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APPLICATION

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHARACTER AREA MAP AMENDMENT

Application Checklist:

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11-12	Scaled 8 ¹ / ₂ " x 11" digital copy of Survey	
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11-12	Scaled 8 ¹ / ₂ " x 11" digital copy of Site Plan	
11-12	Scaled 11" x 17" digital copy of Site Plan	
11	8 ¹ / ₂ " x 11" copy of Legal Description	
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13	Meeting Schedule	N/A
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15	Sign Specifications	N/A
16	Sign-In Sheet Template	N/A
4	Summary of and Sign-In Sheet Completed at CMI	
	All documents in electronic form (email)	

The Director reserves the right to request additional information deemed necessary to analyze the request. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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PROJECT INFORMATION SHEET

Υ	Address(es):	
RT	Parcel Tax ID(s):	
PER'	Total acreage:	Council District:
RO S	Current zoning:	Current use:
PR	Character Area:	

	Purpose of the Application:	
	Detailed request:	
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APPLIC	Petitioner:	
V	Petitioner's address:	
	Phone:	Email:

	Property owner:	
~	Owner's address:	
NER		
IW	Phone:	Email:
\circ	Signature (authorizing initiation of the	process):
	If the property is under contract, provide a	a copy of the contract

- TO BE FILLED OUT BY P&Z STAFF -

Pre-Application Meeting date:	Anticipated Application date:
CMI date, time, and location:	
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEEDED:	
SUBMITTAL ITEMS WAIVED BY DIRECTOR	R:

DETAILED PROCESS & INSTRUCTIONS

Legend:
and o: Action required by Applicant

•: For information

Before the Pre-Application Meeting:

□ Read this Application packet in its entirety. □ Consult the Sandy Springs Development Code (available online at https://library.municode.com/ga/sandy_springs/codes/development_code). • Character Area Map Amendment requests will be placed on the April and October MCC Agendas only. A Character Area Map Amendment is required prior to a Zoning Map Amendment (Rezoning) application where the proposed zoning is not allowed in the applicable Character Area. See Sec. 1.2.1. of the Development Code. If a change to the Character Area Map is required in order to maintain consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, the Character Area Map Amendment must be approved prior to initiation of the Rezoning, and the application for Rezoning must be filed within one (1) year of the Character Area Map Amendment decision. □ Fill out the Project Information Sheet of this Application packet and provide to Lead Planner at or before Pre-Application meeting. □ Obtain written permission from the property owner to pursue the project. If the property is under contract, provide a copy of the contract at the Pre-Application Meeting. □ Contact a Planner at pz@sandyspringsga.gov or (770) 730-5600 to schedule the Meeting. **Pre-Application Meeting:** □ The Pre-Application Meeting must take place at least one (1) month but no more than three (3) months before the Application filing date. After the Pre-Application Meeting: □ Organize the First Community Meeting (CMI): Select a location as close to the site as possible, capable of holding a large audience 0 with social distancing, and ADA accessible or with reasonable accommodation. It is the applicant's responsibility to secure a location for the CMI. The location must have the capacity to hold at least twenty (20) socially-distanced people and comply with ADA requirements (or can provide reasonable accommodations to disabled persons). • Confirm the proposed location, date, and time with the Lead Planner prior to advertising. Advertise the CMI at least **fifteen** (15) **calendar days** prior to the Meeting: • Order and post signage on the subject property containing the date, time, place, and purpose of and virtual option for the Meeting (see p. 15). Send date-stamped pictures of the signage once in place to the Lead Planner. • Mail written notice to all property owners within 500' of the boundaries containing the date, time, place, and purpose of and virtual option for the Meeting, the location of the property, and the nature of the Application; use Staff's mailing template. Notices must be postmarked at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the CMI. Obtain a Certificate

of Mailing from the Post Office and keep for your records; Applicant must produce a Certificate of Mailing upon request from Staff.

Staff will post the Project Information Sheet on the City website for public information.

