

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

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SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT (SLUP) APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Submit application through our online portal www.epermits.dekalbcountyga.gov

Email one (1) copy of your application as one (1) PDF file to plansustain@dekalbcountyga.gov and copy lahill@dekalbcountyga.gov

- _____ 1. Schedule a mandatory, virtual **Pre-Application Conference** with Planning & Sustainability staff by appointment. Please email lahill@dekalbcountyga.gov for appointment.
- _____ 2. Hold a **Pre-Submittal Community Meeting** with surrounding neighborhood associations and residents. Provide documentation of the meeting (**meeting notice and sign in sheets**). Letter(s) from homeowners' association(s) may also be provided.
- _____ 3. Submit **Application** through portal www.epermits.dekalbcountyga.gov and then email Staff.

Please assemble materials in the following order:

- _____ **A. Application form** with name and address of applicant and owner, and subject property address.
- _____ **B. Pre-submittal community meeting notice and sign-in sheet** and other documentation of meeting.
- _____ **C. Letter of application** identifying a) the proposed zoning classification, b) the reason for the rezoning or special use or modification request, c) the existing and proposed use of the property, d) detailed characteristics of the proposed use (e.g. floor area, height of building(s), number of units, mix of unit types, number of employees, manner and hours of operation).
- _____ **D. Impact Analysis** of the anticipated impact of the proposed use and rezoning on the surrounding properties in response to the standards and factors specified in Article 7.3 of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, as attached. If a Major Modification, please include previously approved conditions and Board of Commissioner meeting minutes.
- _____ **E. Authorization Form**, if applicant is not the owner. Must be signed by all owners of the subject property and notarized. Authorization must contain the mailing address and phone number of any applicant or agent who is authorized to represent the owner(s) of the subject property.
- _____ **F. Campaign disclosure statement** (required by State law).
- _____ **G. Legal boundary survey** of the subject property, (showing boundaries, structures, and improvements), prepared and sealed within the last year by a professional engineer or land surveyor registered in the State of Georgia. **Written Legal Description** of meters and bounds of the subject property (can be printed on site plan or survey).
- _____ **H. Site Plan (If applicable)**. The site plan must include the following:
 - _____ a. complete boundaries of subject property;
 - _____ b. dimensioned access points and vehicular circulation drives;
 - _____ c. location of all existing and proposed buildings, structures, setbacks and parking;
 - _____ d. location of 100-year floodplain and any streams;
 - _____ e. notation of the total acreage or square footage of the subject property;
 - _____ f. landscaping, tree removal and replacement, buffer(s); and
 - _____ e. site plan notes of building square footages, heights, density calculations, lot coverage of impervious surfaces, parking ratios, open space calculations, and other applicable district standards.
- _____ **I. Building Form Information (If applicable)**. Elevation (line drawing or rendering) or details of proposed materials in compliance with Article 5 of the Zoning Ordinance. If new buildings and/or structures are being developed or renovations are being completed, please provide proposed elevations.
- _____ **J. Completed, signed Pre-Application Form** (Provided after pre-application meeting).

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED



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Amendments will not be accepted after 5 working days after the filing deadline.

Applicant Name: _____

Applicant Email Address: _____

Applicant Mailing Address: _____

Applicant Phone Number: _____

Owner Name: _____

(If more than one owner, attach list of owners.)

Owner Email Address: _____

Owner Mailing Address: _____

Owner Phone Number: _____

Subject Property Address: _____

Parcel ID Number(s): _____

Acreage: _____ Commission District(s): _____ Super District: _____

Existing Zoning District(s): _____ Proposed Zoning District(s): _____

Existing Land Use Designation(s): _____ Proposed Land Use Designation(s): _____ (if applicable)

I hereby authorize the staff of the Planning and Sustainable Department to inspect the property that is the subject of this application.

Owner: _____ Agent: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

LETTER OF APPLICATION

Please identify the following details such as:

- The proposed zoning classification?
- The reason for the Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) request?
- The existing and proposed use of the property?
- Detail characteristics of the proposed use (e.g. floor area, height of building(s), number of units, mix of unit types, number of employees, manner and hours of operation)?

