

(3) "APPLICANT" DOES NOT INCLUDE:

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

(II) A MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC CORPORATION;

(III) A PUBLIC AUTHORITY;

(IV) AN ELECTRIC COMPANY OR ELECTRIC SUPPLIER APPLYING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY UNDER § 7-207 OR § 7-208 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMPANIES ARTICLE; OR

(V) A PERSON THAT 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.

(D) "APPLICATION" MEANS:

(1) AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AS PART OF A PIECEMEAL OR FLOATING ZONE REZONING PROCEEDING;

(2) A FORMAL APPLICATION FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MAP PLANNING CHANGE OR ZONING CHANGE DURING THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN UPDATE;

(3) AN APPLICATION FOR A MAP AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE PLAN;

(4) A REQUEST MADE UNDER ARTICLE 23A, § 9(C) OF THE CODE FOR THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF ANNEXED LAND IN A ZONING CLASSIFICATION THAT ALLOWS A LAND USE THAT IS SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE USE FOR THE LAND AUTHORIZED IN THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF THE COUNTY APPLICABLE AT THE TIME OF ANNEXATION; OR

(5) AN APPLICATION TO CREATE A DISTRICT OR EASEMENT OR OTHER INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY AS PART OF AN AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM.