

# Rezoning Application to Amend the Official Zoning Map of DeKalb County, Georgia

Date Received:	Application No:
Applicant Name:	
Applicant E-Mail Address:	
Applicant Mailing Address:	
Applicant Daytime Phone:	Fax:
Owner Name:	than one owner, attach list of owners.
Owner Daytime Phone:	
Parcel ID#:	
Acreage:	
Present Zoning District(s):	
Proposed Zoning District:	
Present Land Use Designation:	
Proposed Land Use Designation (if appli	cable):



Government Services Center 178 Sams Street Decatur, GA 30030 www.dekalbcountyga.gov/planning 404-371-2155 (o); 404-371-4556 (f)

Chief Executive Officer
Michael Thurmond

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & SUSTAINABILITY

Interim Director Cedric Hudson

## PRE-APPLICATION FORM REZONE, SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, MODIFICATION, AND LAND USE

(Required prior to filing application: signed copy of this form must be submitted at filing)

Applicant Name:	Phone:	Email:	
Property Address:			
Tax Parcel ID:	Comm. District(s): _	Acreage:	
Existing Use:	Proposed	Use:	
Supplemental Regs:	Overlay District:	DRI:	
Rezoning: Yes No	_		
Existing Zoning:	Proposed Zoning:	_ Square Footage/Number of	Units:
Rezoning Request:			
Land Use Plan Amendment: Y	es No		
Existing Land Use:	Proposed Land Use:	Consistent	Inconsistent
Special Land Use Permit: Yes	No Article Number(s)	27	
Special Land Use Request(s):			
<b>Major Modification</b> :			
Existing Case Number(s):			
Condition(s) to be modified:			
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## WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU FILE YOUR APPLICATION

Pre-submittal Community Meeting:	Review Calendar Dates:	PC: BOC:
Letter of Intent:Impact Analysis:	Owner Authorization(s):	Campaign Disclosure:
Zoning Conditions: Community Council Meeting: Public Notice, Signs:		
Tree Survey, Conservation: Land	l Disturbance Permit (LDP):	Sketch Plat:
Bldg. Permits: Fire Inspection: _	Business License:	State License:
Lighting Plan: Tent Permit:	Submittal Format: NO STAP	LES, NO BINDERS PLEASE
	Review of Site Plan	
Density: Density Bonuses:	Mix of Uses:	Open Space:
Enhanced Open Space: Setbac	ks: front sides si	de corner rear
Lot Size: Frontage:	Street Widths: Lands	scape Strips:
Buffers: Parking Lot Landscaping:	Parking - Auto:	Parking - Bicycle:
Screening: Streetscapes:	Sidewalks:Fencing	g/Walls:
Bldg. Height: Bldg. Orientation:	Bldg. Separation: Blo	lg. Materials:
Roofs: Fenestration: Façade	e Design: Garages:	Pedestrian Plan:
Perimeter Landscape Strip:		
Possible Variances: A site plan was not reviewed during this meeting. Variances may be sought.		
Comments: The Applicant may consider	rezoning 700 Jordan Lane fi	rom R-75 to OI for the operation
of a crematory. Additionally, a SLUP would be	required to operate a crematory wi	thin an OI zoning district.
The Applicant may also consider, for co	onsistency, rezoning 2907 Ju	dylyn from M to OI.
Planner: Andrea Folgherait, Sr. Planner Date: 01/02/2025		
	FILING FEES	
<b>REZONING:</b> RE, RLG, R-100, R-85, R-75, R-6	50, MHP, RSM, MR-1	\$500.00
RNC, MR-2, HR-1, HR-2, HR-3, OI, OD, OIT, NS, C1, C2, M, M2	MU-1, MU-2, MU-3, MU-4, MU-5	\$750.00 \$750.00
OI, OD, OIT, NS, C1, C2, M, M2 \$750.00		
LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT		\$500.00
SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT		\$400.00



3562 Habersham at Northlake, Bldg. J, Ste 100 Tucker, Georgia 30084

#### **Zoom Instructions:**

Go to <a href="https://battlelawpc.zoom.us/join">https://battlelawpc.zoom.us/join</a> and Enter the Meeting ID that you have been provided with in the appropriate field and click "Join". To join by phone, please dial (646) 558-8656. If you are unable to attend or would like to learn more about the proposed project, please call our office at the number below.

We encourage you to come out and participate!