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IMPACT ANALYSIS

Criteria: Sec 27-7.4.6 The following criteria shall be considered by the Department of Planning and Sustainability, the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners in evaluating and deciding any application for a special land use permit. No application for a special land use permit shall be granted by the Board of Commissioners unless satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been made concerning each of the following factors, all of which are applicable to each application, and unless the application is in compliance with all applicable regulations in Article 4.

- A. Is the size of the site adequate for the use contemplated and is adequate land area is available for the proposed use, including provision of all required yards, open space, off-street parking, transitional buffer zones, and all other applicable requirements of the zoning district in which the use is proposed to be located?
- B. Compatibility of the proposed use with adjacent properties and land uses and with other properties and land uses in the district, and whether the proposed use will create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of traffic volume/congestion, noise, smoke, odor, dust, or vibration generated by the proposed use.
- C. Are public services, public (or private) facilities, and utilities adequate to serve the proposed use?
- D. Is the public street on which the use is proposed to be located adequate and is there sufficient traffic- carrying capacity for the use proposed so as not to unduly increase traffic and create congestion in the area?
- E. Is the ingress and egress adequate to the subject property and to all proposed buildings, structures, and uses thereon, with particular reference to pedestrian and automotive safety and convenience, traffic flow and control, and access in the event of fire or other emergency?
- F. Will the proposed use create adverse impacts upon any adjoining land use by reason of the manner and hours of operation of the proposed use?
- G. Is the proposed use otherwise consistent with the requirements of the zoning district classification in which the use is proposed to be located?
- H. Is the proposed use consistent with, advances, conflicts, or detracts from the policies of the comprehensive plan?
- I. Is there adequate provision of refuse and service areas?
- J. Should the length of time for which the SLUP is granted be limited in duration?
- K. Is the size, scale and massing of proposed buildings appropriate in relation to the size of the subject property and in relation to the size, scale and massing of adjacent and nearby lots and buildings; and will the proposed use create any shadow impact on any adjoining lot or building as a result of the proposed building height?
- L. Will the proposed use adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources?
- M. Does the proposed use satisfy the requirements contained within the supplemental regulations for such special land use permit?
- N. Will the proposed use be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood or the community as a whole, as expressed and evidenced during the review process?

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AUTHORIZATION

The property owner should complete this form or a similar signed and notarized form if the individual who will file the application with the County is not the property owner.

Date: _____

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I/WE: _____
Name of Owner(s)

being owner(s) of the subject property described below or attached hereby delegate authority to:

Name of Agent or Representative

to file an application on my/our behalf.

Notary Public

Owner

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DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zoning Act, OCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must be answered.

Have you, the applicant, made \$250.00 or more in campaign contribution to a local government official within two years immediately preceding the filing of this application?

Yes: _____ No: _____ *

If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure report with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:

1. The name and official position of the local government official to whom the campaign contribution was made.
2. The dollar amount and description of each campaign contribution made during the two years immediately preceding the filing of this application and the date of each such contribution.

The disclosure must be filed within 10 days after the application is first filed and must be submitted to the C.E.O. and to the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur, GA 30030.

Notary

Signature of Applicant /Date

Check one: Owner _____ Agent _____

Expiration Date/ Seal

***Notary seal not needed if answer is "No".**

**SURVEY, SITE PLAN, AND ELEVATIONS:
(If applicable)**

LATE NIGHT ESTABLISHMENT OR NIGHTCLUB CHECK LIST

(If applicable)

1. Is the requested SLUP for a new business or an existing business? (Please check only one)
New Business: _____ Existing Business: _____. If the SLUP is for an existing business, please answer question #s 2 - 5.
2. Does this Business have a current Business License? Yes: _____ No: _____. If yes, provide a copy of current business license.
3. Has this business ever been operated without a Business License? Yes: _____ No: _____
If yes, how long did the business operate without a business license? _____
4. Has this business received a citation for any of the following: Yes: _____ No: _____
 - a. Life safety violations such as pyrotechnics, overcrowding, inadequate ingress/egress operating beyond the permitted hours of operation.
 - b. Construction (major/minor renovation, alteration and addition) without a valid DeKalb County permit.
 - c. Business closure and renovation without surrendering license to State and County as required by State law.
 - d. Change of business name, ownership, or use without DeKalb County approval.
 - e. No valid Certificate of Occupancy issued by DeKalb County
 - f. Violation of operating hours of the Zoning ordinance or Alcohol Ordinance.
 - g. Lack of proof of residency under DeKalb County. Any person who holds a liquor license in DeKalb County is required under DeKalb County law to be a resident of DeKalb County.
5. If one or more of the citations mentioned in No. 4 have been issued, please provide copies of summons and citations and summary of court decision or resolution.

