



**MODOC COUNTY PLANNING  
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**LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT (to combine lots)**

Application Packet

These guidelines provide detailed information for lot line adjustments of combining more than two, and less than four parcels. (Reference: Section 66412(d) of the California Government Code.)

**A lot line adjustment may be applied for when:**

- Four or fewer existing, adjoining parcels are involved
- The land taken from one parcel is added to an adjoining parcel
- A greater number of parcels than originally existed is not being created
- The proposed lot line adjustments conform to the General Plan, Title 18 Zoning Ordinance and Building Department requirements

Lot line adjustments are authorized under Section 66412(d) of the California Government Code. The lot line adjustment will be reflected in the deed and shall be recorded. No record of survey is required for a lot line adjustment unless specifically required by Section 8762 of the Business and Professions Code.

<b><i>Included in this packet:</i></b>	A. Application Filing
	B. Final submittal and recording
	C. Application processing information
	D. Criteria for review

**APPLICATION PROCESSING:**

- A. ***Conforming Parcels:*** The Planning Department shall limit its review and approval to a determination of whether or not the parcels resulting from the lot line adjustment will conform to the local general plan, zoning ordinance and building department ordinances.
- B. ***Nonconforming Parcels:*** As defined in the *Modoc County Zoning Ordinance, Section 18.1544.050*, the “Planning Commission may approve a lot line adjustment to an existing nonconforming parcel in order to increase the size of the said parcel by taking land from another adjoining parcel provided that no conforming parcels shall be made nonconforming or substandard as to size or any other applicable general plan or zoning standard as a result of the lot line adjustment. However, the Planning Commission may approve modifications to existing nonconforming parcels to decrease the existing nonconformity of a parcel

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or increase the nonconformity of a parcel if they find, (1) that the lot line adjustment is necessary to improve the health and safety conditions of a parcel; or (2) that the lot line adjustment improves the design of the existing parcels, without altering the existing land uses thereon.”

➤ *Please note that incomplete applications will not be accepted* ◀

**A. APPLICATION FILING**

<b>After consulting with the Planning Department, submit the following documents concurrently.</b>		
<b>✓</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
	Lot Line Adjustment Application	Completed application
	Fees	\$ 200.00 payable to <b>Modoc County Planning Department</b>
	Preliminary Title Report	A current Preliminary Title Report from the title company; report must include all properties involved in the lot line adjustment
	Referenced documents:	Copies of the current, existing deeds and all recorded document referenced in the parcel descriptions
	Map of original parcels and resulting parcels:	(a) Show boundaries of each original parcel and the proposed resulting parcel(s) (b) Number the parcels to correspond to legal descriptions (c) Show improvements including the location of septic systems, wells, dwellings and accessory structures (d) Show easements that affect the proposal
	Completed “Certificate of Merger” form:	Submit typed, signed and notarized by all property owners (including lenders and lien holders), along with the original and resulting parcel descriptions labeled “Exhibit A” and “Exhibit B”, respectively
	Deeds	New deed(s) prepared with resulting parcel descriptions. (See Part B, Item #2)
	Completed “Change of Ownership Statement”	Available at the Title Company, Clerk’s Office
<b>The following items must be submitted before the project can be recorded:</b>		
	Taxes paid current	Taxes must be paid current to the <b>Modoc County Tax Collector</b> on <u>all</u> parcels involved in the transaction
	County Surveyor Review Fees	Survey checking fees must be paid prior to recording - the applicant will be notified of the costs (which vary depending on the project)
	Recording Fees	Payable to the <b>Modoc County Recorder</b> - fees vary on how many pages are included in the document

**RESULTING PARCEL DESCRIPTIONS MUST HAVE A SURVEYOR’S STAMP**

**B. SUBMITTAL AND RECORDING**

1. Resulting parcel description(s) must be prepared by an **authorized State of California surveyor** and stamped with their appropriate seal. A statement shall be included that says, “I \_\_\_\_\_, certify that the descriptions for each resulting parcel meet setback requirements and provide 60-foot of access frontage onto a public road.” The original and resulting parcels must in total encompass the same property.
2. When adjusting boundaries, deeds must be prepared to confirm ownership(s). All financing, which could result in foreclosure, must conform to resulting parcel descriptions.

Deeds should reflect the following statement, “This deed is being recorded to reflect the resulting parcel contained in the Certificate of Compliance recorded concurrently herewith.”

If any of the parcels affected by the lot line adjustment are subject to a lien resulting from an assessment district proceeding or equivalent proceeding for public improvements, the applicant must secure an amendment to the assessment district map and any other documents of record to reflect the adjusted property line.

