



VARIANCE APPLICATION

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The variance applications come before the Board of Adjustment for public hearing and consideration. A variance is an approved deviation from the terms of the Land Development Code that will not be contrary to the public interest when owing to special circumstances or conditions where the literal enforcement of the provisions of the Land Development Code would result in undue and unnecessary hardship.

Under the laws of the State of Florida, a public hearing for a zoning variance application is handled as a “*quasi-judicial*” proceeding. A quasi-judicial proceeding means that the decision-making group is functioning in a manner similar to a court with the voting members sitting as impartial decision makers hearing testimony and questioning presenters, who are to provide substantial and competent evidence to support their side of the issue under consideration. It is the duty of the Board of Adjustment to arrive at sound decisions. This includes receiving citizen input regarding the effect of the variance on the neighborhood, especially where the input is fact-based and not a simple expression of opinion.

It is the applicant’s burden to demonstrate that their application is consistent with the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan. If the applicant is successful in showing consistency, then it is up to the Board of Adjustment to produce competent, substantial evidence of record to the contrary, if the application is to be denied. The Board of Adjustment’s decision on a variance application is to be based on the criteria contained in Section 34-286 of the Land Development Code. Each member of the Board of Adjustment has been provided a copy of the criteria.

In addition, the Board of Adjustment has received a copy of the application being presented.



APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

BOA No. _____

HEARING DATE _____

This form is intended for submittal, along with the required documents, for all requests for variances from the requirements of the City of Jacksonville Beach Land Development Code, Article 6, Section 6.6 Variances. The Planning and Development Director will evaluate an application for a variance for sufficiency within five (5) days of receipt. If the application is found to be complete, the Jacksonville Beach Board of Adjustment at their earliest meeting following appropriate public notice of the request will schedule it for review, public hearing and a decision.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. A boundary survey prepared by a registered land surveyor that shows the location of all existing improvements. Survey, plat or new site plan must also show all proposed additions and/or improvements added to the drawing, **to scale** (on 11"x17" paper or smaller).
2. Proof of ownership (copy of deed or current property tax notification).
3. If applicant is not owner, notarized written authorization from owner is required.
4. Non-refundable processing fee of **\$250.00** (due at the time of application submittal).
5. Completed application.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Agent Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Landowner Name: _____ **Telephone:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Please provide the name, address and telephone number for any other land use, environmental, engineering architectural, economic or other professionals assisting in the application on a separate sheet of paper.

VARIANCE DATA

Street address of property and/or Real Estate Number: _____

Legal description of property (Attach copy of deed): _____

Justification for Variance: (State the hardship that is created by the application of the code to the property). (Attach a separate sheet if necessary). _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date of Application: _____

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CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION: _____

FLOOD ZONE: _____

CODE SECTION (S): _____

VARIANCE APPLICATION STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS

BOA No. _____

Section 34-281 Purpose. Variances are deviations from the terms of the LDC, which would not be contrary to the public interest when owing to special circumstances or conditions; the literal enforcement of the provisions of the LDC would result in undue and unnecessary hardship.

Section 34-286. Standards applicable to all variances. In order to authorize any variance from the terms of this code, the Board of Adjustment must find that the following criteria have been met. To assist the Board in making this finding, please complete the blanks on the form below.

Standard	Applies? Yes/No	Circumstances/ Explanation
Special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the parcel of land building or structure, which are not applicable to other parcels of land, structures or buildings in the same zoning district.		
Special circumstances and conditions do not result from the actions of the applicant.		
Granting the variance will not confer upon the applicant any special privileges denied by the comprehensive plan and this code to other parcels of land, buildings, or structures, in the same zoning district.		
Literal interpretation and enforcement of the terms and provisions of this code would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other parcels of land in the same zoning district, and would work an unnecessary hardship.		
Grant of variance is the minimum variance that will make possible the reasonable use of the parcel of land, building or structure.		
Grant of variance will be generally consistent with the purposes, goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plan and this Code and will not adversely affect adjacent land.		