

DOCUMENT TITLE: The Zoning & Permit Decoder Ring

PURPOSE: Translates boring government terms into plain English for community posts.

--- LIQUOR LICENSES ---

* "Class B License": Means a restaurant can serve beer, wine, and liquor ON premises. (Good news = New Dinner Spot).

* "Class A License": Means a liquor store (Retail only).

* "Board of License Commissioners Hearing": This is the final step before opening. If you see this, the place opens in ~30-60 days.

--- ZONING & DEVELOPMENT ---

* "Preliminary Plan of Subdivision": The builder is just asking to draw lines on a map. Nothing is built yet. (Status: Early Planning).

* "Site Plan Approval": The builder has the green light. Bulldozers are coming soon. (Status: Breaking Ground).

* "Special Exception / Conditional Use": Someone wants to do something weird in a neighborhood (e.g., run a business from a home, build a church in a residential zone). *This usually causes drama and gets high engagement.*

* "Mixed-Use": A building with shops on the bottom and apartments on top.

* "Infill Development": Building a new house on a tiny empty lot between two old houses.

--- TRAFFIC & ROADS ---

* "CIP (Capital Improvement Project)": Major government funding for a new road, school, or library.

* "Traffic Calming Study": Speed bumps or roundabouts are coming.