



TOWN OF BLUFFTON DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATION

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Town Business License # (if applicable):			
Project Information			
Project Name: Fifth Third Bank May River	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary	<input type="checkbox"/> Final	
Project Location: 2901 May River Crossing, Bluffton SC	<input type="checkbox"/> New	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	
Zoning District: Jones Estate PUD / May River Crossing	Acreage: 1.33		
Tax Map Number(s): R61003600032130000			
Project Description: New freestanding bank facility: one level building approx. 2400 SF custom architecture			
Minimum Requirements for Submittal			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Two (2) full sized copies and digital files of the Preliminary or Final Development Plans. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Project Narrative and digital file describing reason for application and compliance with the criteria in Article 3 of the UDO. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. All information required on the attached Application Checklist. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. An Application Review Fee as determined by the Town of Bluffton Master Fee Schedule. Checks made payable to the Town of Bluffton.			
Note: A Pre-Application Meeting is required prior to Application submittal.			
Disclaimer: The Town of Bluffton assumes no legal or financial liability to the applicant or any third party whatsoever by approving the plans associated with this permit.			
I hereby acknowledge by my signature below that the foregoing application is complete and accurate and that I am the owner of the subject property. As applicable, I authorize the subject property to be posted and inspected.			
Property Owner Signature: <i>Paul Scott, CEO</i>		Date: 3-7-25	
Applicant Signature: <i>Angelina Makowski</i>		Date: 3/11/2025	
For Office Use			
Application Number:		Date Received:	
Received By:		Date Approved:	



TOWN OF BLUFFTON DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPLICATION CHECKLIST

In accordance with the Town of Bluffton Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), the following information shall be included as part of a Development Plan application submitted for review. Depending on the proposal, the amount and type of documentation will vary. This checklist is intended to assist in the provision of the minimum documentation necessary to demonstrate compliance with the UDO. Upon review of the submitted application by Town Staff, additional information may be required. The use of this checklist by Town Staff or the Applicant shall not constitute a waiver of any requirement contained in the UDO. Applicants are encouraged to work closely with Town Staff in preparing any application prior to submittal.

Prelim Plan	Final Plan	NOTE: Depending on the activities proposed, Development Plan documentation will vary. At minimum, each plan must contain the General Information and Site & Existing Conditions Documentation in addition to information required for the other specific activities listed below, as applicable. Please contact Town Staff for questions and additional information.
General Information.		
x	x	1. Name and address of property owner(s) and applicant.
x	x	2. If the applicant is not the property owner, a letter of agency from the property owner authorizing the applicant to act on behalf of the property owner.
x	x	3. A detailed narrative describing the existing site conditions and uses, proposed development, proposed uses and activities that will be conducted on the site, statement of conformance with the UDO, description of any energy conservation or green technologies proposed on the site, the maintenance responsibility of any common or public areas, and publically dedicated improvements to be completed.
x	x	4. A listing of any past development permit approval numbers associated with the site and existing conditions placed on the development property by the Town of Bluffton through past approvals including a detailed description of how the condition will be met.
x	x	5. An explanation of why any items on this checklist are not included with the application materials.
x	x	6. Project name and/or name of development.
x	x	7. All plans must include the following: name of county; municipality; project location; parcel identification number(s); date of original design; all dates of revisions; north arrow; graphic scale; and legend identifying all symbology.
x	x	8. Vicinity map.
x	x	9. Site data table to include; total acreage, pervious versus impervious cover, required and proposed open space calculations, number and area of proposed lots, residential density, number and area of each proposed structure, area of each use of the property and buildings, and required and proposed parking calculations.
x	x	10. Signature over seal of registered engineer or landscape architect licensed to practice in South Carolina.
x	x	11. Phasing plan if the development is proposed to be developed in phases.
	x	12. Letters of approval, including any applicable permits, from the following agencies (as necessary for the project): a) United States Army Corp of Engineers; b) South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control; c) South Carolina Department of Transportation; d) Beaufort County Engineering; e) Beaufort County EMS; f) Beaufort County School District; g) Bluffton Township Fire District; h) Beaufort Jasper Water Sewer Authority; i) Town of Bluffton; j) Electric Provider; k) Natural Gas provider; and



