

JUSTIFICATION FOR REZONING

The portions of the City of Dacula Code of Ordinances (the “CO”) which classify or may classify the property which is the subject of this Application (the “Property”) into any less intensive zoning classification other than as requested by the Applicant, are or would be unconstitutional in that they would destroy the Applicant's property rights without first paying fair, adequate and just compensation for such rights, in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The application of the CO as applied to the subject Property, which restricts its use to the present zoning classification, is unconstitutional, illegal, null and void, constituting a taking of the Applicant's and the Owner’s property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section I, Paragraph I, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States denying the Applicant an economically viable use of its land while not substantially advancing legitimate state interests.

The Property is presently suitable for development under the R-TH classification as requested by the Applicant, and is not economically suitable for development under the present zoning classification. A denial of this Application would constitute an arbitrary and capricious act by the City of Dacula City Council without any rational basis therefore, constituting an abuse of discretion in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

A refusal by the City of Dacula City Council to rezone the Property to the R-TH classification with such conditions as agreed to by the Applicant, so as to permit the only feasible economic use of the Property, would be unconstitutional and discriminate in an arbitrary, capricious and unreasonable manner between the Applicant and owners of similarly situated property in violation of Article I, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia

of 1983 and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Any rezoning of the subject Property to the R-TH classification, subject to conditions which are different from the conditions by which the Applicant may amend its application, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting the Applicant's and the Owner's utilization of the subject Property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act in zoning the Property to an unconstitutional classification and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions set forth hereinabove.

Opponents to the request set forth in the Application, or in any amendments to the Application, have waived their rights to appeal any decision of the City of Dacula City Council because they lack standing, have failed to exhaust administrative remedies, and/or because they failed to assert any legal or constitutional objections.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the rezoning application submitted by the Applicant relative to the Property be granted and that the Property be rezoned to the zoning classification as shown on the respective application.

This 5th day of March, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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