Submittal of a fraudulent application is a violation of DeKalb County and State law.

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR SPECIFIED USES:

No application for a special land use permit for the uses specified below shall be granted by the board of commissioners unless it is determined that, in addition to meeting the requirements contained within the zoning district in which such property is located and the criteria contained in section 7.4.6 and complying with applicable regulations in Article 4, satisfactory provisions and arrangements have been made concerning each of the following criteria:

- A. *Telecommunications towers and antennas.* In determining whether to authorize a special land use permit for a telecommunication tower or antenna, the board of commissioners shall comply with and apply the requirements of section 4.2.57.
- B. *Mine, mining operation, gravel pit, quarry, or sand pit.* In determining whether to authorize a special land use permit for a mine, mining operation, gravel pit, quarry, or sand pit, the board of commissioners shall also consider each of the following criteria:
 - 1. Whether the type and volume of traffic associated with such use will cause congestion in the streets and will create noise and vibration along streets used for residential purposes or adjacent to activity centers.
 - 2. Whether the applicant has provided a soil erosion control plan and a reuse or reclamation plan which meets the requirements of DeKalb County and of the Georgia Surface Mining Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-4-70, et seq., as amended, and the Rules of Department of Natural Resources, Chapter 391- 3-3, as amended.
 - 3. Whether or not the applicant meets the requirements of the county's noise ordinance.
- C. *Child day care facility.* In determining whether to authorize a special land use permit for a child day care facility, the board of commissioners shall also consider each of the following criteria:
 - 1. Whether the proposed off-street parking areas and the proposed outdoor play areas can be adequately screened from adjoining properties so as not to adversely impact any adjoining land use.
 - 2. Whether there is an adequate and safe location for the dropping off and picking up of children at the child day care facility.
 - 3. Whether the character of the exterior of the proposed structure will be compatible with the residential character of the buildings in the zoning district in which the child day care facility is proposed to be located, if proposed for a residential zoned district.
- D. Biomedical waste disposal facilities, disposal facilities, landfills, county solid waste disposal facilities, county solid waste landfills, private industry solid waste disposal facilities, solid waste handling facilities, solid waste thermal treatment technology facilities, and disposal facilities for hazardous and/or toxic materials including radioactive materials.

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1. In determining whether to authorize a special land use permit for a biomedical waste disposal facility, disposal facility, landfill, county solid waste disposal facility, county solid waste landfill, private industry solid waste disposal facility, solid waste handling facility, solid waste thermal treatment technology facility, or disposal facility for hazardous and/or toxic materials including radioactive materials, the board of commissioners shall also consider each of the following criteria:
 - a. Whether the proposed use does not pose any potential negative impact resulting from air pollution, degradation of soil and/or water quality, noise, odor, or other negative environmental effects.
 - b. Whether the proposed use will not have a significant deleterious effect on use of land and value of existing housing in adjacent and nearby neighborhoods.
 - c. Whether the proposed use will not create a negative traffic impact on any adjacent or nearby residential street(s) resulting from truck and other vehicular traffic associated with the facility.
 - d. Whether the proposed use does not represent an over-concentration of such uses in the area.
2. An assessment shall be prepared by the DeKalb County sanitation division regarding item 1.d above.

FILING FEES

At the time of submittal, a filing fee shall accompany each Special Land Use Permit application as follows:

SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT \$400.00

Applications for non-contiguous property (separated by a street) must be filed separately. A separate fee will be charged for each application. Applications deferred “full cycle” do not require additional fees. An application that is withdrawn and later re-filed will be treated as a new case and will require a new fee.