



City of Locust Grove, Georgia  
Community Development Department

**VESTED RIGHTS PETITION**

**General Information**

Under certain circumstances, vested rights may be claimed under state law to allow an application to be reviewed under regulations that have been changed or are otherwise no longer in effect. All claims for vested rights shall be reviewed in accordance with controlling Georgia case law, statute, and/or constitutional provisions.

Pursuant to *Section 2(A)* of Ordinance 16-07-043, adopted by the Locust Grove City Council on August 1, 2016, applications for claiming vested rights shall adhere to the following process.

1. Submit a completed VESTED RIGHTS PETITION to the Community Development Department.
2. An administrative hearing before the City Council shall be scheduled to occur within the next sixty (60) days.
3. All evidence shall be presented to the City Council by the applicant for consideration during this administrative hearing.
4. The City Council shall render a final written decision on the VESTED RIGHTS PETITION within thirty (30) days of the administrative hearing.
5. Appeals of the City Council's decision shall be filed with the Superior Court of Henry County via a writ of certiorari.

**Initial Required Petition Information:**

1. **TITLE** A title opinion of a Georgia attorney, abstract of title or other evidence demonstrating property ownership interests in the real property described in the application, which opinion, abstract or other evidence of ownership is acceptable to the City as of both the date of filing this petition and as of July 31, 2016.
2. **BOUNDARY SURVEY AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION** prepared by a surveyor registered by the State of Georgia under a surveyor's seal and certified to the City for the parcel of land upon which the applicant claims to have vested rights.
3. **AFFIDAVIT** under penalty of perjury, executed by the applicant before a notary public attesting to the truth, accuracy and veracity of the application and all attachments thereto.
4. **DESCRIPTION OF VESTED RIGHTS CLAIM** Provide a detailed description of the vested rights claim for each individual property. Include any and all supporting documentation, including, but not limited to, deeds, land disturbance permits, building permits, other plans or approvals for the subject property for use under the previous R-3 single-family zoning ordinance.
5. **ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED** by the Community Development Director.

Subject Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Property Parcel ID: \_\_\_\_\_