

VARIANCE APPLICATION

OFFICE USE ONLY

DOCKET #: _____ FILING DATE: _____
FILING FEE: \$ _____ FEE PLUS \$ _____ PER ADDITIONAL VARIANCE (@ _____) = \$ _____

PRE-FILING CONFERENCE

PRE-FILING CONFERENCE WITH: _____ (STAFF NAME) DATE: _____

PRIOR OR RELATED DOCKET NUMBERS

CHANGE OF ZONING: _____ AMENDMENTS: _____ DEVELOPMENT PLAN: _____
PRIMARY PLAT: _____ SECONDARY PLAT: _____ VARIANCE(S): _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____
PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____
COMPANY: _____ EMAIL: _____
ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY AND PROJECT INFORMATION

ADDRESS OR PROPERTY LOCATION: _____
COUNTY PARCEL ID #(S): _____
EXISTING ZONING DISTRICT(S): _____ EXISTING LAND USE(S): _____

PROPERTY AND PROJECT INFORMATION

VARIANCE OF LAND USE CODE CITATION: _____
 VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARD(S) CODE CITATION: _____

FINDINGS OF FACT: (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED)

STATEMENT OF INTENT (EXPLANATION OF REQUEST - ATTACH SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY): _____

FINDINGS OF FACT (VARIANCE OF USE)

APPLICANT: _____ **DOCKET #:** _____

In taking action on a variance request, the Board of Zoning Appeals uses the following decision criteria to approve or deny a variance, as established by Indiana Code, and the Board may impose reasonable conditions as part of its approval. The applicant must address the criteria below. A variance of land use may be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals only upon a determination that the Board finds all of the following to be true:

A. The use will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because: _____

B. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because: _____

C. The need for the variance arises from some condition particular to the property involved because: _____

D. The strict application of the terms of the Ordinance will constitute an unnecessary hardship if applied to the property for which the variance is sought because: _____

E. The variance of use does not interfere substantially with the Comprehensive Plan because: _____

FINDINGS OF FACT (VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARD)

APPLICANT: _____ **DOCKET #:** _____

In taking action on a variance request, the Board of Zoning Appeals uses the following decision criteria to approve or deny a variance, as established by Indiana Code, and the Board may impose reasonable conditions as part of its approval. The applicant must address the criteria below (if multiple variances of development standard are being requested, then this sheet should be completed separately for each requested variance). A variance of land use may be approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals only upon a determination that the Board finds all of the following to be true:

A. The approval will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the community because: _____

B. The use and value of the area adjacent to the property included in the variance will not be affected in a substantially adverse manner because: _____

C. The strict application of the terms of the Ordinance will result in practical difficulties in the use of the property because: _____

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- A. **Pre-Filing Conference:** A pre-filing conference is required for all petitions. An appointment must be made with the Community Development Department (the “Department”) to discuss a petition prior to filing. An application will not be considered filed until a pre-filing conference has occurred. Applicants are encouraged to incorporate the Department’s comments into the application prior to filing.
- B. **Filing Petition:** A petition shall be filed with the Department by the filing deadline in accordance with the Schedule of Meeting and Filing Dates. In order to be deemed a complete petition, a petition shall include the following:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Application | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Draft Public Notice | <input type="checkbox"/> List of Adjoining Property Owners (as provided by County) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner Consent | <input type="checkbox"/> TAC Delivery Affidavit (if TAC is determined to be necessary) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan (to scale) | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of Property Deed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statement of Intent | Elevations, photographs or other supporting information necessary to explain the nature of the requested variance(s) |
- C. **Filing Fee Check:** After the filing of an application, the Department will advise the applicant of the applicable filing fee amount, which is due and payable (checks made out to “City of Westfield”) within two (2) weeks of filing.
- D. **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):** The applicant is responsible for submitting a copy of the application and related information to Technical Advisory Committee members prior to filing, if determined by the Department to be necessary. An affidavit confirming delivery of information is required to be completed and signed by the applicant and submitted with the petition. Technical Advisory Committee meetings are held in the City Services Building (2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, IN 46074) in accordance with the Schedule of Meeting and Filing Dates. A representative must be present at this meeting.
- E. **Public Hearing and Notice:** All variance petitions require a public hearing by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The public hearing is held at City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, in accordance with the Schedule of Meeting and Filing Dates. Notice of the hearing is required in accordance with the Board’s Rules of Procedure:
- Newspaper Publication:** Notice of the hearing will be published in the Hamilton County Reporter and The Times. The Department will handle the newspaper publication requirement.
 - Mailed Public Notice:** The applicant is responsible to send public notice by certified mail with proof of mailing (certificate of mailing) to all interested parties, postmarked at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing. A list of adjacent property owners may be obtained from the **Hamilton County Auditor, Office of Transfers and Mapping** (33 North 9th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060, (317) 776-9624), and shall include all owners of property to a depth of two (2) ownerships of no direct or indirect financial or other interest to the applicant or property owner or one eighth of a mile (1/8), whichever is less.
 - Public Notice Sign:** The applicant is responsible to post a public notice sign(s) on the property at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing. The Department will determine sign locations and will make signs available for the applicant to obtain in the office of the Department.
 - Affidavit of Notice of Public Hearing:** The applicant shall deliver a copy of the mailed notice and a signed affidavit, verifying that the notices were mailed and the public notice sign(s) was posted on the subject property, to the Department at least four (4) calendar days prior to the public hearing.
- F. **Ex-parte Communication:** In no event shall applicants or other interested parties contact or attempt to communicate with members of the Board in regard to a filed variance petition prior to the public hearing.
- G. **Revised Materials:** If the applicant wishes to submit additional or revised information than what is filed, then the applicant shall submit those to the Department no later than ten (10) days prior to the public hearing.
- H. **Board’s Consideration:** Following the public hearing, the Board may either approve, approve with conditions, deny or continue the petition.
- I. **Resource:** Please see the Board’s Rules of Procedure for more detailed procedural information.