



TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD

BOARD OF APPEALS

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APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

Application is hereby made for a VARIANCE from the requirements of Section _____ of the Zoning Ordinance that requires: _____

LOCATION OF PROJECT _____

RECORD OWNER _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME OF SIGNEE _____

APPLICANT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME OF SIGNEE _____

ENGINEER/ARCHITECT _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME OF SIGNEE _____

ZONING DESIGNATION OF PROPERTY _____

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT _____

THE LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH THE VARIANCE SHOULD BE GRANTED IS AS FOLLOWS
(detail how this application will meet the requirements as set forth in a., b. and c. as described below):

Said legal basis is set forth in M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 10 and requires that the Board of Appeals finds that:

- a. Owing to circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, or topography of such land or structures and especially affecting such land or structures but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would involve substantial hardship, financial (although the word financial is used to indicate hardship, the Massachusetts Courts have consistently stated that financial hardship is not sufficient grounds to allow a variance or special permit) or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant; and
- b. That desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good; and
- c. Without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of such ordinance.

HAS THERE BEEN A PREVIOUS VARIANCE OR SPECIAL PERMIT REQUESTED FOR THIS PROPERTY (confirm with the record's of the Town Clerk)? _____ (if yes, attach copy(ies) of previous application(s) and decision(s))

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION COMPLETE:

- _____ 1 ORIGINAL AND 14 COPIES OF APPLICATION FORM
- _____ 15 COPIES OF THE BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION DENIAL
- _____ 15 COPIES OF THE PROPOSED PLANS
- _____ 1 COPY OF A CERTIFIED LIST OF ABUTTERS OBTAINED FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE
- _____ A NOTARIZED STATEMENT FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER AUTHORIZING ACTION BY THE APPLICANT
- _____ A CHECK FOR \$65.00 MADE PAYABLE TO: **THE WEST SPRINGFIELD RECORD**
- _____ A CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO: "**TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD**" AS INDICATED IN THE BOARD OF APPEALS' FEE SCHEDULE

THE APPLICANT SHOULD BE FAMILIAR WITH THE FILING REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE APPLICATION COMPLIES WITH SAID REQUIREMENTS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A DENIAL OF THE APPLICATION.