

## PLANNING AND ZONING FAQ'S

How do I obtain an application for a land use request?	Click on "Forms" on the City's web site <a href="http://www.cityofjoshuatx.us">www.cityofjoshuatx.us</a>
What is zoning?	Zoning is a local government's ability to regulate the use of land and development of land. It is designed to protect property values by preventing the location of incompatible uses in close proximity to each other. Planning involves the development of programs, plans and policies for the creation of a better community. Zoning and planning are closely related. The Planning Department administrates the zoning ordinance and it's one of the ways the planning is implemented.
What is a plat?	A map of a subdivision that presents a tract of land showing the boundaries and location of individual properties, streets, easements, and other pertinent information. After a plat is approved by the City Council it is filed with the appropriate County Clerk and becomes a legal lot of record for which a building permit can be issued.
How do I obtain the property owner information for a tract of land?	Contact the Johnson County Appraisal District at 817-558-8100.