First Community Meeting (CMI):

	Follow the Community Meeting Protocol for Petitioner.
•	This Meeting and the Summary are the Applicant's responsibility. Staff will attend, briefly
	introduce the Meeting, and read the ground rules, but will not intervene otherwise.
	Ensure a copy of the Survey is available at the Meeting.
	Allocate at least thirty (30) minutes to address questions and comments from the audience.
	Take notes and summarize the discussion, including the points of contention, and use Sign-In
	Sheets (see p. 16). The Applicant is responsible for collecting the names and addresses of all
	attendees.
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	Remove signage within 48 hours of the CMI.
	Provide a Summary of and Sign-In Sheets from the CMI when filing the Application.
•	Where an Application is revised significantly following the CMI, the Director may require an
	additional Community Meeting on the revised Application prior to placing the Application on
	the PC Public Hearing Agenda.
Filing:	
	Contact the Lead Planner prior to filing.
	Complete the Application packet, and submit a complete Application to the Department. The
	Applicant must provide a Summary of and Sign-In Sheets from the CMI when filing the
	Application.
	Provide payment (verify the amount with the Lead Planner beforehand); see p. 14.
•	Character Area Map Amendment requests will be considered twice annually, with Application
	in January and July for action in April and October, respectively. Applications are due by
	4:00 PM on the first (1 st) Tuesday of the month. No more than five (5) Applications, all types
	included, will be accepted each month.
•	Staff will initiate review, ask for more information if needed (at which point the Application
•	may be placed on administrative hold), and send an Initiation Letter.
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	eceiving the Initiation Letter:
	Organize and advertise the Second Community Meeting (CMII):
	• Contact the Lead Planner to select a date (the CMII will be held at City Hall and
	virtually). Confirm the proposed date and time with the Lead Planner prior to
	advertising.
	• Order and post signage on the subject property containing the date, time, place, and
	purpose of and virtual option for the Meeting (see p. 15). Send date-stamped pictures
	of the signage once in place to the Lead Planner.
	• Mail written notice to all property owners within 500' of the boundaries containing the
	date, time, place, and purpose of and virtual option for the Meeting, the location of the
	property, and the nature of the Application; use Staff's mailing template. Notices must
	be postmarked at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the CMII. Obtain a
	Certificate of Mailing from the Post Office and keep for your records; Applicant must
	produce a Certificate of Mailing upon request from Staff.
•	Staff will post the application on the City website for public information.
Second	Community Meeting (CMII):
•	The CMII will take place at City Hall and virtually. There may be other cases discussed at the
	same time, but they will be in a separate room.
	Follow the Community Meeting Protocol for Petitioner.
•	This Meeting and the Summary are the Applicant's responsibility. Staff will attend, briefly
•	introduce the Meeting, and read the ground rules, but will not intervene otherwise.
	Arrive before the Meeting for set-up; bring your own equipment, including easels. Ensure a copy of the Survey is available at the Meeting.
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- □ Be prepared to address the issues raised at the CMI.
- \Box Allocate at least thirty (30) minutes to address questions and comments from the audience.
- □ Take notes and summarize the discussion, including the points of contention, and use Sign-In Sheets (see p. 16). The Applicant is responsible for collecting the names and addresses of all attendees.
- □ Remove signage within 48 hours of the CMII.
- □ Provide a Summary of and Sign-In Sheets from the CMII following the Meeting.

Before the Planning Commission (PC) Meeting:

- □ Submit any revision to the Application at least **thirty** (**30**) **days** prior to a scheduled Public Meeting or Public Hearing to allow time for proper revision by Staff and legal advertisement.
- The Pre-Application Meeting and the PC Meeting must not be more than six (6) months apart, unless the Applicant submits a written request to the Director stating the reasons for the delay. The Director has the discretion to allow a one (1)-time extension of no more than three (3) months.
- The Staff Report, including the recommendation, will be posted on the City website at least one (1) week prior to the PC Meeting.
- Staff will publish a legal ad in the newspaper.
- □ Order and post signage using Staff's sign template on the subject property (see p. 15) at least **fifteen (15) calendar days** prior to the PC Meeting before **8:30** AM. Send date-stamped pictures of the signage once in place to the Lead Planner.
- □ Mail written notice to property owners within 500' at least **fifteen (15) calendar days but not more than 45 calendar days** prior to the PC Meeting; use Staff's mailing template. *Obtain a Certificate of Mailing from the Post Office and keep for your records; Applicant must produce a Certificate of Mailing upon request from Staff.*

Planning Commission (PC) Meeting:

- Staff will briefly introduce your request and present its recommendation.
- □ You will have ten (10) minutes to present your case to PC, including any supporters speaking in favor of your request. You may save any remaining time for rebuttal to the opposition.
- The opposition will also have ten (10) minutes to speak.
- PC will discuss and formulate its recommendation for MCC. PC may recommend approval, approval with conditions, or denial of the request. PC may also defer the case to another regularly scheduled Meeting.