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		I) Cable, telephone, and data provider.
Site and Existing Conditions Documentation.		
x	x	1. Comprehensive color photograph documentation of site and existing conditions. If digital, images should be at a minimum of 300 dpi resolution.
x	x	2. Names of the owners of contiguous parcels and an indication of adjacent existing and proposed (if known) land uses and zoning.
x	x	3. Location of all property lines.
x	x	4. Location of municipal limits or county lines, zoning, overlay or special district boundaries, if they traverse the development property, form a part of the boundary of the development property, or are contiguous to such boundary.
x	x	5. Location of all existing access points and intersections along both sides of any frontage or access roadway(s) within a minimum of 1,000 feet of the site boundaries.
x	x	6. Location, dimensions, name, and descriptions of all existing or recorded roadways, alleys, reservations, railroads, easements, or other public rights-of-way on or within 200 feet of the development property.
x	x	7. Location, size, and type of all existing easements, rights-of-way, or utility infrastructure on or within a minimum of 200 feet of the development property.
x	x	8. Existing topography and land cover of project site and adjacent and nearby sites that are impacted. Contours shall be shown in intervals of 1 foot or less.
x	x	9. Location, dimensions, area, descriptions, and flow line of existing watercourses, drainage structures, ditches, one-hundred (100) year flood elevation, OCRM critical line, wetlands or riparian corridors top of bank locations, and protected lands on the development property.
x	x	10. Location of any existing buildings, structures, parking lots, impervious areas, public and private infrastructure, or other manmade objects located on the development property.
x	x	11. Boundary survey with bearings and distances of all property lines, tract/lot acreage, location of property markers, and seal of a Registered Land Surveyor, as well as a legal description of the property.
	x	12. Location of benchmarks/primary control points or descriptions and ties to such control points to which all dimensions, angles, bearings, block numbers, and similar data shall be referred.
	x	13. Existing deed covenants, conditions, and restrictions, including any requirements from a POA or ARB.
	x	14. Proposed deed covenants, conditions, and restrictions, including any design or architectural standards.
	x	15. Legal documents for proposed public dedications.
Lot and Building Pattern.		
x		1. Schematic layout and design indicating overall site configuration; roadway design, building location(s), building size(s); general setbacks, and building orientation(s).
	x	2. Detailed layout and design indicating site layout, building location(s), building type(s)/ use(s), building orientation(s), conceptual building elevations, and setbacks.
	x	3. If a PUD, subdivision, office complex, or shopping center, a Master Sign Plan providing unity in sign design and describing the location, types, materials, shapes, sizes, and compatibility with the architecture of the development.
Parking.		
x		1. General location and ingress/egress of parking areas on the site.
	x	2. Location, layout, number of spaces, bicycle parking, and ensuring design shows ADA accessibility compliance.
	x	3. Location of proposed ingress/egress, circulation, loading, parking and pedestrian circulation elements, and ensuring design shows ADA accessibility compliance.