For More Information Contact Jordan Battle at: Phone: 404-601-7616 ext. 8 Fax: 404-745-0045 Email: jeb@battlelawpc.com FOLLOW-UP COMMUNITY MEETING TO DISCUSS REZONING FROM R-75 TO O-I TO ALLOW A CEMETERY AND FUNERAL HOME AS A PERMITTED USE, AND A SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION TO ALLOW FOR AN ON-SITE CREMATORY

Project Title: Washington Memorial Gardens- 700 Jordan Lane

When: April 21, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM Eastern (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: <a href="https://battlelawpc.zoom.us/join">https://battlelawpc.zoom.us/join</a>

Meeting ID: 861 7532 6573



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### Property owner mailing list disclaimer for DeKalb County

We are providing a list of property owners as a courtesy. It may or may not contain all property owners. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that they are complying with the community meeting requirements, including contacting all property owners within 500 feet of the subject property.

No application for an amendment to the land use plan, an amendment to the official zoning map or special land use permit or a major amendment/modification to a condition of zoning shall be filed and/or accepted for filing until such time as the applicant has conducted a publicized pre-submittal community meeting(s) with surrounding neighborhood association(s)/community groups within one-half (1/2) mile of the subject property and adjacent and nearby property owners within five hundred (500) feet of the subject property.

A notice of the pre-submittal community meeting shall be made in writing. The pre-submittal community meeting shall be held via an online meeting service (e.g. Zoom, Skype, Microsoft Teams, etc.). The online, pre-submittal community meeting shall take place no less than fifteen (15) days after the date of the written notice. Additionally, online, pre-submittal community meetings shall be conducted no earlier than 5:00p.m. on weekdays or between the hours of 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m. on weekends. Online meetings shall be recorded. Applicants are required to provide documentation that verifies the occurrence of said meeting(s), including but not limited to notice letter, sign-in sheets or correspondence from the neighborhood association(s) or residents from the community before the application can be considered complete by the published Filing Deadline.

DEI INC	NOTTINGHAM WILFRED A	LINDSEY GARY JAMES
646 KENTUCKY ST	2838 JORDAN OAKS LN	2860 JORDAN OAKS LN # 11
SCOTTDALE , GA 30079	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
OCP KENTUCKY LLC	BROYLES TOMMY L	CHAN MONICA
PO BOX 881	2840 JORDAN OAKS LN	2961 JORDAN OAKS LN
SCOTTDALE , GA 30079	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
DELINC	GORE JOHN	SNELLING THERESIA M
625 KENTUCKY ST	2842 JORDAN OAKS LN	2859 JORDAN OAKS LN
SCOTTDALE , GA 30079	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
DOWNS ROBERT W JR	STERN ANNE M	GAPUTIS REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST
2968 N DECATUR RD # G	2844 JORDAN OAKS LN	2857 JORDAN OAKS LN
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
HELPING HANDS CHARITABLE FOUND	CURRY ALFONSO DEAN	MALINIAK LIVING TRUST
11625 RAINWATER DR # 500	2846 JORDAN OAKS LN	10215 FRANK RD
ALPHARETTA , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	COLLIERVILLE , TN 30033
WIESBOECK WALTER ROBERT	NELSON MARY E	ROSZKOWSKI EVAN
1850 CASTLEWAY LN NE	2848 JORDAN OAKS LN	2853 JORDAN OAKS LN
ATLANTA, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
STORAGE TRUST PROPERTIES L P	OBRIEN MICHAEL K	CLAWSON ANGELA
PO BOX 25025	2852 JORDAN OAKS LN	2851 JORDAN OAKS LN
GLENDALE , CA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
EI PACES PARK LLC	WOOLFOLK EVONNIE MARIE	PATEL JAYESH SHIRISH
12 PIEDMONT CTR STE 100	2854 JORDAN OAKS LN	2849 JORDAN OAKS LN
ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
THREE S COMPANY	MONTERO RICHARD JOSEPH	WILKINSON DAVID
PO BOX 1005	2856 JORDAN OAKS LN # 9	2847 JORDAN OAKS LN
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
LIFE STORAGE LP	WELLINGTON RUTH E	KINNARD JOYCE K
6890 S 2300 E	2858 JORDAN OAKS LN UNIT 10	2845 JORDAN OAKS LN # 20
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033

