

OUR SUCCESS RATE

Of the many companies staff has worked with, nearly half have participated in at least one ERC meeting. Close to 50 ERC meetings are held with company representatives and business owners annually. Companies surveyed found participation in the ERC to be extremely productive in their site selection and development process. Originally conceived as a benefit to businesses in the San Joaquin County Enterprise Zone, it has been one of the highest rated Enterprise Zone incentives that the City offers according to the businesses surveyed.

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**Economic Review
Committee (ERC)**

ECONOMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Economic Review Committee (ERC) is a voluntary, free service available to project developers and business owners throughout the City of Stockton. Coordinated through the Economic Development Department, representatives from permitting departments meet with developers to comment on preliminary site plans and provide information about requirements the project might have prior to applying for a building permit. This allows developers the opportunity to be aware of the possible challenges to the project early in the development process. Staff will work hard to find solutions and offer alternatives in order for your project to proceed.

PERMIT CENTER

The Permit Center, located at 345 North El Dorado Street, is a one-stop center that includes staff from all the City's permitting departments:

- Building
- Planning
- Engineering/Transportation Planning
- Municipal Utilities
- Fire

Applications for permits issued by these departments are available there. The Permit Center staff is available for questions and concerns regarding the permitting process.

THE ERC MEETING

ERC meetings are typically scheduled at the request of the developer and can usually be arranged within a week. At the meeting, the project proponent is asked to briefly describe the project and the site proposed. Each ERC member then comments on the project and will provide answers to questions about topics such as: zoning, use permits, and public improvements. The meeting itself is informal, usually lasting no longer than one hour. It should provide you with a good sense of what is necessary to smoothly navigate through the permitting and development process. While not mandatory, most developers find the meeting is most productive if they bring a site plan and/or preliminary development plans to the meeting.

FOLLOW-UP

Economic Development staff serve as the focal point for the coordination and dissemination of information between project representatives, City staff, and other agencies. Each project is assigned a "Project Coordinator" who leads the ERC meeting and tracks the project through the permitting process to completion. This may include:

- Arranging follow-up meetings with appropriate staff for specific development issues
- Preparing fee estimates
- Providing additional information not available at the ERC meeting
- Troubleshooting when requested by company representatives or a City department

When necessary, company representatives are referred to other agencies that may need to review the project. Agency referrals have included: the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

**To schedule an ERC Meeting,
contact Stockton's Economic
Development Department at
209-937-8539**

