

VARIANCE HARDSHIP WORKSHEET

Is the request due to a Code Enforcement action?

Yes. If Yes, indicate case number _____, and
name of contractor _____

No.

Prerequisites to granting of variance:

A variance may be granted when it will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this chapter will result in unnecessary and undue hardship. The term "undue hardship" has a specific legal definition in this context and essentially means that without the requested variance, the applicant will have no reasonable use of the subject property under existing development regulations. Personal medical reasons shall not be considered as grounds for establishing undue hardship sufficient to qualify an applicant for a variance. Economic reasons may be considered only in instances where a landowner cannot yield a reasonable use and/or reasonable return under the existing land development regulations. You have the right to consult a private attorney for assistance.

In order to authorize any variance from the terms of this chapter, the Board of Adjustment shall find all of the following factors to exist:

(1) That special conditions and circumstances exist which are not applicable to other lands, structures or buildings in the applicable zoning classification:

The structures are in the same location and configuration as they were when I purchased the property in 2016. I have made no changes to what was built by the previous owner.

(2) That the special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant:

The property was setup in this configuration by the previous owner. I purchased the property the way that it is configured.

(3) That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by the provisions of this chapter to other lands, buildings or structures in the identical zoning classification:

I am just trying to replace the house on the property because the original house was no longer livable.

(over)

(4) That literal enforcement of the provisions of this chapter would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the identical zoning classification under the provisions of this chapter and will constitute unnecessary and undue hardship on the applicant:

I cannot afford to replace or modify the existing structures. Purchase of a livable home has already financially drained me.

(5) That the variance granted is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the land, building or structure:

Yes this is the minimum variance required.

(6) That the granting of the variance will be in harmony with the general intent and purpose of this chapter and that such use variance will not be injurious to the area involved or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare:

The property has been in this configuration for at least the past 15 years without any complaints from surrounding neighbors.

I understand that all of the above conditions apply to the consideration of a variance and that each of these conditions have been discussed with me by the below-signed zoning representative. I am fully aware that it is my responsibility to prove complete compliance with the aforementioned criteria.

Signature of applicant 

Signature of planner 