

CITY OF LAWRENCEVILLE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

LOCAL CODE AMENDMENT FORM (For Local Government Use Only)

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Local Government:	City of Lawrenceville	Date:	Friday, September 20, 2024			
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Title of Code Book:	City of Lawrenceville, Zoning Ordinance, Fifth Edition	Code Section:	Article 1 Districts, Sec. 102.6 RS-TH INF – Townhouse-Family Infill Residential District			
CHECK ONE:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Revise section to read as follows:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Add new section and renumber remaining sections in consecutive as follows:		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete section and substitute the following:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Delete without substitution:		
LINE THROUGH MATERIAL TO BE DELETED:			<u>UNDERLINE MATERIAL TO BE ADDED</u>			

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-	<u>1,000 sq. ft.</u>	<u>1,200 sq. ft.</u>	<u>1,400 sq. ft.</u>	<u>1,600 sq. ft.</u>

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4. Provide a unique architectural entrance with door surround.

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6. Provide elements such as shutters and roof eave brackets.

7. Refer to Article 6, Architectural and Design Standards , for types of materials allowed in the district.

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2. Internal yard requirements: A 20-foot grassed or landscaped strip shall be provided between all buildings (facades/elevations) and interior private drives.

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4. Private Drive shall be installed with the following dimensions:

a. Street width shall be 24 feet. Two-foot curb and gutter required (dimensions are back-to-back of curbs).

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7. Rear entry units shall abide by the following rules and regulations:

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**LOCAL CODE AMENDMENT FORM
INSTRUCTION SHEET**

1. Please use a separate form for each proposed local code amendment.
2. "Sheet 1 of " indicates the number of sheets for each individual proposed code amendment, not the number of sheets for all the amendments submitted. If all of the amendment or ordinance section will not fit in the space provided on form, please submit remaining parts on additional sheet.
3. Identify the code and code section that is the subject of the proposed local amendment.
4. The local government official's name, address, telephone, fax and email address must be filled out completely.
5. Be sure to indicate the type of recommended action in the space referred to as "Check One".

6. If the proposed amendment revises the language of the code section, deletes the entire code section, or deletes the entire code section and offers substitute language, include the language of the present code section and line through the language to be deleted and underline the language of the proposed amendment..
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