Before the Mayor and City Council (MCC) Meeting:

- No major revision will be accepted after the PC Meeting.
- Where an Application is significantly revised following the PC Meeting, the Director may require an additional Community Meeting and/or an additional PC Meeting on the revised Application prior to placing the Application on the MCC Meeting Agenda.
- □ Mail written notice to property owners within 500' of the boundaries of the subject property at least **fifteen (15) calendar days but not more than 45 calendar days** prior to the MCC Meeting; use Staff's mailing template. *Obtain a Certificate of Mailing from the Post Office and keep for your records; Applicant must produce a Certificate of Mailing upon request from Staff.*

Mayor and City Council (MCC) Meeting:

- The MCC Meeting procedure will be similar to that of the PC Meeting.
- MCC may approve, approve with conditions, defer, or deny the request.
- □ Remove signage within 48 hours of final action on the petition.



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APPLICATION FORM

	Purpose of the Application:
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	Date and location of CMI:	
F	Beginning time:	End time:
I REPORT	Summary of concerns discussed:	
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MEETING		
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	Does the Application address the concerns discus	ssed at the CMI? \Box Yes \Box No
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- TO BE FILLED OUT BY P&Z STAFF -

Application date:	Tentative Planning Commission date:	
CMII date and time:	Tentative Mayor and City Council date:	
OFFICIAL REQUEST (FOR PUBLICATION):		



AUTHORIZATION FORM - PART I

A- The property owner must fill out the following section and have it notarized. If a property has multiple owners, each owner must separately fill out a copy of the Authorization Form.

Owner states under oath that he/she is the owner	wner of the property described in the attach	ed legal
description, which is made part of this Appl	ication.	
Owner's name:	Sworn and subscribed be	efore me this
Address:		
	th day of	20
City, State, Zip Code:	Notary public:	
Email address:	Seal:	
Phone number:		
Owner's signature:		

Commission expires:

B- If the Applicant is *not* the owner of the subject property:

Fill out the following section, check the appropriate statement and have it notarized.

Applicant states under oath that:

- □ He/she is the executor or Attorney-in-Fact under a Power-of-Attorney for the owner (*attach a copy of the contract*); or
- □ He/she has an option to purchase the subject property (*attach a copy of the contract*); or

□ He/she has an estate of years which permits the Applicant to apply (*attach a copy of the lease*)

App	licant'	s	name
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Company name:

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Email address:

Phone number:

Applicant's signature:

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AUTHORIZATION FORM - PART II

C- If an agent or attorney will represent the owner and/or the Applicant: Fill out the following section and have it notarized.

Agent's name:
Company:
Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Email address:
Phone number:
Agent's signature:
Applicant's signature:

Sworn and subscribed before me this		
th day of	20	
Notary public:		
Seal:		
Commission expires:		



DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTION FORM

Within the two (2) years immediately preceding the filing of this Application, have you made any campaign contributions aggregating \$250.00 or more or made gifts having an aggregate value of \$250.00 to the Mayor or any member of the City Council? \Box Yes \Box No

List all individuals or business entities which have an ownership interest in the property which is the subject of this Application:

Campaign Contributions:				
Name of Government Official	Total Dollar	Date of	Enumeration and Description of	
	Amount	Contribution	Gift Valued at \$250.00 or more	

The undersigned acknowledges that this disclosure is made in accordance with the Official Code of Georgia, Section 36-67A-1 et. seq. Conflict of interest in zoning actions, and that the information set forth herein is true to the undersigned's best knowledge, information and belief.

Name:	
Signature:	Date:

Note: Each party involved in the Application must sign an individual copy of this form.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Letter of Intent

Address the following in detail, on a separate sheet:

- 1. Requested Character Area Map Amendment
- 2. Factual information about the property

Character Area Analysis (Sec. 11.3.6.B.)

