

3. A HOLDER OF 5 PERCENT OR GREATER INTEREST IN A BUSINESS ENTITY WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN LAND THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF AN APPLICATION

(II) "APPLICANT" INCLUDES, IF THE APPLICANT IS A CORPORATION, THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION WHICH ACTUALLY HOLDS TITLE TO THE LAND, OR IS A CONTRACT PURCHASER OF THE LAND WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF AN APPLICATION.

(2) "APPLICANT" DOES NOT INCLUDE,

(I) A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THAT HAS LOANED MONEY OR EXTENDED FINANCING FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, OR CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENTS ON THE LAND THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF AN APPLICATION;

(II) A MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC CORPORATION,

(III) A PUBLIC AUTHORITY,

(IV) A PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ARTICLE 78 OF THE CODE; OR

(V) A PERSON WHO IS HIRED OR RETAINED AS AN ACCOUNTANT, ATTORNEY, ARCHITECT, ENGINEER, LAND USE CONSULTANT, ECONOMIC CONSULTANT, REAL ESTATE AGENT, REAL ESTATE BROKER, TRAFFIC CONSULTANT, OR TRAFFIC ENGINEER

(C) "APPLICATION" MEANS-

(1) AN APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, INCLUDING RECLASSIFICATION, OR

(2) PARTICIPATION IN THE ADOPTION AND APPROVAL OF A SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT BY APPEARING ORALLY OR IN WRITING AT A PUBLIC HEARING, OR BY SUBMITTING ORALLY OR IN WRITING OTHER SIMILAR COMMUNICATION TO AN ELECTED OFFICIAL OR PLANNING BOARD MEMBER AN APPLICATION FOR A LOCAL MAP AMENDMENT, INCLUDING A RECLASSIFICATION.

(D) "BUSINESS ENTITY" MEANS

(1) A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP,

(2) A CORPORATION,

(3) A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP,

(4) A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,

(5) A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR

(6) A JOINT VENTURE

(E) "CANDIDATE" MEANS A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR COUNTY COUNCIL OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY