## APPLICATION FOR REZONING TO THE CITY OF SMYRNA

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### ZONING REQUEST

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#### **CONTIGUOUS ZONING**

North:	Cobb County - R20/GC Per GIS (multi-family)
East:	Cobb County - R20 Per GIS (Single Family)
South:	Cobb County - R20/GC Per GIS (Single Family)

West: Cobb County - R20/GC Per GIS (Single Family/Town Homes)

#### **CONTIGUOUS LAND USE**

- North: Multifamily Residential
- East: \_\_\_\_\_Single Family Residential

South: \_\_\_\_\_Single Family Residential

West: Multifamily Residential

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

#### WATER AND SEWER

A letter from Scott Stokes, Director of Public Works Department is required stating that water is available and the supply is adequate for this project.

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• If it is Cobb County Water, Cobb County must then furnish these letters.

#### Comments:

Letter has been requested from the current Director of Public works Ernest Frank Martin and will be provided to staff on receipt.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Access to Property? \_\_\_\_\_ Direct vehicular and pedestrian access is from Greenridge Street SE an 2 lane asphalt \_\_\_\_\_\_ existing public public residential road.

Improvements proposed by developer? <u>A 5' sidewalk is proposed on the applicants side of the</u> <u>street from property line to property line north and south side of the lots. The sidewalk will be</u> <u>separated from the road by a 24'' grass strip. Two new 2 story single family homes are proposed.</u> <u>Concrete driveways with aprons, sidewalks to the front porch and a rear patio are also proposed.</u>

Comments:

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#### ZONING DISCLOSURE REPORT

Has the applicant\* made, within two years immediately preceding the filing of this application for rezoning, campaign contributions aggregating \$250 or more or made gifts having in the aggregate a value of \$250 or more to the Mayor or any member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board who will consider this application?

No

If so, the applicant\* and the attorney representing the applicant\* must file a disclosure report with the Mayor and City Council of the City of Smyrna, within 10 days after this application is filed.

# Please supply the following information, which will be considered as the required disclosure:

The name of the Mayor or member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board to whom the campaign contribution or gift was made:

The dollar amount of each campaign contribution made by the applicant\* to the Mayor or any member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application, and the date of each such contribution:

An enumeration and description of each gift having a value of \$250 or more by the applicant\* to the Mayor and any member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application:

Does the Mayor or any member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board have a property interest (direct or indirect ownership including any percentage of ownership less than total) in the subject property?

No

If so, describe the natural and extent of such interest:

#### **ZONING DISCLOSURE REPORT (CONTINUED)**

Does the Mayor or any member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board have a financial interest (direct ownership interests of the total assets or capital stock where such ownership interest is 10% or more) of a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, firm, enterprise, franchise, association, or trust, which has a property interest (direct or indirect ownership, including any percentage of ownership less than total) upon the subject property? No

If so, describe the nature and extent of such interest:

Does the Mayor or any member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board have a spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, son, or daughter who has any interest as described above? <u>No</u>

If so, describe the relationship and the nature and extent of such interest:

If the answer to any of the above is "Yes", then the Mayor or the member of the City Council or Planning and Zoning Board must immediately disclose the nature and extent of such interest, in writing, to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Smyrna. A copy should be filed with this application\*\*. Such disclosures shall be public record and available for public inspection any time during normal working hours.

We certify that the foregoing information is true and correct, this <u>10</u> day of <u>January</u> 20<u>19</u>.

(Applicant's Signature)

(Attorney's Signature, if applicable)

Notes

\* Applicant is defined as any individual or business entity (corporation, partnership, limited partnership, firm enterprise, franchise, association or trust) applying for rezoning action.

**\*\*** Copy to be filed with the City of Smyrna Zoning Department and City Clerk along with a copy of the zoning application including a copy of the legal description of the property.

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#### **REZONING ANALYSIS**

Section 1508 of the Smyrna Zoning Code details nine zoning review factors which must be evaluated by the Planning and Zoning Board and the Mayor and Council when considering a rezoning request. Please provide responses to the following using additional pages as necessary. **This section must be filled out by the applicant prior to submittal of the rezoning request.** 

1. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property.

The proposed "use" is the same use as currently zoned, which is single family.

The proposed "use" is identical to the usage of adjacent development to the south and east.

The proposed "use" is a down zoning from the adjacent multi-family uses to the west and north.

For these reasons it is logical that a "single family residential use" would be "suitable" under

the zoning laws of the state of Georgia and the City of Smyrna.

2. Whether the zoning proposal or the use proposed will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property.

The proposed "zoning" and "use" are the same as the existing residential uses of the adjacent

lots and lands and nothing in this zoning proposal would impact the "usability" of adjacent or nearby property.

- 3. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned.
- The proposed zoning is only required due to annexation into the city and the change in
  - zoning from the county zoning has been selected to be equivalent or comparable to the current

county zoning. Without this rezoning the lots cannot be annexed and cannot be developed.

The current county zoning is apparently a mix of 3 zonings designations and would also

require rezoning if it were to be developed for residential lots as proposed.

So in fact, the lot could not be developed at all as "currently zoned".

#### **REZONING ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)**

4. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities or schools.

The addition of two residential single family homes in this location could not logically be

shown to "cause and excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation

facilities, utilities or schools.

5. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the land use plan.

The Smyrna Future Land Use Plan does not address this unincorporated area of Cobb

County. However the adjacent portions of the FLUP to the south are the same or similar to the land use proposed.

6. 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 zoning proposal.

Residential development for "work force housing" in the Metropolitan Atlanta area

is reported to be at an all time low. Yet the need for affordable homes has reportedly increased

dramatically over the last 10 years. The applicant proposed to build homes that will be moderately

priced and more affordable than the new homes that have traditionally been developed in Smyrna

over the past five years.

#### **REZONING ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)**

7. Whether the development of the property under the zoning proposal will conform to, be a detriment to or enhance the architectural standards, open space requirements and aesthetics of the general neighborhood, considering the current, historical and planned uses in the area.

The homes proposed will be a significant "upgrade" to the neighborhood which is composed

- of 50(plus) year old ranch and bungalow style homes (typically less than 1300 sf )and aging
- apartment home and townhome complexes that are two stories in height. The adjacent single
  - family homes are separated by either a road or a vacant lot, thus providing sufficient buffers for
- the increase to two stories so that it is not seen as dominating the adjacent older homes.
- The land was formerly overgrown and fenced off, a place where considerable dumping had occured. The new use will end this dumping and rid the neighborhood of an unwanted vacant lot.
- 8. Under any proposed zoning classification, whether the use proposed may create a nuisance or is incompatible with existing uses in the area.

The "use proposed" is single family residential R15. If used under the terms allowed

under R15 it is highly unlikely that the use could create a "nuisance" or be "incompatible"

with uses that are essentially the same on adjacent property.

- 9. Whether due to the size of the proposed use, in either land area or building height, the proposed use would affect the adjoining property, general neighborhood and other uses in the area positively or negatively.
- The site is buffered on all sides by vacant land, right of way, or significant greenspace.
- The lots are very deep and will retain most of the trees. Therefore it is not logical to believe
- that the proposed single family use would "affect the adjoining property, general neighborhood
- and other uses in the area" in any negative way. It is likely that the development of this currently
- vacant lot will decrease the trash in the neighborhood and rid the street of an "attractive nuisance".
- The applicant believes the development will be a "positive" impact on the street for this reason.