

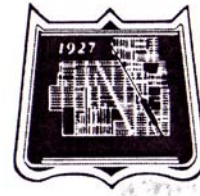
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Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Application

1. Identification

Applicant Name

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Phone ()

Email

Interest in the Property (e.g. fee simple, land option, etc.)

Property Owner (if other than applicant)

Address

City/State/Zip Code

Phone ()

Email

2. Property Information

Street Address

Sidwell Number

Legal Description

Zoning District

Area

Width

Depth

Current Use(s)

Zoning District of Adjacent Properties to the:

North

South

East

West

Assessor	546-2372	Code Enforcement	546-2365	Fire Dept	546-2510	Recreation/Senior Citizens	544-6767
Bldg. Inspector	546-2366	Dept. of Public Works	546-2519	Library	546-2504	Recycling	546-2514
Cable Coord	546-2503	Engineering	546-2514	Personnel	546-2378	Rental Enforcement	546-2379
City Clerk	546-2384	Fax No.	546-2369	Planning	546-2367	Treasurer	546-2370
City Manager	546-2360	Finance	546-2376	Police Dept	541-3650	Water	546-2374

3. **Request.** Check the type of request you are applying for. If you are uncertain, consult Article 18 Board of Zoning Appeals or contact the Community Development Director.

Request Type (check all applicable requests)		Zoning Ordinance Section	Complete Application Section
	Nonuse or Dimensional Variance	18.07	4, 5. & 7.
	Use Variance	Not permitted	
	Appeals from and review any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative official or body charged with the enforcement of this Ordinance, other than site plans and special land use or planned unit development applications	18.08	6. & 7.

Brief description of request:

4. **Criteria for ALL Variances.** If there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship in carrying out the strict letter of this Ordinance, the BZA may grant a variance in any of its rules or provisions relating to the construction, or structural changes in, equipment, or alteration of buildings or structures, or the use of land, buildings, or structures, so that the spirit of the ordinance shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. Please respond to the following statements. The applicant must demonstrate all of the following criteria in order to obtain a variance. Granting of a variance by the BZA shall not constitute an assurance that a building permit will be issued.

- a. **Public Safety and Welfare.** Describe how the request will not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent properties; increase the danger of fire; unreasonably diminish or impair established property values within the surrounding area; harm the environment; or in any other respect impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, or welfare of the inhabitants of the City.

b. **Compatibility with Neighborhood.** Describe how the request will be compatible with adjacent uses, and of such height, location, size and character that it will be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the surrounding neighborhood.

c. **Traffic Impacts.** Describe how the request will not unreasonably increase congestion in public streets, make vehicular and pedestrian traffic more hazardous than is normal for the district involved, taking into account sight distances, traffic flow, provisions for pedestrian traffic, and minimization of potential traffic conflicts;

d. **Nuisance.** Describe how the request will not create a nuisance;

e. **Unique Circumstances.** Describe how the request results from special or unique circumstances peculiar to the property that exist which are not applicable to the general neighborhood conditions.

- f. **Not Self-Created.** Describe how the alleged hardship has not been created by the actions of the applicant or any person having a current interest in the property.

5. **Criteria for NONUSE or DIMENSIONAL Variances.** The BZA may grant an area variance only upon a finding that **practical difficulties** exist. Please respond to the following statements. The applicant must demonstrate all of the following criteria in order to obtain a variance:

- a. **General Practical Difficulty.** Describe how strict compliance with the area, setbacks, frontage, height, bulk, density, or other dimensional matters unreasonably prevent the owner from using the property for a permitted purpose, or be unnecessarily burdensome.

- b. **Intent of Ordinance.** Describe how the granting of the request will observe the intent and purpose of this ordinance and uphold substantial justice.

- c. **Lesser Variance.** Describe how granting a lesser variance would not give substantial relief to the applicant and/or be more consistent with justice to other properties.