THE OAKS ON JORDAN LLC	CARROLL CHRISTINE A	GREATER FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY
175 CLIFTWOOD DR NE	815 PINETREE DR	PO BOX 33025
ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
HADC AVENUES LLC	TEJANI SHAIZAN	MOSSAVI MAHMOUD
750 COMMERCE DR STE 201	3865 SHACKLEFORD RD UNIT 718	2877 HOLLYWOOD DR
DECATUR , GA	DULUTH , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
JARNAC SANDEE LOUISE	PIERCE JOANN THOMPSON	MOSAVI SEYED MOHAMMAD
675 JORDAN LN	189 MARTHA AVE NE	791 CRANDALL CT
DECATUR , GA 30033	ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
SAWICKI LYNNE	JORDAN WILLIAM HILL HIS ESTATE PERS REP	PITTS CLAIRE
663 JORDAN LN	3141 ROBINSON AVE	783 CRANDALL CT
DECATUR , GA 30033	SCOTTDALE, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
CREAMER MAGNOLIA	THOMPSON ANNIE REE	WHYTE JESSICA
659 JORDAN LN	189 MARTHA AVE NE	775 CRANDALL CT
DECATUR , GA 30033	ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
STOKES LOUIS C	LEVINS SAVANNAH JOAN	VOGT VAN DOORN HENDRIKA ANNA
653 JORDAN LN	745 REVEREND D L EDWARDS DR	770 CRANDALL CT
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
RIMMER STEPHANIE ANN	PAPPAS STEPHEN T	VOIGT LOIS ANN
647 JORDAN LN	2761 ARBORCREST DR	774 CRANDALL CT
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
EDWARDS ERNESTINE L	GULAMHUSSAIN ALNOOR	HERROD WILLIAM D
633 JORDAN LN	170 HARMONY GROVE RD	782 CRANDALL CT
DECATUR , GA 30033	LILBURN , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
ANDERSON CEMETERY	GULAMHUSSAIN ALNOOR	OZMORE B MAURNEEN
2725 ARBORCREST DR	2773 ABORCREST DR	792 CRANDALL CT
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
KEVORKIAN VIRGINIA G 741 REVEREND DL EDWARDS DR	JORDAN C R 675 JORDAN LN	OH KAP RYUL 2855 HOLLYWOOD DR

DECATUR, GA 30033

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CHOW DANIEL	WALLS MABEL M	BAKER CHARLIE BAKER JR ESTATE OF
2847 HOLLYWOOD DR	2829 ARBORCREST DR	1055 E chapman LN E
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	STONE MOUNTAIN , GA 30033
DEKALB COUNTY	ROLAX KATHERINE ALGARRA	MCCARTER LOUIS
1300 COMMERCE DR	2825 ARBORCREST DR	14112 S ZAMORA AVE
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	COMPTON , CA 30033
MORRIS CARRIE GLOVER	NGUYEN PHUONG	HUNTER CEDRIC
2831 HOLLYWOOD DR	2821 ARBORCREST DR	2840 LINCOLN DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
GROFT TSANG LYDIA CAROL	DEKALB COUNTY	HUNTER JOYCE
2595 OAK CROSSING DR	4380 MEMORIAL DR # 100	2840 LINCOLN DR
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
FLOWERS WAX DAVID	RAUSHER MICHAEL HERBERT	LOW MEAGAN
2825 HOLLYWOOD DR	2785 ARBORCREST DR	2846 LINCOLN DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
MCNICHOLS BRENDAN T	ISMAILY BABAR J	VAN OOSTEN JOHN CORNEILUS
2810 ARBORCREST DR	754 REVEREND DL EDWARDS DR	2839 LINCOLN DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
LANG PRASHANTHI	LI YANG	OOSTEN JOHN VAN
3 BRANCH BEND CIR	746 REVEREND D L EDWARDS DR	2839 LINCOLN DR
HOUSTON , TX 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
GREENLEE STEPHEN A	LEE TRAVIS	GRYWALSKI JOSEPH E
2431 FOX MINE LN	157 LAUREL WAY	2827 LINCOLN DR
HERNDON , VA 30033	WOODSTOCK , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
SIMS SADIE	FABB JORDAN JULIA	REYNOLDS JARED LEON
1031 JIMSON DR SE	2802 LINCOLN DR	2821 LINCOLN DR
CONYERS , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
SIMS SADIE S 5739 HUNTERS CHASE CT	MARGOL COLE AARON 2816 LINCOLN DR	RIVAS LENET 2819 LINCOLN DR