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	x	4. A parking study documenting the reasons for any increase in the maximum amount of parking or a similar study documenting the ability of the site to accommodate a reduction of 20% or more to the maximum parking requirements.
	x	5. A parking study documenting the ability of a site(s) to accommodate a shared parking arrangement. A shared parking easement must also be provided.
	x	6. Detailed engineering information identifying the location of vehicular and bicycle parking facilities and the construction specifications, geometrics, arrangement, character, width, grade, circulation/maneuvering facilities and areas, landscape islands, loading areas, and including detailed dimensions as are necessary and appropriate to demonstrate compliance with all applicable standards and requirements.
Transportation Networks.		
x		1. General layout of transportation networks including access to the site, internal roadways, and access to adjacent properties.
x	x	2. A map or sketch showing the general relationship of the development to the surrounding areas with existing and proposed access roadways referenced to the intersection of the nearest primary or secondary paved roadway.
	x	3. Existing and proposed non-motorized vehicle lanes, paths, sidewalks, and other facilities, including transit facilities, on and within 200 feet of the development property including detailed dimensions as are necessary and appropriate to demonstrate compliance with all applicable standards and requirements.
	x	4. Proposed roadway alignment plan showing right-of-way widths with specific reference to the roadway type and design assembly.
	x	5. Proposed access indicating any access management plans, connectivity, roadway extensions, proposed stub roads, dead-end roadways, and roadway names including detailed dimensions as are necessary and appropriate to demonstrate compliance with all applicable standards and requirements.
	x	6. Emergency access provisions.
	x	7. A Traffic Assessment demonstrating adherence to MUTCD standards and/or other applicable requirements.
	x	8. A Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA), if warranted by the Traffic Assessment.
	x	9. Engineering plan of proposed traffic mitigation measures, including assessment of individual phase, or approved payments in-lieu of such that will be provided to the Town of Bluffton or applicable agency. Plan must ensure adequate transportation network is in place to support development at time of construction.
	x	10. Vehicular and pedestrian signage plan including crosswalk and pavement marking details.
	x	11. Shared access agreements.
	x	12. Detailed engineering information identifying the location, construction specifications, typical sections, geometrics, arrangement, character, width, and grade of existing and proposed roadways and non-motorized vehicle facilities including detailed dimensions and calculations as are necessary and appropriate to demonstrate compliance with all applicable standards and requirements.
Natural Resources, Tree Conservation, Planting, and Landscaping.		
x	x	1. Location of existing tree canopy coverage including table summarizing canopy lot coverage area, lot area not covered by tree canopy, and tree canopy expressed as percentage of lot coverage.
x	x	2. Location and table summarizing trees listed on America's Historic Tree Register as maintained by American Forests.



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	x	3. Location of groups of trees that connect to other vegetated and/or treed areas on adjacent sites helping to create or extend a wildlife or natural corridor.
	x	4. Location and table summarizing trees that have a significant characteristic such as, but not limited to, allees and hedgerow trees, trees of unique character such as those with unique or unusual growth habitat, endangered species, or species rarely found in the area.
	x	5. Location and table summarizing trees designated as protected to be removed.
	x	6. The location and description of existing and proposed landscaping, screening, buffering, and tree preservation areas, including setbacks from natural resource areas.
	x	7. Graphic illustration of the existing tree canopy and mature tree canopy of the proposed tree plantings including a table summarizing the mature canopy of each tree species planted, canopy lot coverage area, lot area not covered by tree canopy, and tree canopy expressed as percentage of lot coverage (all calculations are excluding rooftop area).
	x	8. Detailed landscaping information containing the scientific and common names, quantity and size of each plant species to be planted, typical installation and maintenance drawings/notes, and location and description of irrigation systems.
	x	9. Tree protection zones (TPZ) and tree protection fencing and signage locations and installation specifications.
	x	10. Habitat management plan.
	x	11. Proposed topographic features, including basic contours at one foot or less intervals.
	x	12. Bank stabilization and erosion control measures.
	x	13. If applicable, a Forest Management Plan.
Open Space.		
x	x	1. Proposed open space areas, habitat areas, types, and access trails both on and off-site.
	x	2. Proposed public lands and methods of dedication and access.
	x	3. Proposed ownership and method of transfer through deed restrictions, covenants, public dedication, or other method acceptable to the UDO Administrator.
	x	4. Proposed use for all portions of dedicated open space.
Stormwater Management.		
x	x	1. Acknowledgement of compliance with Bluffton Stormwater Design Manual.
x	x	2. Description of proposed methods and general layout of stormwater drainage.
x	x	3. Proposed drainage system layouts.
x	x	4. Proposed methods to remove pollutants.
x	x	5. Soil types and permeability characteristics from National Resource Conservation Service.
	x	6. Stormwater Drainage Plan with drainage easements.
	x	7. Location and area of proposed impervious coverage.
	x	8. Pre- and post-development runoff volumes, velocities, hydrographs, with Watershed Maps and Link Node Diagrams.
	x	9. Methods to record and report installation and maintenance activities.
	x	10. Stormwater quality monitoring program and pre-development pollutant loading calculations.
	x	11. Notarized Operation and Maintenance Agreement signed by responsible party.
Utilities and Services.		
x		1. Statement by the Applicant/ Engineer/ Design Professional confirming that they believe the site can be supplied with adequate utilities.
	x	2. Proposed water system layout, or individual well locations.
	x	3. Proposed sewer system layout, or individual septic tank locations.



