

FAQ: Development Variance Permits

This document answers frequently asked questions about the City's Development Variance Permit (DVP) process. Developers and/or land-owners are encouraged to review the guide to DVPs in conjunction with this document and/or meet with the City of Langford Planning Department to discuss their project's scope and specific terms.

When may a DVP Be requested?

A regulation in the Zoning Bylaw or Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw may be varied as long as the uses or densities allowed on the property are not affected by the variance. DVPs are normally considered where the site characteristics or other unique circumstances affect compliance with an existing regulation (such as environmentally sensitive areas or steep slopes).

Please note that a Development Variance Permit may NOT vary the density or use of land. Changes to land use or density require an application to rezone, so please refer to the [guide for rezoning](#).

The Council of the City of Langford issues all DVPs.

What is the process and timeline for obtaining a Development Variance Permit?

It takes approximately three months to obtain a DVP. Please refer to the process guide on our [website](#) for a summary of the application process.

I have questions about an application. How do I find out more about the application and participate in the process?

Staff are happy to answer questions about an application. You may contact the Planning Department by phone or email as listed below, and you will be connected to the appropriate staff person.

There are several opportunities and methods available to express your views regarding an application throughout the public process, which are outlined in the process guide on our [website](#).

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