DECATUR, GA 30033

DECATUR, GA 30033

LITHONIA, GA 30033

WILKES MICHAEL D	PEACOCK JOYCE W	SAIKAS JOHN PATRICK
2817 LINCOLN DR	696 JORDAN LN	2801 ARBORCREST DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
REEVES KIMBERLY JEAN	PEACOCK JOYCE	FNU NASEEM
2813 LINCOLN DR	696 JORDAN LN	2812 LINCOLN DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
KANT DOUGLAS JR	WHITLOCK ROBERT	MISSION HOMES BUYERS LLC
2811 LINCOLN DR	2415 S EIFFEL CT	3846 GLADNEY DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	ATLANTA , GA 30033
AZFAR SYED M	WU JIJUN	CLARK MARCINDRA ANN
4649 MEMORIAL DR	1650 AURELIA DR	2822 HOLLYWOOD DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	CUMMING , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
JOHNSON JONATHAN	MORRIS CHARLES A	CARLTON JASON D
1517 WIRE DR	668 JORDAN LN	2826 HOLLYWOOD DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
ROBERTS MARK	LEEINDECATUR LLC	WARD CHARLES N
201 LOCUST ST	646 JORDAN LN	2844 HOLLYWOOD DR
MARIETTA , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
ROBERTS MARK A	OLEARY MICHAL	BRADFORD RUSSELL REI
201 LOCUST ST	646 JORDAN LN	2852 HOLLYWOOD DR
MARIETTA , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
MEMORIAL PROPERTIES INC	GUTHRIE CHARLIE	TOPPING NANCY R
2275 JOSEPH E BOONE BLVD NW	642 JORDAN LN	2862 HOLLYWOOD DR
ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
RAGLIN KEVIN A	ROSENWASSER ELIZABETH C	CARDER CHRISTOPHER
2811 ARBORCREST DR	2817 ARBORCREST DR	2934 LOWRANCE DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
SHALOM RESTORATIONS LLC	MCCARTER LOUIS F	HODGES THEODORE S
695 JORDAN LN	14112 ZAMORA AVE	771 GATES MILL DR UNIT 304
DECATUR, GA 30033	COMPTON , CA 30033	FORT MILL , SC 30033

LEONE AUSTIN ELIZABETH	PEISNER LYNN REVOCABLE TRUST	CRISP RUSSELL LEE REVOCABLE TRUST
2924 LOWRANCE DR	2899 FANTASY LN	234 GIBSON ST SE
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	ATLANTA , GA 30033
LI JENNY	DREYER TIMOTHY	VIRGA ROBIN
2918 LOWRANCE DR	2893 FANTASY LN	2933 LOWRANCE DR
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
RUHLMAN JILL	PALMER TIMOTHY	TAYLOR TRACY
2914 LOWRANCE DR	2889 FANTASY LN	308 W PONCE DE LEON AVE STE B
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
GUNTER CLIFTON III	QI LI	HILL MELANIE A
827 W PONCE DE LEON AVE	612 GLENDALE AVE	733 HILLMONT AVE
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
VINCENT TROWBRIDGE REVOCABLE TRUST	DOTSON JANIS	LUCAS ALLISON FARNHAM
2904 LOWRANCE DR	2763 LAUREL RIDGE DR	2936 WESTBURY DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
HERNANDEZ DIONICIO	HERBERT DEVA G	MARTINEZ ADAM W
2898 LOWRANCE DR	2871 FANTASY LN	2932 WESTBURY DR
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
STAIKOVA EKATERINA	ALLEN MARIA	DEAN GAIL O
2923 FANTASY LN	2865 FANTASY LN	2926 WESTBURY DR
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
MCCOY THOMAS A III	FARMER NERISSA D	CRANDALL NORMAN C
2917 FANTASY LN	719 COOL HOLLOW DR	691 COOL HOLLOW DR
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
DEVLIN JAMES D	ERWIN JESSICA L	KALLENBERG E PARKE
2911 FANTASY LN	727 COOL HOLLOW DR	707 COOL HOLLOW DR
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033

MOSS KATHRYN MERTENS GRIT PAINTER LAVONNE
2905 FANTASY LN 735 COOL HOLLOW DR 2927 WESTBURY DR
DECATUR, GA 30033 DECATUR, GA 30033

