



Town of Smithfield
 Planning Department
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VARIANCE APPLICATION

Pursuant to Article 4, of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance, an owner of land within the jurisdiction of the Town (or a duly authorized agent) may petition the Board of Adjustment for relief from a requirement of the Unified Development Ordinance and to permit construction in a manner otherwise prohibited by this Ordinance where specific enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship.

In granting variances, the Board of Adjustment may impose such reasonable conditions to ensure that the use of the property to which the variance applies will be as compatible as practicable with the surrounding properties.

*Variance applications must be accompanied by nine (9) sets of the complete application, nine (9) sets of required plans, an Owner's Consent Form (attached) and the application fee. One (1) digital copy in PDF format of all material must be provided on Compact Disc. **The application fee is \$300.00***

SITE INFORMATION:

Name of Project: _____ Acreage of property: _____

Parcel ID Number: _____ Tax ID: _____

Deed Book: _____ Deed Page(s): _____

Address: _____

Location: _____

Existing Use: _____ Proposed Use: _____

Existing Zoning District: _____

Requested Zoning District _____

Is project within a Planned Development: Yes No

Planned Development District (if applicable): _____

Variance Request (List Unified Development Code sections and paragraph numbers)

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File Number: _____	Date Received: _____	Amount Paid: _____
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OWNER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

REQUIRED PLANS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The following items must accompany a variance application. This information is required to be present on all plans, except where otherwise noted:

All required plans (*please see the plan requirements checklist*).

Owner Consent form

A Statement of Justification.

Required Finding of Fact.

Other Applicable Documentation: _____

STATEMENT OF JUSTIFICATION

Please provide detailed information concerning all requests. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

REQUIRED FINDINGS OF FACT

Article 4, Section 4.10.2.2 of the Town of Smithfield Unified Development Ordinance requires applications for a variance to address the following findings. The burden of proof is on the applicant and failure to adequately address the findings may result in denial of the application. Please attach additional pages if necessary.

4.10.2.2.1 Unnecessary hardship would result from the 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.

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

4.10.2.2.3. 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.

4.10.2.2.4. 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.

APPLICANT AFFIDAVIT

I/We, the undersigned, do hereby make application and petition to the Board of Adjustment of the Town of Smithfield to approve the subject Variance request. I hereby certify that I have full legal right to request such action and that the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

Print Name

Signature of Applicant

Date



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OWNER'S CONSENT FORM

Name of Project: _____ Submittal Date: _____

OWNERS AUTHORIZATION

I hereby give CONSENT to _____ (type, stamp or print clearly full name of agent) to act on my behalf, to submit or have submitted this application and all required material and documents, and to attend and represent me at all meetings and public hearings pertaining to the application(s) indicated above. Furthermore, I hereby give consent to the party designated above to agree to all terms and conditions which may arise as part of the approval of this application.

I hereby certify I have full knowledge the property I have an ownership interest in the subject of this application. I understand that any false, inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me or my agent will result in the denial, revocation or administrative withdrawal of this application, request, approval or permits. I acknowledge that additional information may be required to process this application. I further consent to the Town of Smithfield to publish, copy or reproduce any copyrighted document submitted as a part of this application for any third party. I further agree to all terms and conditions, which may be imposed as part of the approval of this application.

Signature of Owner

Print Name

Date

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT AND/OR PROPERTY OWNER

I hereby certify the statements or information made in any paper or plans submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand this application, related material and all attachments become official records of the Planning Department of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, and will not be returned.

Signature of Owner/Applicant

Print Name

Date

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