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ZONING & SUBDIVISION VARIANCE APPLICATION

This application form must be completed as part of a request for a zoning and/or subdivision variance. The application submitted through the county's online COAST portal. The main procedural steps in the submittal and review of applications for a variance are outlined in the flowchart below. More specific submittal and review requirements, as well as the standards to be applied in reviewing the application, are set out in Section 10.3.11 of the Unified Development Ordinance.



1. Applicant and Property Owner Information

Applicant/Agent Name	Owner Name (if different from Applicant/Agent)
Company	Company/Owner Name 2
Address	Address
City, State, Zip	City, State, Zip
Phone	Phone
Email	Email

2. Subject Property Information

Address/Location	Parcel Identification Number(s)
Total Parcel(s) Acreage	Existing Zoning and Use(s)

3. Proposed Variance Narrative

Subject Zoning Regulation, Chapter and Section	
In the space below, please provide a narrative of the application (attach additional pages if necessary).	

CRITERIA REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL OF A VARIANCE

The Board of Adjustment may grant a variance if it finds that strict application of the ordinance results in an unnecessary hardship for the applicant, and if the variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the ordinance. The applicant must explain, with reference to attached plans (where applicable), how the proposed use meets these required findings (attach additional pages if necessary).

1. Unnecessary hardship would result from strict application of the ordinance. It shall not be necessary to demonstrate that, in the absence of the variance, no reasonable use can be made of the property.

2. The hardship results from conditions that are peculiar to the property, such as location, size or topography. Hardship resulting from personal circumstances, as well as hardships resulting from conditions that are common to the neighborhood or general public, may not be the basis for granting a variance.

3. The hardship did not result from actions taken by the applicant or the property owner. The act of purchasing property with knowledge that circumstances exist that may justify the granting of a variance shall not be regarded as a self-created hardship.

4. The requested variance is consistent with the spirit, purpose and intent of the ordinance, such that public safety is secured, and substantial justice is achieved.

Staff will use the following checklist to determine the completeness of your application. Please verify all of the listed items are included and confirm by initialing under "Applicant Initial". Applications determined to be incomplete must be corrected in order to be processed for further review.

Application Checklist

Applicant Initial

- This application form, completed and signed _____
- Application fee: \$400 per application _____
- Site plan or sketch illustrating the requested variance _____
- One (1) hard copy of ALL documents _____
- One (1) PDF copy of ALL documents _____

Acknowledgement and Signatures

By my signature below, I understand and accept all of the conditions, limitations, and obligations of the variance application for which I am applying. I understand that I have the burden of proving why this application meets the required findings necessary for granting a variance. I certify that this application is complete and that all information presented in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

If applicable, I also appoint the applicant/agent as listed on this application to represent me and make decisions on my behalf regarding this application during the review process. The applicant/agent is hereby authorized on my behalf to:

1. Submit an application including all required supplemental information and materials;
2. Appear at public hearings to give representation and comments; and
3. Act on my behalf without limitations with regard to any and all things directly or indirectly connected with or arising out of this application.

Signature of Property Owner(s)

Print Name(s)

Signature of Applicant/Agent

Print Name

Note: This form must be signed by the owner(s) of record. If there are multiple property owners, a signature is required for each owner of record.

- **The land owner or their attorney must be present for the case at the public hearing**