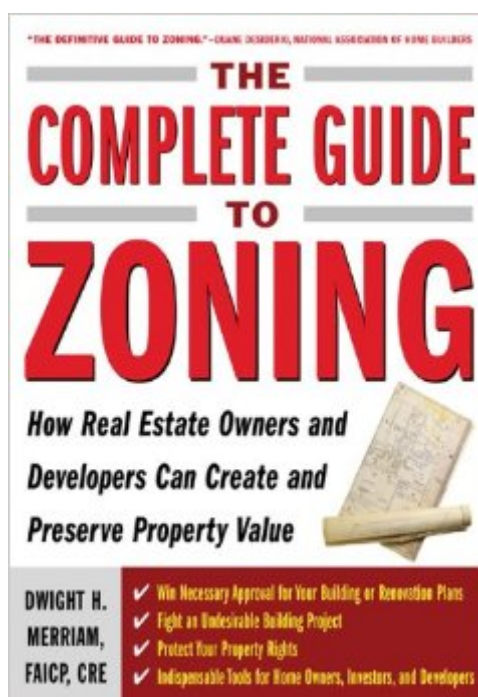


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# The Complete Guide To Zoning: How To Navigate The Complex And Expensive Maze Of Zoning, Planning, Environmental, And Land-Use Law



## Synopsis

The only consumer's guide to making sense of land-use laws and regulations Many property owners have no idea what their rights are when it comes to altering their properties, or protecting themselves from encroachment by developers and the misguided building and renovation plans of neighbors. Written by a leading national expert on land-use law, *The Complete Guide to Zoning* tells home owners, developers, and investors nationwide everything you need to know about getting approvals and protecting your property rights. In plain English, Dwight Merriam explains how to:

- Get fast approvals for building and renovation plans
- Obtain building permits and variances
- Fight development projects
- Use land-use laws to protect and increase property values
- Identify and work around laws that limit building and renovation plans
- Deal with environmental-protection laws

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*The Complete Guide to Zoning* By Dwight H. Merriam, FAICP, CRE  
Review by Donald J. Poland, AICPA's planners, we tend to take the complexities of zoning and the land-use approval process for

granted. Zoning is a complicated system of government regulations that impact property rights and property values and more importantly the lives of any person who owns real estate. Dwight H. Merriam, in his new book, "The Complete Guide to Zoning" has successfully written a comprehensive account of zoning and the zoning game. Similar to Chris Matthews' book, *Hardball*, an insider's look at how the game of politics is played inside the Washington beltway, *The Complete Guide to Zoning* provides insiders look at how the zoning game is played. With over 25 years' experiences in planning and land use law, Dwight provides many lessons learned through his own experiences. *The Complete Guide to Zoning* is formatted into six sections, "What is Zoning and Land-Use Law," "Getting Ready to Make Your Move," "Putting On Your Case," "Posthearing Follow-Up," "Winning Strategies," and "Protecting Your Property Rights." In a plain English and conversational voice, the book walks the reader through the basic law associated with zoning, the complex land-use approval process, and how to get what you want need out of zoning. From a variance for a backyard pool to developing a major expansion to a regional mall, *The Complete Guide to Zoning* shows the reader how zoning works and how to get the most out of your property and/or project. While the book provides mostly a developer's perspective (the applicant seeking an approval), it also provides a unique insight and lessons to be learned by the neighbors or opposition groups who want to protect their properties and their rights.

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