



**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION**  
(ZONING VARIANCE OR ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL)

**1. Applicant Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. OWNER (if different than above):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCE OR APPEAL REQUEST:**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**4. PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_

**5. PROPERTY ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **6. ZONING DISTRICT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. ATTACH:**

**A. AN ACCURATE SITE PLAN OF THE PROPERTY, DRAWN TO A STANDARD ENGINEERING SCALE, SHOWING:**

- 1) Property boundaries.
- 2) Existing and proposed buildings or structures.
- 3) Distance from lot lines of each existing and proposed building or structure.
- 4) Unusual physical features of the site, building, or structure.
- 5) Abutting streets.

**B. A NARRATIVE STATEMENT WHICH ADDRESSES COMPLIANCE OF THE VARIANCE REQUEST WITH THE STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL CONTAINED IN THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND LISTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS APPLICATION FORM.**

**\* APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED WITHOUT A NARRATIVE STATEMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED \***

**8. PETITIONER AFFIDAVIT:**

I understand that if the requested variance or appeal is granted, I am not relieved from complying with all other applicable requirements of the Ada Township Zoning Ordinance or any other Township Ordinances. By signing, the applicant and owner hereby grant permission to Ada Township officials and employees to enter upon the subject property for purposes of review and evaluation of this request.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If different than applicant)

**9. PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING BOARD OF APPEALS PROCEDURES:**

- a) The application form, application fee, site plan and narrative statement must be submitted at least one (1) month prior to the regularly scheduled Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. **Regular meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals are generally held on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m.**
- b) Notices of the hearing will be given at least 15 days prior to the hearing to the applicant and to all property owners and occupants within 300 ft. of the property subject to appeal.
- c) Following the hearing, the Board of Appeals will make its decision and may reverse or affirm, in whole or part, or may modify any order, requirement, decision or determination.
- d) The variance or exception expires one (1) year after it is granted if no action is taken to affect the variance within the period. The Zoning Board of Appeals may grant up to an additional one (1) year extension of this time limit.
- e) A zoning variance does not excuse the applicant from obtaining a building permit. A building permit must be secured before construction begins.

**CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL**

The Zoning Board of Appeals treats each variance or appeal request individually and approves or denies each request on its own merits. In order for the Board of Appeals to grant a variance or appeal the applicant must satisfy all of the following findings which are contained in Section 78-107 of the Ada Township Zoning Ordinance:

That where there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardship in carrying out the strict letter of this Ordinance, the Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the power to vary or modify any of the provisions hereof so that the spirit of the Ordinance shall be observed, public safety promoted, and substantial justice done. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant such variances only upon finding that all of the following conditions exist:

- a) *Where it is found that, by reason of the exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific parcel of property, or by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary situation of the land or structure or of the use of property immediately adjoining the property in question, the literal enforcement of this Ordinance would involve practical difficulties or would cause undue hardship; provided that no variance shall be granted on a lot if the owner owns adjacent land which could, without undue hardship, be included as part of the lot in question avoiding the need for a variance.*

