APPLICATION FOR REZONING
CITY OF DULUTH, GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
3167 MAIN STREET
DULUTH, GA 30096
Section 1 Application Instructions

A. The accompanying application package must be completed in full in order to be accepted. Applications are only accepted on deadlines as outlined on the City of Duluth Planning Commission Public Schedule.

B. Upon submittal of an application, you will be given a tentative hearing date. All deadlines and requirements found on the Planning Commission Public Schedule must be adhered to in order for the case to be heard on the tentatively scheduled date.

C. The applicant must submit the following forms with ORIGINAL signatures:

1. Application for Rezoning
2. Conflict of Interest Certification
3. Applicant Response and/or written narrative of proposal
4. Disclosure Statement
5. Authorization by Property Owner
6. Verification of Current Paid Property Taxes

Additional submittals required for the Case File:

1. Application Fee (see current fee schedule)
2. 1 copy of Legal description
3. List of adjoining property owner’s names and mailing addresses
4. 2 copies of the site plan to scale
5. Reduced copy of the site plan (no larger than 11” x 17”)
6. Digital copies of all photos, maps and site plans are required in PDF format.

Initial Review Period. Planning Staff will process your application for completeness. After this review period, you will be contacted via e-mail with an approval or denial notice of your application. This notice will include specific information such as your case number, Case Manager within the City of Duluth and tentative hearing dates. Applications will only be denied if they are incomplete.

D. Applicant Withdrawal. Once an application has been filed, the applicant has three (3) days to withdraw the application. Withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the Department.

E. Public Notification. The City of Duluth will provide legal notification to the public regarding the hearing of your request. The applicant is responsible for sending notice to the adjoining property owners. Please see Section 5 for more information.

D. Planning Commission Hearing. Once your Case Manager has authorized your case to proceed to the Planning Commission for review (all applicable deadlines have been met), a hearing will be held to consider and take action upon your request.

E. City Council. Duluth City Council hearing will be set after the Planning Commission hearing is completed.
Section 2             Site Plan Requirements

All applications for a rezoning shall be accompanied by a plat prepared and stamped by a registered land surveyor, engineer, architect or landscape architect containing the following information:

The site plan shall be clearly legibly drawn at a scale of not less than 100 feet to one inch on a sheet size not to exceed 24” X 36”. The Director may approve other sheet sizes as deemed appropriate.

The following information shall be depicted on the site plan, if applicable.

- Project name;
- Project owner and address (both local and permanent addresses if different) and telephone and fax number(s);
- Date, scale and north arrow;
- Vicinity map;
- Proposed use of property to be developed;
- Required yard setbacks appropriately dimensioned;
- Total acreage;
- Total number of lots and minimum lot sizes (if applicable);
- Size, location, and names of adjoining existing streets or access drives and proposed rights-of-ways and roadways;
- Topography with contour interval no greater than 10 feet;
- Proposed method of sewerage disposal (express as a note);
- Property lines and dimensions (showing bearings and distances);
- All contiguous property under the ownership or control of the applicant, except those lands specifically to be excluded by the Department. Areas not planned for development at the time of the submittal shall be shown as “Future Development”;
- Location of ingress and egress points;
- Location of 100-year floodplain, lakes, ponds and other water courses;
- Dumpster location;
- Existing and proposed landscaping;
- Building heights;
- For multi-family and non-residential developments, the approximate location and arrangement of existing buildings, parking areas and other improvements including stormwater detention areas and all required buffers.
- Location of existing and proposed sidewalks;
- Existing zoning of the property and adjoining properties;
- Land lot and district;
- Name of person or company preparing the plat;
- Boundaries of the Chattahoochee River Corridor and Chattahoochee River Tributary Protection Areas, if applicable;
- General development data (in tabular form) for multi-family or non-residential site developments, such as number of residential units, gross square feet of each building, number of parking spaces, etc.;
- General development data (in tabular form) for single family developments, such as minimum lot size, floor area of homes, and all relevant conditions of zoning;

*Additional information may be requested by Planning Staff if needed for proper evaluation.
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I hereby certify that the above information and all attached information is true and correct.

__________________________  __________________
Signature of Applicant      Date                   Signature of Owner  Date
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CERTIFICATION

The undersigned below, making application for a variance has complied with the O.C.G.A. § 36-67A-1, et. seq., Conflict of Interest in Zoning Actions, and has submitted or attached the required information on the forms provided. Title 36 relates to disclosure of financial interests, campaign contributions, and penalties for violating O.C.G.A.