Provide a written analysis of the impact of the proposed Character Area Map change with respect to each of the approval criteria in Sec. 11.3.6. Address the following in detail, on a separate sheet:

- 1. The Character Area Map Amendment corrects an error or meets the challenge of some changing condition, trend or fact.
- 2. The Character Area Map Amendment substantially conforms with the remainder of the Comprehensive Plan.
- 3. The Character Area Map Amendment will reinforce the existing or planned character of the area.
- The Character Area Map Amendment will not significantly impact the natural environment, 4. including air, water, noise, stormwater management, wildlife and vegetation.
- 5. The Character Area Map Amendment will not have a significant adverse impact on property in the vicinity of the subject property.

Chattahoochee River Corridor Certificate

Required for properties located within the Chattahoochee River Corridor (within 2,000' of the Chattahoochee River)

Contact Helen Owens, Zoning Administrator, at (770) 206-1358 or howens@sandyspringsga.gov

Survey

Provide one (1) digital copy on 11" x 17" paper and two (2) copies printed to scale no larger than 30" x 42"; also include in the electronic package.

The survey must include, at a minimum, the following:

- □ Legal description (metes and bounds; should also be submitted as a separate document)
- □ Key and/or legend, site location map with North arrow, and scale
- □ Boundary survey of the subject property, which includes dimensions along property lines that match the metes and bounds of the subject property's written legal description, and clearly indicate the point of beginning
- □ Acreage of the subject property
- □ Location of the subject property's land lot lines and identification of land lots
- **Basic Information** □ Current zoning district of the subject and adjacent properties
 - □ Topography on the subject and adjacent properties within 200' to assess runoff effects
 - □ Location of overhead and underground electrical and pipeline transmission/conveyance lines
 - □ Building setback lines and build-to zones, transitions, buffers, etc.
- □ Existing dedicated and reserved rights-of-way of all streets on and adjacent to the subject property
- □ Posted speed of existing streets

		Existing buildings with square footages and heights (stories), wells, driveways, fences, cell				
ts		towers, and any other structures or improvements on the subject property				
nen		Existing buildings with square footages and heights (stories), wells, driveways, fences, cell				
ven		towers, and any other structures or improvements on adjacent properties within 400' of the				
pro		subject property				
Im		Development Statistics Summary Chart with % of total site coverage:				
Existing Improvements	• Total area of site (acres and sq. ft.)					
xist	• Building footprints (sq. ft. and %)					
山	• Parking spaces (number and %)					
	• Lot coverage (sq. ft. and %)					
		100-year floodplain horizontal limits and flood zone designations as shown on survey or				
	Federal Emergency Management Agency Flood Insurance Rate Maps					
tal		State waters and associated buffers				
nen		Stormwater management facilities				
Environmental	Community wastewater facilities, including preliminary areas reserved for septic drain fields					
vir	and points of access					
En	□ Availability of water and sanitary sewer system					
	□ Trees and open space on the subject property					
		Wetlands				

Note: No Site Plan is required for a Comprehensive Plan Character Area Map Amendment. Proposed future development or specific use of the property should not be discussed in detail during this process. However, intent based on what is permitted in the zoning districts in the requested Character Area should be discussed, as well as general appropriateness for the general area.

The Director reserves the right to request additional information deemed necessary to analyze the request.

2024 CHARACTER AREA MAP AMENDMENT SCHEDULE

Pre- Application Meeting Deadline	Initial Community Meeting (CMI) Deadline	Application Filing Deadline	Second Community Meeting (CMII) Deadline	Planning Commissio n Meeting Sign Posting Deadline	Planning Commission Meeting (Typ. 3 rd Wednesday)	Mayor and City Council Meeting (3 rd Tuesday)
12/24/2023	1/22/2024	1/23/2024	2/13/2024	3/05/2024	3/20/2024	*4/16/2024
5/24/2024	6/20/2024	6/21/2024	8/12/2024	9/03/2024	9/18/2024	*10/15/2024

NOTE: All meetings will have a virtual option available for attendees

*Character Area Map Amendment requests will be placed on the April and October MCC Agendas only; bold cell used to indicate two (2) available sequences.

The deadlines for the Pre-Application and Community Meetings are flexible at the discretion of the Director.

