

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?

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 within 300’ of the subject property obtained through the City’s public records request portal Next Request: <https://greenfield.nextrequest.com/>

___ A notarized statement from the property owner authorizing action by the applicant

___ A check made payable to “City of Greenfield” as indicated in the Zoning Board of Appeals’ Fee Schedule

___ A completed “Site Plan Submittal Checklist”

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

Signed: _____ Title: _____

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Received by City Clerk:

Date: _____

Time: _____

Signature: _____

Filing Fee Received: _____