

***City of Greenfield***  
*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
Zoning Board of Appeals

**APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE**

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Property (Street Number and Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant is: \_\_\_\_\_ (agent, owner, tenant, licensee, prospective purchaser)

Name and Address of property owner if not the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Application is hereby made for variance approval as under Section(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
Greenfield Zoning Ordinance in order to: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Property Deed recorded under Book \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Has there been a previous variance, special permit, and/or site plan requested for this property (confirm with City Clerk records)? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what was the date of the decision?

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The following information must be submitted to the Planning Department to consider the application complete:

- \_\_\_ 1 original application form filled out in entirety
- \_\_\_ 12 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 made payable to "City of Greenfield" as indicated in the Board of Appeals' Fee Schedule
- \_\_\_ A completed "site plan submittal checklist" approved by the Principal Planner/Permits Manager

I hereby request a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals with reference to the above noted application.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by City Clerk:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Filing Fee Received: \_\_\_\_\_