



NEWTON COUNTY

APPLICATION PACKAGE

FOR APPEALS TO THE BOARD

OF COMMISSIONERS

(Revised 2023)

APPLICANT’S CHECK SHEET

DOCUMENTS AND QUANTITIES REQUIRED FOR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FILING DEADLINE: NO MORE THAN 10 (TEN) BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THE MEETING, BEFORE 3:30 p.m.

ITEM	REQUIRED ITEM	NUMBER OF COPIES	CHECK <input type="checkbox"/>
1.	Application Form	One (1) original	
2.	Letter of Intent	One (1)	
3.	Marker Sign & Permission for Access to the Property	One (1)	
4.	Survey Plat	Two (2)	
5.	Written Legal Description	One (1)	
6.	Concept Plan – Full size	Two (2)	
7.	Concept Plan- 8.5x11	One (1)	
8.	Marker Sign & Permission for Access to the Property	One (1)	
9.	Email application, all documents & plans in a PDF to PNZ@co.newton.ga.us		
10.	Fees	\$150	

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

ITEM 1. PRE-APPLICATION REVIEW MEETING AND FORM: Prior to submitting an application, all applicants must meet with the Zoning Administrator or the Planner who will review your proposal and issue a Pre-Application Review Form. Bring to the meeting a site plan. Call 678-625-1231 for an appointment.

ITEM 2. APPLICATION FORM: The applicant must have a notarized signature of all owners of the subject property authorizing the filing of the application. If the owner is not the petitioner, part 2 of the form must also be completed. The owner’s signature of the application may serve as authorization for the petitioner/applicant or agent to act on their behalf in the filing of the application.

ITEM 3. LETTER OF INTENT: The letter should include factual information such as zoning district, Ordinance Section number of the standard to which you seek a variance, and details of the requested variance. (i.e. to reduce the front yard setback from 40 feet to 35 feet)

ITEM 4. SURVEY PLAT: The survey of the property must be prepared and sealed by a professional engineer or land surveyor registered in the State of Georgia, and includes the following

1. The complete boundaries of the subject property and all buildings and structures existing thereon.
2. Notation as to whether or not any portion of the subject property is with the boundaries of the 100-year floodplain.

3. A notation as to the total acreage or square footage of the subject property.

ITEM 5. WRITTEN LEGAL DISCRPTION: Must be a “metes and bounds” description. Must match the survey and the concept plan. If property is located within a recorded subdivision, the lot number, and plat book and page, may be sufficient, if a copy of the recorded plat is provided.

ITEM 6. CONCEPT PLAN – FULL SIZE (if larger site plan is needed) Must be drawn to scale. Include existing and proposed conditions, and anything useful to demonstrate a hardship like shape of property, easements, topography, parking, driveways, buffers, landscape areas, streams, and other features.

ITEM 7. CONCEPT PLAN – 8.5” X 11”: A reduced copy of the concept plan.

ITEM 8. MARKER SIGN & PERMISSION FOR ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY: The applicant must read & sign the form allowing access to the property & posting of marker sign.

ITEM 9. FEES: The filing fee to Appeal the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to the Board of Commissioners is \$150 & is due at the time of filing. Fees may be paid by check, money order or credit card.

SECTION IV OWNER/PETITIONER

NOTICE: Parts 1 and/or Part 2 below must be signed and notarized when petition is submitted. Please complete Section IV as follows:

- a) If you are the sole owner and the petitioner complete Part 1 and 2.
 - b) If you are the sole owner of the property and not the petitioner complete Part 1.
 - c) If you are the petitioner and not the sole owner of the property complete Part 2 and have owner/s complete Part 1.
 - d) If there are multiple owners, each must complete a separate Part 1 and include it in the application. Please indicate applicable map and parcel numbers for each owner.
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Part 1. Owner states under oath that he/she is the owner of the property described in the attached legal description, which is made part of this application. The owner also states under oath that the petitioner below is authorized to act on their behalf in the filing of this application.

TYPE OR PRINT OWNER'S NAME	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
ADDRESS	_____ Day of _____ 20_____
CITY & STATE ZIP CODE	NOTARY PUBLIC
OWNER'S SIGNATURE	MAP & PARCEL NUMBER(S)
	PHONE NUMBER

Part 2.

TYPE OR PRINT PETITIONER'S NAME	Sworn to and subscribed before me this
ADDRESS	_____ Day of _____ 20_____
CITY & STATE ZIP CODE	NOTARY PUBLIC
PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE	PHONE NUMBER

SECTION V ATTORNEY/AGENT

Check One: [____] Attorney [____] Agent

TYPE OR PRINT ATTORNEY / AGENT NAME	
ADDRESS	SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY / AGENT
CITY & STATE ZIP CODE	
PHONE NUMBER	

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____



Newton County Development Services

MARKER SIGN

I understand that upon filing this petition a marker sign (or signs) will be placed upon the property associated with this request. The purpose of these marker signs is to confirm the physical location of the property so that the Road Department may place the public notification signs required by Section 620-020 B. of the Newton County Zoning Ordinance and State law. One marker sign shall be placed along each public road the property abuts.

I further understand it is my responsibility to confirm the location of the sign is on the property of which I am seeking a zoning petition and to notify Staff if the sign is not on the correct property. In the event the signs are not posted properly within the time frame specified by the Zoning Ordinance and State law due to my failure to confirm placement the marker signs, my petition may be delayed to a subsequent hearing date.

I hereby certify that the necessary marker sign(s) will be placed on the property by _____, 20_____.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

LETTER OF ACCESS

I agree to allow free access to the land this application is being submitted for to all public agencies with jurisdiction. Furthermore, I agree to inform those agencies and/or departments who require access to this land of any hazardous materials, animals, devices or activities that may be on the property. In addition, from the date of application submittal, I agree to notify the Department of Development Services of any hunting activities that are currently, or proposed to be, conducted on my property.

The Newton County Development Services Department will do our utmost to contact the owner of the property twenty-four (24) hours prior to any site inspections or visits to the property. If staff is unable to contact the property owner via a phone call, email and/or voice message, staff will contact the applicant, if applicable.

Property Owner's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____