"Blackout Dates" for Community Meetings:

• Mayor & City Council Meetings (typically 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month)

January 2 and 16	May 7 and 21	September 3 and 17
February 6 and 20	June 4 and 18	October 1 and 15
March 5 and 19	July 16	November 5 and 19
April 2 and 16	August 6 and 20	December 3 and 17

- Planning Commission Meetings (typically 3rd Wednesday of the month)
- Board of Appeals Meetings (typically 1st Wednesday (after MCC Meeting) of the month)
- Federal, State, and City Observed Holidays
- Holiday Season:
 - First (full) week of January (Jan. 1-5, 2024)
 - Week of Thanksgiving (Nov. 25-29, 2024)
 - Last two (2) weeks of December (Dec. 23-27 & 30-31, 2024)
- Major Jewish Holidays:
 - Purim (Weekend)
 - Passover (Apr. 22-26; Apr. 29-30, 2024)
 - Rosh Hashanah (Oct. 2-4, 2024)
 - Yom Kippur (Oct. 11, 2024)
 - Sukkot (Oct. 16-18; Oct. 21-23, 2024)
 - Simchat Torah (Oct. 23-25, 2024)
 - Hanukkah (Dec. 25-27; Dec. 30-31, 2024) 2025

FEE SCHEDULE

Туре	Adopted Fee		
	To:		
Communicative Dian	RE-, RD-	\$750 + \$100/acre*	
Comprehensive Plan Character Area Map	RU-, RT, RM-, RX-,		
Amendment	ON-, OX-, CX-, SX-, TX-, CS-, IX-,	\$1,000 + \$100/acre*	
7 michanione	CC-, PR-, PX-, PM-		
	PK, CON	\$500**	
Revisions to a filed	Comprehensive Plan Character Area	\$350	
Application	Map Amendment	4350	
Public Notice	Public Notice (newspaper)	\$250	
I uone nonce	Readvertisement (newspaper)	\$250	
PC & MCC Meeting			
Signage (min. one (1)	Applican	nt handles	
sign/street frontage)			
Administrative Fee	\$25		
Technology Fee	\$5		

Notes:

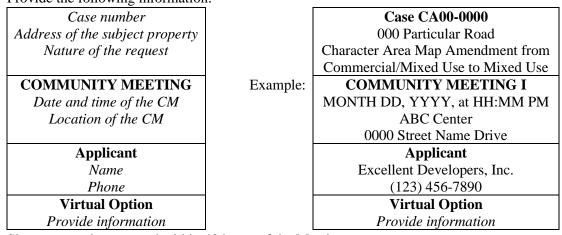
- Payments may be made via online CSS Portal or at the Revenue Desk
- Debit and credit card transactions are subject to a 5% surcharge
- All fees are based on each request

Failure to complete any of these requirements may result in an administrative hold, and the case will be rescheduled to a future filing cycle.

SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

For Community Meetings:

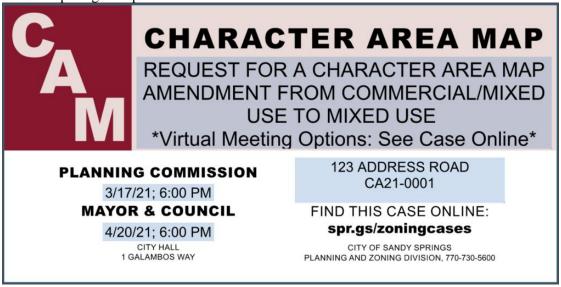
- At least one (1) sign on each public or private street frontage at a point visible from the nearest public or private street, installed parallel to the roadway; in the case of multiple lots, sufficient signs must be posted to provide reasonable notice to interested persons
- Minimum 3' x 3' in size, printed on durable material
- Letters to be minimum 2" in height
- Provide the following information:



• Signage must be removed within 48 hours of the Meeting

For Planning Commission and Mayor and City Council:

- At least one (1) sign on each public or private street frontage at a point visible from the nearest public or private street, installed parallel to the roadway; in the case of multiple lots, sufficient signs must be posted to provide reasonable notice to interested persons
- Printed on durable material; 8' wide x 4' tall in dimension
- Example sign template:



• Signage must be removed within 48 hours of final action on the petition

SIGN-IN SHEET TEMPLATE

Case number – Community Meeting I Date, time, and location					
Name and OrganizationAddressEmail Address					

Example:

Case CAM00-0000 – Community Meeting I MONTH DD, YYYY, at HH:MM PM				
ABC Center				
Name and OrganizationAddressEmail Address				
John Smith, Greatest	1234 Best Street	johnsmith@something.com		
Subdivision HOA				