KEELER CATHERINE C	VANPELT SCOT A	VSP ATLANTA LLC
2933 WESTBURY DR	PO BOX 326	3495 PIEDMONT RD NE BLDG 11 300
DECATUR, GA 30033	CLARKSTON, GA 30033	ATLANTA , GA 30033
GREEN PETER	MANSON PHILIP S	GATEWAY AT CEDAR BROOK LLC
1756 NOBLE DR NE	2936 JUDYLYN DR	2020 PONCE DE LEON BLVD UNIT 1005A
ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	CORAL GABLES , FL 30033
VICTOR WARREN PROPERTIES INC	WALDROP SCOTT M	GLIER RAYMOND G
754 LULLWATER RD NE	2932 JUDYLYN DR	734 COOL HOLLOW DR
ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033
HEXING DEVELOPMENT INC	SCHMUTZ CASSANDRA P	WEIBEL ANNA C
PO BOX 2898	2926 JUDYLYN DR	726 COOL HOLLOW DR
LILBURN , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
PRITCHARD RENTALS LLC	KIMBALL BRUCE A	GOODRIDGE CHERYL L
3035 WILL ROGERS PL SE	2933 JUDYLYN DR	1892 JACKSON LAKE RD
ATLANTA, GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033	MANSFIELD , GA 30033
SYLVAN ANITA	HENLEY YASMIN	BLACK ROBERT
2959 WESTBURY DR	2937 JUDYLYN DR	716 COOL HOLLOW DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
LOCKLEDGE JEFFREY CARLETON	WHITELEGG ANDREW J	GUNTER REBECCA E
2964 JUDYLYN DR	2943 JUDYLYN DR	710 COOL HOLLOW DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
HUBER RICHARD W	COX BEVERLY M	BREAZEALE RONALD STEPHEN
2958 JUDYLYN DR	3911 THORNRIDGE WAY	706 COOL HOLLOW DR
DECATUR, GA 30033	ATLANTA , GA 30033	DECATUR, GA 30033
HARDY MICHAEL A	LUTZ WILLIAM	BASSETT BONNIE ANN
2952 JUDYLYN DR	2953 JUDYLYN DR	7954 FALLS CREEK MAIN
DECATUR, GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DURANGO , CO 30033
LEDBETTER MARY JO	HELMEY BETH A	DEROSA BRIGIT
2948 JUDYLYN DR	2959 JUDYLYN DR	696 COOL HOLLOW DR
DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033	DECATUR , GA 30033

TRINITY MEMORIAL CEMETERY INC 4685 GLENWOOD RD DECATUR, GA 30033 THOMSON LAURA 796 CINDERELLA WAY DECATUR, GA 30033

GALLAGHER REBECCA LYNN 784 CINDERELLA WAY DECATUR, GA 30033

JUNE HOY & WILLIAMS JAY FAMILY 6555 RAINES DR CUMMING, GA 30033

ELLIOTT HILARY 2914 FANTASY LN DECATUR, GA 30033

MILLER DEBRA L 2906 FANTASY LN DECATUR, GA 30033

NDE BEATRICE 1655 MILLHOUSE LNDG MARIETTA , GA 30033

TUPLE DANIEL 2876 FANTASY LN DECATUR, GA 30033

MOORE BERKELEY 824 CINDERELLA WAY DECATUR, GA 30033

SORENSEN KELLY L 8009 PINEY BRANCH RD SILVER SPRING , MD 30033

WOOTUCK PROPERTIES LLC 804 CINDERELLA WAY DECATUR, GA 30033



#### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

and

Other Material Required by
DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance
For
A Rezoning from R-75 to OI to allow
a Funeral Home

of

Memorial Properties, Inc. Doing Business As Washington Memorial Gardens c/o Battle Law, P.C.

for

+/-34.16 Acres of Land
Being 700 Jordan Lane
DeKalb County, Georgia and
Parcel Nos. 18 063 09 074

Submitted for Applicant by:

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#### I. <u>LETTER OF INTENT</u>

Memorial Properties, Inc. doing business as Washington Memorial Gardens (the "Applicant") is seeking to develop on +/- 34.16 acres of land being Tax Parcel No. 18 063 09 074 having frontage on 700 Jordan Lane (the "Subject Property") with a funeral home. The Applicant is seeking a rezoning from R-75 to OI. The proposed funeral home will complement the existing cemetery use, enhance service offerings to the community, and ensure that families are provided a seamless, dignified experience in times of loss.

