



# *City of Barre, Vermont*

*“Granite Center of the World”*

Permitting Office in City Hall ~ 6 N Main Street, Suite 7, Barre, VT 05641

## **VARIANCE REQUEST FORM**

This Variance Form supplements the Zoning Permit Application. Please provide all of the information requested in all application forms. We urge you to read the Zoning Regulations and familiarize yourself with them. Failure to provide all the necessary information may cause a delay in processing this application. Please use additional paper if necessary.

The purpose of a Variance is to address a hardship, related to the physical characteristics of a particular lot, which hampers the owner from enjoying the same property rights afforded to others in the District. The Appellant must meet all of the criteria below to be granted a Variance 24 VSA §4469(a).

1. The proposed development will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood in which the property is located;

A. How is your property currently being used (single family, multi-family, farm, retail store, commercial)?

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B. If the DRB grants your request, how will it change the neighborhood, or contribute to it, especially the adjoining property owners?

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2. The proposed development will not substantially or permanently impair the lawful use of development of the adjacent property;

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3. The proposed development will not be detrimental to public health, safety or welfare.

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4. The applicant has not created the unnecessary hardship.

A. Is the hardship due to the circumstances or conditions indicated in #6 below?

Yes     No (if No, please describe)

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B. What hardship would occur if you were unable to complete the work for which you have applied?

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5. The applicant is proposing the least deviation possible from this ordinance that will afford relief.

A. Is there any way your project could be redesigned to eliminate its need, or decrease the amount of variance requested?

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6. There are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of a lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property. These conditions, and not the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of this ordinance in the district in which the property is located, have created an unnecessary hardship for the applicant. These physical circumstances conditions prevent the property from possibly being developed in strict conformity with this ordinance and a variance is necessary to enable reasonable use of the property.

A. Does your lot have any of the following – check all that may apply:

Steep slopes     rock or ledge     shallow lot depth(s)     stream, brook or other watercourse     any other unique physical circumstances     none of these

i. Do other properties in your neighborhood have the same physical features as above?     Yes     No

ii. Do these circumstances or conditions prevent you from carrying out the proposed work in compliance with the regulations?     Yes     No

If No, please describe:

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iii. When did you purchase the property? \_\_\_\_\_

iv. At the time you purchased the property, were you aware of these circumstances or conditions you indicated as checked above?  Yes  No

If No, please describe:

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Are there any additional comments or responses you would like to add?

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**SIGNATURE:**

The undersigned hereby applies for a Zoning Permit for the use described in this application to be issued on the basis of the representations made herein all of which the applicant swears to be complete and true.

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Applicant Signature

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Date