

Top 10 Questions About Northway's Zoning Case (August 10, 2026)

1. What is included in Northway's zoning case?

Northway Christian Church has submitted an application to the City of Dallas requesting a Specific Use Permit, or SUP, to allow for the operation of a private school on the church campus. An SUP is a zoning tool that allows a particular use to operate under specific conditions approved by the City. Nothing about this zoning application would alter the property's base zoning designation (Residential 7.5) or the zoning of the surrounding neighborhood. Churches are permitted by right in residential zoning districts, so the only request before the City is whether to grant an SUP that would allow a private school to operate on the existing church campus, subject to the conditions included in the SUP.

2. What changes are you planning on the Northway campus?

Just the interiors of the church's North and South Education buildings will be remodeled to comply with the current Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility standards. These improvements will benefit not only the elementary school, but also the church congregation, which regularly utilizes the educational facilities for ministry, religious education, and other church programming.

3. Is Northway updating the campus in order to sell it?

No, that is not our intent. This is an investment in our campus for the future of Northway.

4. How will this impact the surrounding neighborhood?

The church seeks to maintain a level of activity on the campus that is generally consistent with existing conditions and to minimize additional impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

5. What community feedback have you incorporated into your plans?

As part of its commitment to being a responsible community partner and minimizing potential impacts, Northway has voluntarily agreed to the following conditions in the SUP:

- **Enrollment Cap:** The school enrollment will be limited to 340 students. The operation of a high school on site will be prohibited.
- **Limited SUP Term:** The Specific Use Permit is requested for a term of 10 years;
- **Traffic Management Plan:** The school will implement a City-approved Traffic Management Plan (TMP) designed to coordinate with traffic operations at nearby Boone Elementary School, with the goal of maintaining safe and efficient traffic circulation as well as pedestrian and cyclist safety during arrival and dismissal periods. Annual updates of the TMP will be required until the 8th grade has been added, and thereafter biannually.
- **Crossing Guard Support:** To further enhance pedestrian safety, Northway Christian Church is willing to provide reasonable financial support for additional

crossing guard coverage if requested by the City of Dallas or agreed upon by The Compass School of Texas.

- **On-Site Security:** A law enforcement officer will be present on campus during school hours to provide security and assist with traffic operations during student arrival and dismissal.

6. Where can I view the plans?

The initial zoning application was filed on February 18, 2026, and after working with the community to incorporate feedback and in response to comments from the City of Dallas, Northway submitted revised zoning application documents on July 8, 2026 with the City of Dallas. The latest filings can be downloaded from the Northway website under the [Path Forward/Zoning tab](#).

7. When will Compass School open on the Northway campus?

The Compass School of Texas will begin occupancy in August 2027 for the 2027-2028 school year on campus.

8. Will there be a high school on campus?

No. While Compass plans to grow over time to serve students from pre-K through 8th grade, there will be no high school on the Northway campus.

9. Will a storm shelter be built on campus?

If a storm shelter is required by law, NCC will build one, and it will be compliant with FEMA standards.

10. How can we ask questions and learn more?

Rob Baldwin and Margot Murphy from Baldwin Associates are available to directly answer questions and provide information to impacted homeowners. The most efficient way to reach them through their email addresses: rob@baldwinplanning.com or margot@baldwinplanning.com