____________________  ____________________
Signature of Applicant      Date

____________________  ____________________
Type or print name and title

____________________  ____________________
Signature of applicant's attorney      Date

____________________  ____________________
Type or print name and title

____________________  ____________________
Signature of Notary Public      Date

(Notary Seal)
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Nothing in Title 36 of O.C.G.A. (36-67A-3) shall be construed to prohibit a local government official from voting on a zoning decision when the local government is adopting a zoning ordinance for the first time or when a local government is voting upon a revision of the zoning ordinance initiated by the local government pursuant to a comprehensive plan as defined in Chapter 70 of this title.

☐ No, I have not made any campaign contributions to City officials voting on this application exceeding $250 in the past two years.

☐ Yes, I have made campaign contributions to City officials voting on this application exceeding $250 in the past two years.

To whom: ______________________________________________________

Value of contribution: ____________________________________________

Date of contribution: _____________________________________________

I have read and understand the above and hereby agree to all that is required by me as the applicant.

__________________________
Signature of Applicant

Personally appeared before me

__________________________
Applicant (print)

who on oath deposes and says that the above is true to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

__________________________
Notary Public

__________________________
Date
AUTHORIZATION BY PROPERTY OWNER

If there is more than one owner, a separate form must be submitted with the original signature of each owner.

__________________________, being duly sworn upon his/her oath, being of sound mind and legal age deposes and states: That he/she is the owner of the property which is subject matter of the attached application, as is shown in the records of Gwinnett County, Georgia.

He/She authorizes the person named below to act as applicant in the pursuit of a VARIANCE on this property.

I hereby authorize the staff of the City of Duluth Department of Planning and Development to inspect the premises which are subject of this application.

Name of applicant _________________________________

Address __________________________________________

City _________________________ State ___________ Zip Code ________________

Telephone Number _________________________________

______________________________
Signature of Owner

Personally appeared before me

______________________________
Owners Name (print)

who swears that the information contained in this authorization is true and correct to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

______________________________
Notary Public

______________________________
Date
Section 4  Applicant Response

The applicant finds that the following standards are relevant in balancing the interest in promoting the public health, safety, morality, or general welfare against the right to the unrestricted use of property and shall govern the exercise of the zoning power.

Please respond to the following standards in the form of a written narrative that must be submitted with the application. The response must be in this format. Any additional information may be included at the discretion of the applicant. Answers should be as complete as possible and cite specific examples.

(A) How the proposed rezoning will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.

(B) How the proposed rezoning will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

(C) Whether the property to be affected by a proposed rezoning has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.

(D) Whether the proposed rezoning will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools.

(E) Whether the proposed rezoning is in conformity with the policy and interest of the Comprehensive Plan; Land Use Plan; transportation plans and other plans adopted for guiding development within the City of Duluth.

(F) Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the proposed rezoning.
Section 5  Notification Requirements

The City of Duluth will provide legal notification to the public regarding the Planning Commission and City Council hearings of your request.

As the applicant, you are responsible for providing proof of notification to the adjoining property owners for the proposed rezoning.

The following form of notification is required:

1. Delivery (via USPS certified mail) of a hard copy letter of notification to all adjoining property owners (please see next page). This letter should express the nature of your request, a detailed description of any operations and uses to take place, the name and address of the applicant and the date, time and place of the hearing. Also included in the notification should be a reduced size site plan (8 ½” x 11”) and a copy of the zoning map for the site (can be provided by the City upon request).
Adjoining Property Owner Notification Requirements (Page One)

Notification of your request should be mailed via the United States Postal Service Certified Mail to all adjoining property owners. Notification should be in the following form:

[Insert Date]

NOTIFICATION OF REZONING APPLICATION

This Letter is to inform you that an application for rezoning has been submitted to the City of Duluth Planning Commission / City Council on a tract of land adjacent to your property. Please be advised of the following information pertaining to the Rezoning request and public hearings.

| Case Number: |  |
| Applicant Name: |  |
| Applicant Address: |  |
| Applicant Phone Number: |  |
| Present Zoning: |  |
| Requested Zoning: |  |
| Property Address: |  |
| Proposed Use: |  |
| Planning Commission Hearing Date: |  |
| City Council Hearing Date: |  |
| Location of Hearings: | 3167 Main Street, Duluth GA 30096 |

For further information, please call the City of Duluth Planning Department at 770.476.1790. If for any reason hearings are continued or tabled to another date, no further notice will be provided. It is advisable to call the above number to confirm that this case is on the agenda prior to arriving.

Sincerely,

[Applicant Name]