



19 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL 60521

APPLICATION FOR VARIATION

COMPLETE APPLICATION CONSISTS OF (10) COPIES
(All materials to be collated)
FILING FEE: \$1,100.00

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address of Subject Property: _____

If Applicant is not property owner, Applicant's relationship to property owner:

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Date Received: _____ Zoning Calendar No. _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Check # _____ Check Amount \$ _____

SECTION 1- NAME & CONTACT INFORMATION

1. **Owner.** Name, mailing address, telephone number and email address of owner:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

2. **Applicant.** Name, address, telephone number and email address of applicant, if different from owner:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

3. **Consultants.** Name and contact information (phone or email) of each professional consultant advising applicant with respect to this application:

a. Attorney: _____

b. Engineer: _____

c. Architect: _____

d. Contractor: _____

e. Other: _____

4. **Trustee Disclosure.** In the case of a land trust provide the name, address, telephone number and email address of all trustees and beneficiaries of the trust:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

5. **Village Personnel.** Name and address of any officer or employee of the Village with an interest in the Owner, the Applicant, or the Subject Property, and the nature and extent of that interest:

a. _____

b. _____

SECTION 2- REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. **Subject Property.** Address, PIN Number, and legal description of the subject Property, use separate sheet for legal description, if necessary.

PIN Number: _____

Address: _____

2. **Title.** