...
- learn more about a site...

Your team should consult with City Zoning staff.

Building, Demolishing, or Updating Infrastructure? Send your idea to:
BuildingPlanReviewInfo@columbus.gov

Changing zoning, changing use or wanting to understand zoning codes that may apply? Send your idea to:
ZoningInfo@columbus.gov

City BZS staff will help direct you to the appropriate section.

Want to talk with someone in person? Stop by or call to schedule a consultation:

Building and Zoning Services
111 N. Front Street, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
Monday-Friday 9 AM-4 PM
[614-645-7433](tel:614-645-7433)



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...
Permits and zoning changes may also require approval from local regulatory bodies, like civic associations and area commissions. Make sure you consider this in your project plan.

ONLINE ZONING MAP
Did you know there is an online zoning map where you can find parcel information? You can check out zoning, learn about planning overlays, and much more. [Learn More Here.](#)

City of Columbus
PUBLIC SERVICE

The Department of Public Service provides a variety of essential services that maintain and improve the traveling safety and quality of life for Columbus residents. They also support refuse services, installation of traffic signs, and manage other public right-of-way improvements.

My team would like to...

- place furnishings on sidewalks →
- place banners or art on light poles →
- improve a grassy traffic median →
- add a sign in the right-of-way →

Your team should consult with Public Service

Right-of-Way Permitting
111 N. Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215
614-645-7497

Have a general question?
311@columbus.gov
614-645-7497

SIDEWALK DINING

Businesses have the option of applying for a Sidewalk Dining Lease Agreement (SDLA) for improvements in the public right-of-way. Partnering with a business to activate? Learn more about SDLA and other right-of-way permits by [clicking here](#).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Columbus has been making a push to expand multi-modal transit options. Learn about the [Connect Columbus](#) initiative or how to encourage [bicycling](#) as a transit opportunity.

REFUSE & RECYLCING

The Public Service Department oversees a variety of initiatives including Refuse, Recycling, and the Keep Columbus Beautiful Program. Learn more about these services by [clicking here](#).

City of Columbus
COLUMBUS ART COMMISSION

The primary role of the Columbus Art Commission (CAC) is to approve all art purchased, commissioned, or accepted as a gift by the City, as well as all art proposed for placement anywhere within the Public Right of Way or on property owned or leased by the City.

My team would like to...

place art in the right of way

place art on a city owned property



Your team should consult with the
Columbus Art Commission

111 N. Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215
art@columbus.gov

Learn more about the Commission,
including meeting schedules, by [clicking here](#).

You also may need to consult with Public
Service and/or Building & Zoning.

My team would like to...

paint a mural on a building

place art on private property



Your team should consult with the
Property Owner

Unless your team has site control, you
should always consult and get written
consent from the property owner to place
any type of art on site.

While not required, it is recommended
that you also present ideas to those in the
community for buy-in.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Some artwork may require a permit to be
installed. If you have an idea and are not
sure what is required, contact Building and
Zoning Staff.