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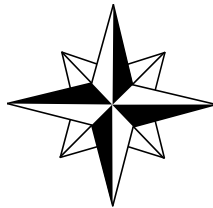
**C. APPLICATION PROCESSING INFORMATION**

1. Within 30 days of receiving the application, the Planning Department will notify the applicant of any additional information required. Each resubmittal is subject to a 30-day review period for completeness. If the response to the request for information is not received within 30 days, the application may be deemed abandoned.
2. The Planning Director will tentatively approve or deny the application based on the criteria in Part D.
3. The applicant may file an appeal to any decision of the Planning Director in writing. The appeal should be submitted within 10 days of the Planning Director’s decision. The appeal should be sent to the Modoc County Planning Commission at 203 W. 4th Street, Alturas, Calif. 96101. A hearing will be scheduled for the next Planning Commission meeting.
4. The provision of complete information will expedite the processing of your application. Please route all questions about the application to the Planning Department.
5. When the Certificate of Compliance and concurrent documents are recorded, the process is complete.

**D. CRITERIA FOR REVIEW**

1. The advice that a lot line adjustment may be appropriate is based on certain facts provided to the Planning Department by the applicant. In some cases, a lot line adjustment cannot be pursued and a subdivision will be required.
2. A 60-foot wide passable access to a public road must be provided to each resulting parcel. The applicant will be required to furnish proof that the easements are reasonably passable by providing certification from an authorized State of California land surveyor. An encroachment permit or approval may be required from the County Road Department or California Department of Transportation if a new easement or other access is established.
3. Compliance with zoning, building and health codes, including setbacks from buildings, easements or utility structures or relocation of existing easements or utilities. Certification from an authorized State of California land surveyor will be required confirming that distances from improvements meet setback requirements from proposed property lines.
4. No delinquent taxes may exist on the properties involved and all fees must be paid in full.

**THE COUNTY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR  
OMISSIONS IN PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS**





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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

The following is required, in addition to the Planning Application, in order to evaluate your project. Answer all questions to the best of your ability. If more space is required, please use a separate sheet of paper.

**PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. Project Location \_\_\_\_\_  
Assessor's Parcel Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision \_\_\_\_\_ Block \_\_\_\_\_ Lots \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Project Site: Total Area: \_\_\_\_\_ Access Road(s): \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Existing use of property: \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Provide a summary of the proposed project, including the size, purpose, phasing and uses.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Do the owners presently own other contiguous property? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
If so, Assessor's Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2: RESULTING PARCELS**

Total number of resulting parcels: \_\_\_\_\_

For each resulting parcel, what is the parcel size and proposed access (i.e., county road number, name, easement, etc.)

- Parcel 1: Size \_\_\_\_\_ Access \_\_\_\_\_
- Parcel 2: Size \_\_\_\_\_ Access \_\_\_\_\_
- Parcel 3: Size \_\_\_\_\_ Access \_\_\_\_\_
- Parcel 4: Size \_\_\_\_\_ Access \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 3: SERVICES / IMPROVEMENTS**

**A. Improvements:**

Existing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**B. Access:**

Existing \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Water:**

Existing uses of water on project site \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed water uses \_\_\_\_\_  
Existing water source \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed water source \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Sewage / Wastewater:**

Existing uses that generate sewage / wastewater \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed uses that generate sewage / wastewater \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Existing sewage disposal method \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed sewage disposal method \_\_\_\_\_  
List any unusual wastewater characteristics of the existing / proposed uses. What special treatment processes are necessary? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E.** Is electricity extended to the project site? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**F.** Is telephone service extended to the project site? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**G.** Name of agency that presently provides, will provide or could provide service to the project, if required:

(Please complete for all projects)

Elementary School \_\_\_\_\_  
High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Electricity \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Protection \_\_\_\_\_  
Hospital / Other Emergency \_\_\_\_\_  
Water Supply \_\_\_\_\_  
Sewage Disposal \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 4: NOTIFICATIONS TO APPLICANT / CERTIFICATIONS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65945, do you request to receive notice from the county of proposal types 1, 2, 3 and or 4 below, which may come before the county during the processing of this permit (you will only be notified of proposals that the county determines are reasonably related to your permit request):

1. Adopt or amend the general plan.
2. Adopt or amend a specific zone.
3. Adopt or amend the zoning ordinance.

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4. Adopt or amend an ordinance affecting building or grading permits.

\_\_\_ Yes, notices for \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify 1, 2, 3 and/or 4). If yes, you must add \$5.00 to your application fee.

\_\_\_ No, I do not wish to receive notices for 1, 2, 3 or 4.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, I have examined the Hazardous Wastes and Substances Sites List on file with the Planning Department, compiled by the State Office of Planning and Research, and certify:

\_\_\_ The site that is the subject of any project under this application is located on the list titled \_\_\_\_\_ in the above publication.

\_\_\_ The site that is the subject of any project under this application is not located on any list in the above publication.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65943, this is an application for a development permit.

\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No

**PART 5: ITEMS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

The items to be submitted with this general application are listed in the “Detailed Application Packet” for the specific project type.

Package – All Land Use Permits must be submitted as part of this application.

(All items must be completed for this application to be considered a complete application.)

**PART 6: CERTIFICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND SIGNATURES**

By signing this application, Modoc County Planning Department staff is authorized to enter your property for the purpose of project review. This authorization is valid from the date signed until the end of the project review period unless ongoing monitoring or maintenance is required.

*I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my / our knowledge. I also certify that I have read and understand the applicable application requirements pertaining to my project.*

Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant / \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Agent