

Warning

The Town of Woodside has received notification of a nationwide zoning and planning scam targeting State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial government entities (SLTTs). Threat actors have been masquerading as local and county planning and zoning departments to extract illegitimate land use application renewal payments from local businesses and residents.

These emails appear to originate from a non-government address ending in "usa.com".

Real messages from the Town of Woodside will be sent from emails ending in our official domain: @woodsideca.gov.

How to protect yourself

Do not click links or open attachments in any Planning & Zoning email if the sender address does not end in "@woodsideca.gov." If you receive a message requesting payment or personal information and are unsure whether it is real, contact the Planning Department at 650-851-6796.

You may find examples of this scam across the country, by running a simple search engine query including the terms "scam zoning and planning email" to find a volume of direct agency notices.

Note: If you are an applicant acting on behalf of a property owner, please inform the property owner.