



**TOWN OF BLUFFTON
ANNEXATION APPLICATION**

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Applicant		Property Owner	
Name:		Name:	
Phone:		Phone:	
Mailing Address:		Mailing Address:	
E-mail:		E-mail:	
Town Business License # (if applicable):			
Project Information			
Project Name:		Acreage:	
Project Location:			
Existing Zoning:		Proposed Zoning:	
Tax Map Number(s):			
Project Description:			
Select Annexation Method (see Annexation Policy and Procedures Manual):			
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 Percent Petition and Ordinance Method		<input type="checkbox"/> 75 Percent Petition and Ordinance Method	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 Percent Elector Petition and Election Method
Minimum Requirements for Submittal			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Completed Annexation Petition(s). <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Narrative per the attached Annexation Application Checklist. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Parcel Information per the attached Annexation Application Checklist. <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Concurrent Applications per the attached Annexation Application Checklist. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. An Application Review Fee as determined by the Town of Bluffton Master Fee Schedule. Checks made payable to the Town of Bluffton.			
Note: A Pre-Application Meeting is required prior to Application submittal.			
Disclaimer: The Town of Bluffton assumes no legal or financial liability to the applicant or any third party whatsoever by approving the plans associated with this permit.			
I hereby acknowledge by my signature below that the foregoing application is complete and accurate and that I am the owner of the subject property. As applicable, I authorize the subject property to be posted and inspected.			
Property Owner Signature:		Date:	
Applicant Signature:		Date:	
For Office Use			
Application Number:		Date Received:	
Received By:		Date Approved:	



TOWN OF BLUFFTON ANNEXATION APPLICATION PROCESS NARRATIVE

The following Process Narrative is intended to provide Applicants with an understanding of the respective application process, procedures and applicable ordinance requirements for obtaining application approval in the Town of Bluffton. While intended to explain the process, it is not intended to repeal, eliminate or otherwise limit any requirements, regulations or provisions of the Town of Bluffton's ordinances, policies and procedures. Compliance with these procedures will minimize delays and assure expeditious application review.

Consistent with South Carolina law, the Town of Bluffton regards annexation as a voluntary process and does not initiate annexation. Annexation of privately owned property is authorized in the following methods:

1. 100 percent freeholder petition and ordinance method [§5-3-150(3)];
2. 75 percent freeholder petition and ordinance method [§5-3-150(1)]; and
3. 25 percent elector petition and election method [§5-3-300 to 5-3-315].

Step 1. Pre-Application Meeting	Applicant & Staff
Prior to the filing of an Annexation Application, the Applicant is required to consult with the UDO Administrator or their designee at a Pre-Application Meeting for comments and advice on the appropriate application process and the required procedures, specifications, and applicable standards required by Town of Bluffton applicable ordinances.	
Step 2. Application Check-In Meeting	Applicant & Staff
Upon receiving input from Staff at the Pre-Application Meeting, the Applicant shall submit the Annexation Application and required submittal materials during a mandatory Application Check-In Meeting where the UDO Administrator or designee will review the submission for completeness.	
Step 3. Review by UDO Administrator	Staff
If the UDO Administrator determines that the Annexation Application is complete, the application shall advance as prescribed in the Town of Bluffton's Annexation Policy and Procedure Manual.	

Hyperlink the Annexation Policy and Procedure Manual