Washington Memorial Gardens was established in 1928 and brought to prominence following Tobie Grant's ownership of the cemetery in 1947. Grant was a local celebrity, businesswoman, clairvoyant, fortune teller, and philanthropist whose had an immense impact in Atlanta. Her legacy lives on at Washington Memorial Gardens, where she is buried. The proposed development is both a continuation and an enhancement of her vision—ensuring that the cemetery remains a vital, compassionate community resource for generations to come.

This document serves as a statement of intent, analysis of the criteria under the DeKalb County Code of Ordinances and contains notice of constitutional allegations as a reservation of the Applicant's rights.

#### II. <u>DEKALB COUNTY REZONING CRITERIA</u>

When considering rezoning applications, the DeKalb County Code of Ordinances states that the following criteria shall be considered:

1. Whether the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive *Plan*;

The future land use map has assigned the Institutional land use designation to the Subject Property, which specifically permits the OI (Office-Institutional) zoning district. The DeKalb County 2050 Comprehensive Plan states that "the intent of the Institutional Character Area is to designate specific areas that provide institutional services." Both "Cemetery, columbarium, and mausoleum," and "Funeral home, mortuary" are listed as "Institutional/Public" uses in the DeKalb County Code of Ordinances Section 4.1.3 Use Table in Table 4.1. Therefore, the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Whether the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties;

The zoning proposal will allow for a funeral home in the existing Washington Memorial Gardens cemetery. The funeral home is situated in the center of the 34-acre site such that it is as far away as possible from surrounding residential uses. The building will be no closer than 469 feet to the nearest property line. The new funeral home will not drastically change the operations or use on



the Subject Property. So, the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby properties.

3. Whether the property to be affected by the zoning proposal has a reasonable economic use as currently zoned;

Washington Memorial Gardens operates as a cemetery today, but it is zoned R-75. The cemetery will never be developed under the R-75 zoning district given the current use. Furthermore, given time, Washington Memorial Gardens will run out of land for burials. If another long-term plan is not enacted, Washington Memorial Gardens will not have any economically viable use. However, a funeral home may provide for a long-term plan that will ensure Washington Memorial Gardens can continue to sustainably serve the community. So, today there is no economically viable use as currently zoned, but this application can remedy that problem.

4. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties;

The zoning proposal will not adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby properties. The funeral home will be centrally located within the 34-acre site, ensuring that it remains well-buffered from neighboring properties. Furthermore, the volume of customer traffic is not expected to increase. In fact, with the funeral home operating on-site, there will likely be a reduction in outside funeral homes utilizing the cemetery, resulting in less overall traffic to and from the property.

5. Whether there are other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which give supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal;

Washington Memorial Gardens, founded in 1928 by philanthropist Tobie Grant, carries significant historical value. Without a long-term plan, the sustainability of the cemetery is at risk. Implementing a sustainable business strategy—such as adding a funeral home to the property—will help ensure that Washington Memorial Gardens can sustain itself indefinitely. This will preserve the cemetery's legacy, honor Tobie Grant's contributions, and continue to provide a dignified resting place for those laid to rest there.

6. Whether the zoning proposal will adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources;

The zoning proposal will not adversely affect historic buildings, sites, districts, or archaeological resources. The Subject Property is not in any historic site today. However, implementing a long-term business plan will allow for the cemetery to continue to exist and honor the historic figures that rest there. Furthermore, the zoning proposal only seeks to allow for a funeral home on the Subject Property. The existing office building can be converted into the funeral home to preserve the building.



7. Whether the zoning proposal will result in a use which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools; and

The zoning proposal will not result in a use which will or could cause excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools. The proposed use will have little to no effect on the aforementioned resources.

8. Whether the zoning proposal adversely impacts the environment or surrounding natural resources

The zoning proposal will not impact the environment or surrounding natural resources. The zoning proposal does not include development that encroaches into any stream buffer or call for removal of trees.

#### III. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant hereby requests that the application for a rezoning from R-75 to OI be approved. The Applicant welcomes any questions and feedback from the planning staff.

## IV. NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL ALLEGATIONS AND PRESERVATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The portions of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance, facially and as applied to the Subject Property, which restrict or classify or may restrict or classify the Subject Property so as to prohibit its development as proposed 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 the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and would be in violation of the Commerce Clause, Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution of the United States.