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	x	4. Location of solid waste/trash disposal units/dumpsters.
	x	5. Location of proposed water, sewer, electric, telephone, cable, data, and gas service layouts, and proposed easements and connections.
	x	6. Location of proposed fire lane, hydrant location(s), FDC(s), and apparatus access to the site and building(s).
	x	7. Location of service and meter areas.
	x	8. Location of mail delivery boxes.
	x	9. Capacity and service studies and/or calculations.
	x	10. Detailed engineering information identifying the location, construction specifications, typical sections, service connections, meters, valves, manholes, inverts, transformers, service pedestals/boxes, and any other utility information.
Lighting.		
x		1. Narrative or plan notes describing the proposed exterior lighting scheme for the property.
	x	2. Location, specifications, and details for existing and proposed exterior site and building light fixtures including the total lumen output, type of lamp, method of shielding, pole and mounting height, and verification that there are no conflicts between lighting and landscaping.
	x	3. Photometric grid overlaid on the proposed site plan indicating the overall light intensity throughout the site (in footcandles) including existing and proposed lighting. Photometric calculations must consider all exterior lighting including building lighting.
	x	4. Notes describing lighting limitations, prohibitions, and methods of enforcement.

**SIGN AND RETURN THIS CHECKLIST WITH THE APPLICATION SUBMITTAL
ALL SUBMITTALS MUST BE COLLATED AND FOLDED TO 8-1/2" X 11"**

By signature below I certify that I have reviewed and provided the minimum submittal requirements listed above, including any additional items requested by the Town of Bluffton Staff. Any items not provided have been listed in the project narrative with an explanation as to why the required submittal item has not been provided or is not applicable. Further, I understand that failure to provide a complete, quality application or erroneous information may result in the delay of processing my application(s).

Kenneth R. Farrell CEO
Signature of Property Owner or Authorized Agent
Kenneth R. Farrell
Printed Name

3-7-25
Date

First Chatham Bank
7401 Hodgson Memorial Dr.
Savannah, GA 31406

Enter Date:

RE: Letter of Authorization
Fifth Third Bank May River
May River Crossing
Bluffton SC, 29910
Parcel ID: R61003600032130000

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter serves as confirmation that BDG Architects, LLP are authorized to act as agents on behalf of First Chatham Bank for the purpose of applying for permits, registering, re-registering, signing, submitting, remitting payments, and receiving official documents on my behalf.

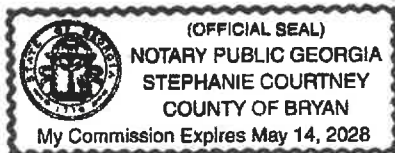
Respectfully,



Print Name: Kenneth R. Farrell
Title: President & CEO

STATE OF Georgia
COUNTY OF Bryan

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7th day of March
20 25, by Kenneth R. Farrell, the President & CEO for
First Chatham Bank who is ☒ personally known to me or ☐ who has
produced _____ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.



Notary Seal

Stephanie Courtney
Signature of Notary

Stephanie Courtney
Print Notary Name

Notary Public – State of Georgia
Commission No. _____
My Commission Expires: 5/14/28



INFINITY ENGINEERING
GROUP, LLC

Project Narrative for Consistency with Bluffton Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)

**Fifth Third Bank – May River
March 2025**

Fifth Third Bank is seeking authorization to construct a financial institution to be located at 2500 May River Crossing in the town of Bluffton South Carolina. The project site is located within a previously developed commercial subdivision with master utilities and stormwater management system. The proposed bank is consistent with the future land use and PUD zoning classification of the parcel. Parking facilities within the vehicular use area is consistent with the UDO. The site will be supplied with water and sewer by connection to previously installed utility systems on site. Access will be provided by previously constructed driveway from the public right-of-way. ADA facilities are incorporated into the site design. The stormwater management system is master planned and currently exists. The site will construct catch basins to collect and convey the surface runoff to the master stormwater system. The design of the site is consistent with the master stormwater calculations. Site lighting, landscaping and irrigation have been designed in compliance with the UDO standards. Building design is consistent with UDO standards. No impacts to sensitive or jurisdictional areas are proposed with the application. Project signage will also be consistent with UDO standards.