



Village of Stockbridge  
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**VARIANCE APPLICATION**

For Office Use Only

Petition No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FEE: \$100 FOR VARIANCE**

*The Petitioner shall appear* in his own behalf or by representation at the zoning Board of Appeals meeting. FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR DISMISSAL OF THE PETITION.

**PROPERTY ADDRESS FOR VARIANCE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LENGTH OF OWNERSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITIONER Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE/FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:**

**PROPERTY OWNER Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY/STATE/ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE/FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**USE VARIANCE REQUEST AND APPLICABLE SECTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE:**

**UTILITIES AVAILABE ON SITE:**

WATER

SEWER

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:**

Area of Lot (acres/square feet): Dimensions of Lot: \_\_\_\_\_

**EXISTING STRUCTURES:** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Buildings on Site: \_\_\_\_\_

Use, Area and Dimensions: (each building) \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Other Structures: (decks, gazebos, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Lot Coverage: (by buildings) \_\_\_\_\_

**YARD SETBACKS:**

Existing

**Proposed**

Front: \_\_\_\_\_

Side: \_\_\_\_\_

Side: \_\_\_\_\_

Rear: \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED STRUCTURE:**

Area & Dimensions of Proposed Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Height of Proposed Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Use of Proposed Structure: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Lot Coverage: (including proposed structure) \_\_\_\_\_

**A sketch, drawn to scale, depicting the above information must accompany this application. Also, the sketch must indicate the property dimensions, all structures within 50 feet of the property, and all other notable information such as easements, septic fields, floodplains, water courses, etc.**

- **The sketch shall be provided on at a minimum 11” X 17 “ paper •**

**applications without a drawing will not be accepted**

**THE PETITIONER MUST DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST:**

Use variance is requested when the use proposed by a petitioner is not listed as either permitted or as a special land use in the district in which the property is located.

Use variances are rarely warranted, and may only be granted when the Zoning board of Appeals makes all of the following findings:

1. Master Plan Compliance: The proposed use is consistent with the use designated on the Village's Future Land Use Map in the Master Plan for the subject property.

2. Compatibility with Surroundings: The proposed use is compatible with existing

or planned uses on surrounding properties.

3. Unreasonable Zoning: The petitioner has demonstrated the site cannot reasonably be used for any of the uses allowed under current zoning.

4. Infrastructural Compatibility: Public utilities and streets are sufficient to accommodate the proposed use.

5. Unnecessary Hardship: An unnecessary hardship on the property in question as the result of unique circumstances such as, exceptional narrowness: exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary situations on the land, building or structure; use or development of the property.

6. Minimum Variance Necessary: The variance requested is the minimum necessary to permit reasonable use of the land.

7. Criteria for Use Variance: The conditions causing the need for the variance request were not created by any affirmative action of the applicant and would have existed regardless of ownership of the property.

I hereby give permission for the Village of Stockbridge officials, staff and consultants to site inspect the property for which the above referenced variance is requested for purposes of verifying information in the submitted application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ (month) \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

Notary Public: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fill out the following questions:**

A. Show that the property could not be reasonably used for the purposes permitted in the zone in question.

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B. Show that the appeal results from unique circumstances peculiar to the property and not from general neighborhood conditions:

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C. Show that the use requested by the variance would not alter the essential character of the area:

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D. Show that the alleged hardship has not been created by any person presently having an interest in the property:

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