The application of the DeKalb County Zoning Ordinance to the Subject Property which restricts its use to any classification other than that proposed by the Applicant is unconstitutional, illegal, null and void, constituting a taking of Applicant's Property in violation of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section I, Paragraph I, and Article I, Section III, Paragraph I of the Constitution of the State of Georgia of 1983, and the Equal Protection and Due Process Clauses 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.

A denial of this Application would constitute an arbitrary irrational abuse of discretion and unreasonable use of the zoning power because they bear no substantial relationship to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare of the public and substantially harm the Applicant in



violation of the due process and equal protection rights guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, and Article I, Section I, Paragraph I and Article I, Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia.

A refusal by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners to amend the land use and/or rezone the Subject Property to the classification as requested by the Applicant 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 Property subject to conditions which are different from the conditions requested by the Applicant, to the extent such different conditions would have the effect of further restricting Applicant's utilization of the property, would also constitute an arbitrary, capricious and discriminatory act in zoning the Subject Property to an unconstitutional classification and would likewise violate each of the provisions of the State and Federal Constitutions set forth hereinabove.

A refusal to allow the land use amendment and/or rezoning and special land use permit in questions would be unjustified from a fact-based standpoint and instead would result only from constituent opposition, which would be an unlawful delegation of authority in violation of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph IV of the Georgia Constitution.

A refusal to allow the land use amendment and/or rezoning and special land use permit in question would be invalid inasmuch as it would be denied pursuant to an ordinance which is not in compliance with the Zoning Procedures Law, O.C.G.A Section 36-66/1 et seq., due to the manner in which the Ordinance as a whole and its map(s) have been adopted.

The existing land use designation and/or zoning classification on the Subject Property is unconstitutional as it applies to the Subject Property. This notice is being given to comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Section 36-11-1 to afford the County an opportunity to revise the Property to a constitutional classification. If action is not taken by the County to rectify this unconstitutional land use designation and/or zoning classification within a reasonable time, the Applicant is hereby placing the County on notice that it may elect to file a claim in the Superior Court of DeKalb County demanding just and adequate compensation under Georgia law for the taking of the Subject Property, diminution of value of the Subject Property, attorney's fees and other damages arising out of the unlawful deprivation of the Applicant's property rights.

Michele L. Battle, Esq. Attorney for the Applicant



#### **AUTHORIZATION**

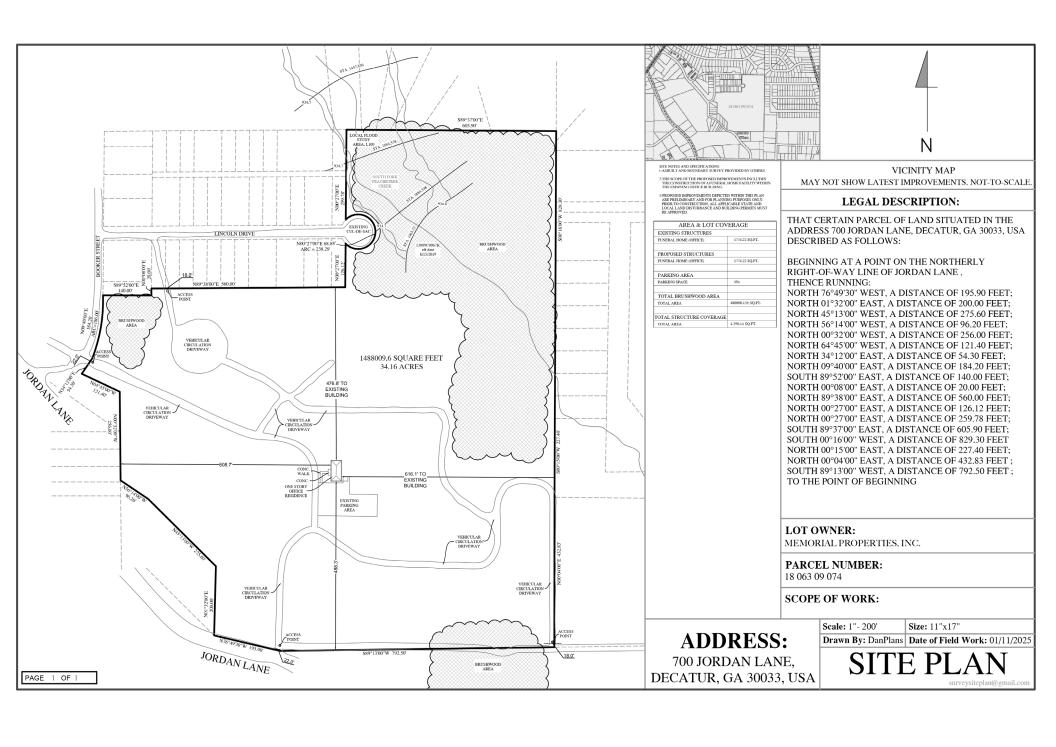
The property owner should complete this form or a similar signed and notarized form if the individual who will file the application with the County is not the property owner.

