

## Application Type Alternatives for Religious Institutions and Schools

Alternative	Alternative 1	Alternative 2	Alternative 3
Description	No change to the existing code. New and larger additions to schools and religious institutions would continue to be processed as <b>type II</b> applications.	Change the code to require a <b>type III</b> application for all new and larger additions to religious institutions and schools.	New and larger additions to religious institutions and schools would require a <b>type II</b> application, except that <b>applications exceeding defined thresholds would require a Type III application.</b>
Application Process <i>(See SMC 17G.060 for more detail)</i>	Predevelopment meeting (optional), Application, Route to departments and agencies, Public notice, 15 day comment period, SEPA determination (if required), Decision, 14 day appeal period	Predevelopment meeting (optional), Notice of community meeting, Community meeting, Application, Route to departments and agencies, Public notice, 15 day comment period, SEPA determination (if required), Public hearing, Decision, 14 day appeal period	Same as Alternative 1 for some applications and same as Alternative 2 for applications that exceed thresholds.
Decision Maker	Planning Director	Hearing Examiner	
Appeal to	Hearing Examiner	Superior Court	
Current application fee	\$4,325 + \$60/add'l acre	\$4,590 + \$110/add'l acre	
Appeal fee	\$250	\$230+ cost of a written transcript of the hearing.	
Discussion Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides opportunity for written public comment.</li> <li>• Costs the applicant less in application fees and noticing costs.</li> <li>• Doesn't require public hearing by the Hearing Examiner.</li> <li>• No opportunity for oral public comment unless decision is appealed.</li> <li>• The applicant and the public may discuss the application with decision maker outside of a hearing setting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community meeting required.</li> <li>• Opportunity for oral and written public comment.</li> <li>• Opportunity for public to hear oral presentation of application.</li> <li>• The applicant and public have no access to decision maker outside of the hearing.</li> <li>• Requires more staff and applicant time.</li> <li>• Most hearings historically have low attendance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type III process required only for larger proposals that may have neighborhood impacts allowing for extra public process when needed.</li> </ul>