



Columbia County Gateway to Florida

FOR PLANNING USE ONLY

Application # SFLP _____

Application Fee \$50.00

Receipt No. _____

Filing Date _____

Completeness Date _____

Special Family Lot Permit Application

A. PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Title Holder's Name: _____
2. Address of Subject Property: _____
3. Parcel ID Number(s): _____
4. Future Land Use Map Designation: _____
5. Zoning Designation: _____
6. Acreage of Parent Parcel: _____
7. Acreage of Property to be Deeded to Immediate Family Member: _____
8. Existing Use of Property: _____
9. Proposed use of Property: _____
10. Name of Immediate Family Member for which Special Family Lot is to be Granted: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Immediate family member must be a parent, grandparent, adopted parent, stepparent, sibling, child, adopted child, stepchild, or grandchild of the person who is conveying the parcel to said individual.

B. APPLICANT INFORMATION

1. Applicant Status ☐ Owner (title holder) ☐ Agent
2. Name of Applicant(s): _____ Title: _____
Company name (if applicable): _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

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3. If the applicant is agent for the property owner*.
Property Owner Name (title holder): _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ Email: _____

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*Must provide an executed Property Owner Affidavit Form authorizing the agent to act on behalf of the property owner.

C. ATTACHMENT/SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Map, Drawing, or Sketch of Parent Parcel Showing the Location of the Proposed Lot being Deeded to Immediate Family Member with Appropriate Dimensions (Must be a Minimum of One Acre).
2. Personal Identification and Proof of Relationship, to Establish the Required Immediate Family Member Status, of both the Parent Parcel Owner and the Immediate Family Member. The Personal Identification Shall Consist of Original Documents or Notarized Copies from Public Records. Such Documents may include Birth Certificates, Adoption Records, Marriage Certificates, and/or Other Public Records.
3. Family Relationship Residence Agreement Affidavit is Required Stating that the Special Family Lot is being Created as a Homestead by the Immediate Family Member, that the Immediate Family Member shall obtain Homestead Exemption on the Lot. This Affidavit shall be Recorded in the Clerk of Courts Office.
4. Legal Description of Parent Parcel with Acreage (In Microsoft Word Format).
5. Legal Description of Property to be Deeded to Immediate Family Member with Acreage (In Microsoft Word Format).
6. Legal Description of Parent Parcel with Immediate Family Member Lot Removed with Acreage (In Microsoft Word Format).
7. Proof of Ownership (i.e. deed).
8. Agent Authorization Form, if applicable (signed and notarized).
9. Proof of Payment of Taxes (can be obtained online via the Columbia County Tax Collector's Office).
10. Fee. \$50.00 - No application shall be accepted or processed until the required application fee has been paid.

NOTICE TO APPLICANT

A special family lot permit may be issued by the Board of County Commissioners on land zoned Agricultural or Environmentally Sensitive Area within these Land Development Regulations, for the purpose of conveying a lot or parcel to an immediate family member who is the parent, grandparent, adopted parent, stepparent, sibling, child, or adopted child, stepchild or grandchild of the person who conveyed the parcel to said individual, **not to exceed one (1) dwelling unit per one (1) acre** and the lot complies with all other conditions from permitting development as set forth in these Land Development Regulations. This provision is intended to promote the perpetuation of the family homestead in rural areas by making it possible for immediate family members to reside on lots as their primary residence which exceed maximum density for such areas, provided that the lot complies with the conditions for permitting established in Section 14.9 of the Land Development Regulations.

If approved by the Board of County Commissioner, the division of lots shall be recorded by separate deed, comply with all other applicable regulations of the Land Development Regulations, and comply with all other conditions for permitting and development as set forth in the Land Development Regulations. A completed building permit application shall be submitted within one (1) year of receiving approval by the Board of County Commissioners. One (1) extension can be requested in writing and approved by the Land Development Regulations Administrator not to exceed nine (9) months. If a special family lot permit expires, it shall have to go through the process again for approval as required by this section. A building permit for a special family lot shall be issued only to the immediate family member or their authorized representative (i.e. licensed building contractor or mobile home installer) after a recorded copy of the family relationship residence agreement affidavit and deed to the special family lot has been submitted to the Land Development Regulation Administrator as part of the building permit application process.

Special family lots which have not met the requirements for homestead exemption shall not be transferable except, as follows:

1. The deeding of the parcel back to the original owner of the parent tract as indicated in Section 14.9 of the Land Development Regulations;
2. To another individual meeting the definition of immediate family member;
3. To an individual not meeting the definition of immediate family member due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the family member to whom the original special family lot permit was granted such as divorce, death or job change resulting in unreasonable commuting distances, the immediate family member is no longer able to retain ownership of the special family lot, subject to approval by the original reviewing body that approved the special family lot permit; and
4. Upon approval of the transfer of the special family lot, the County will issue a Certificate of Transfer and the owner shall record the certificate in the Public Records in the Clerk of the Courts Office. This process shall apply retroactively to special family lots previously created under the Land Development Regulations.

Any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners is subject to a 30 day appeal period as outlined in Article 12 of the Land Development Regulations. Any action taken by the applicant within the 30 day appeal period is at the applicant's risk. No Certificate of Occupancy shall be issued until the 30 day appeal period is over or until any appeal has been settled.

Upon the applicant obtaining a Certificate of Occupancy, the applicant must file for Homestead Exemption. Homestead Exemptions can be filed each year with the Columbia County Property Appraiser's Office from January 1 to March 31.

Once an application is submitted and paid for, a completeness review will be done to ensure all the requirements for a complete application have been met. If there are any deficiencies, the applicant will be notified in writing. If an application is deemed to be incomplete, it may cause a delay in the scheduling of the application before the Planning & Zoning Board.

For submittal requirements, please see the Columbia County Building and Zoning Development Application Submittal Guidelines.

THE APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE APPLICANT OR AGENT MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, AS ADOPTED IN THE BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES, OTHERWISE THE REQUEST MAY BE CONTINUED TO A FUTURE HEARING DATE.

I hereby certify that all of the above statements and statements contained in any documents or plans submitted herewith are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant/Agent Name (Type or Print)

Applicant/Agent Signature

Date