Date: 04/15/25	
(I) (VVL)	A Washington Memorial Gardens
Name o	f owner(s)
being (owner) (owners) of the subject property described authority to Battle Law P.C.	ribed below or attached hereby delegate
Name of Agent	t or Representative
Notary Public  Deltaib County, GEORGIA  Notary Public	TIMOTHY AMOUI  Owner  Owner
Notary Public	Owner
Notary Public	Owner



#### **DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION**

In accordance with the Conflict of Interest in Zonir be answered.	ng Act, OCGA Chapter 36-67A, the following questions must
Have you, the applicant, made \$250.00 or more in two years immediately preceding the filling of this	campaign contribution to a local government official within application?
Yes *	
If the answer is yes, you must file a disclosure repo	rt with the governing authority of DeKalb County showing:
1. The name and official position of the local go made.	vernment official to whom the campaign contribution was
2. The dollar amount and description of each cam preceding the filing of this application and the	npaign contribution made during the two years immediately date of each such contribution.
•	r the application is first filed and must be submitted s of DeKalb County, 1300 Commerce Drive, Decatur,
	X
Notary	Signature of Applicant /Date
	Check one: OwnerAgent
Expiration Date/ Seal	
*Notary seal not needed if answer is "no".	



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#### Exhibit "A"

As to DeKalb County Tax Parcel No. 18 063 09 074; Commonly known as 700 Jordan Lane, Decatur, GA 30033:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 63 of the 18th District, DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND lying and being in Land Lot 63 of the 18th District, DeKalb County, Georgia, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located at the point of intersection of the Northeasterly right-of-way line of Cemetery Drive with the Easterly right-of-way line of Booker Street, and following the curvature thereof, one hundred eighty-six (186) feet to an iron pin, said measured distance being one hundred eighty-four and twenty-two hundredths (184.22) feet as measured along a chord line running North of degrees 39 minutes 56 seconds East; thence running South 89 degrees 52 minutes East along the south line of Lot 4, Block D of said Washington Park Subdivision, one hundred forty (140) feet to an iron pin; thence running North 00 degrees 80 minutes East along the east line of said Lot twenty (20) feet to an iron pin; thence running North 89 degrees 37 minutes 34 seconds East along the South line of said Lots in Block D of said Washington Park Subdivision, five hundred sixty (560) feet to an iron pin; thence running North 00 degrees 37 minutes 18 seconds East along the East side of Grant Street (not open), four hundred fifty-four and seventy hundredths (454.70) feet to an iron pin; thence running South 89 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East along the East side of Grant Street (not open), six hundred five and ninety-fourth hundredths (605.94) feet to an iron pin; thence running South 89 degrees 37 minutes 22 seconds East along the South line of Arborcrest Drive (not open), six hundred five and ninety-fourth hundredths (605.94) feet to an iron pin located on the line dividing Land Lots 63 and 64 of the 18th District, DeKaib County, Georgia; thence running South 00 degrees 24 minutes 12 seconds West along said Land Lot Line, fourteen hundred eighty-seven and ninety-five hundredths (1,487.95) feet to an iron pin located at the common corner of Land Lots 63, 64, 47 and 48; thence running South 89 degrees 33 minutes 59 seconds West along the line dividing Land Lots 48

LESS AND EXCEPT: That portion of land conveyed in that Quitclaim Deed executed on April 15, 1968, from Washington Memorial Gardens, Inc. to Willie Walker, recorded in Deed Book 2299, Page 242, DeKalb County, Georgia Records.

LESS AND EXCEPT: That portion of land conveyed in that Right of Way Deed by and between Memorial Properties, Inc. and DeKalb County, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, dated April 21, 1986, recorded in Deed Book 5461, Page 29, aforesaid Records.



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