

TO THE CITY OF WOODSTOCK MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
CITY OF WOODSTOCK, GEORGIA

**CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGE**

COMES NOW, Lennar Georgia, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant", and asserts the following, to wit:

1.

By application to which this exhibit relates, Applicant has applied for a rezoning of certain real property lying and being in the City of Woodstock, Georgia, a more particular description and delineation of the subject property hereinafter referred to as the "Property", being set forth in said Application.

2.

The Application for Zoning of the property seeks a rezoning from the existing category of DT-VLR, as established by the governing authority of the City of Woodstock, Georgia to the zoning category of R-2.

3.

The current DT-VLR zoning classification of the property and all intervening classifications between same and R-2 are unconstitutional in that they deprive the Applicant under and pursuant to Article 1, Section I, Paragraphs I and II of the Georgia Constitution of 1983 and the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. This deprivation of property without due process violates constitutional prohibitions against the taking of private property without just compensation.

4.

The zoning classification of DT-VLR and all intervening classifications between same and R-2 as they presently exist violate the Applicant's right to the unfettered use of the property in that the existing zoning classification does not bear a substantial relation to the public health, safety, morality or general welfare and is, therefore, confiscatory and void. Further, said classifications are unconstitutional in that they are arbitrary and unreasonable, resulting in relatively little gain or benefit to the public, while inflicting serious injury and loss upon the Applicant.

5.

The City of Woodstock Zoning Ordinance is further unconstitutional in that the procedures contained therein pertaining to the public hearing held in connection with zoning applications also violates the aforementioned constitutional provisions in that said procedures contain the lack of procedural and evidentiary safeguards, do not restrict evidence received to the issues at hand and are controlled wholly and solely by political considerations rather than the facts and considerations required by law.

6.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§ 36-11-1 and 36-33-5, please consider this your notice that as of today's date the Owner/Applicant is contending that the City of Woodstock's unconstitutional zoning classifications of the property have caused damages to the Owner/Applicant. As a direct and proximate result of the unconstitutional zoning classifications, the Owner/Applicant has suffered and will continue to suffer monetary damages in the nature of attorneys' fees and costs, interest and other expenses on pending loans on the property, loss of income from the property and other related

damages. This amount cannot be calculated to an exact certainty, however, the Owner/Applicant will assist the County by providing whatever additional information, if any, the County feels is necessary to adequately investigate this claim. If the Owner/Applicant does not receive a timely request for additional information, it will be presumed that the County does not require any additional information and can make a determination within the allowed statutory period.

Respectfully submitted, this the 11 day of Nov, 2012.

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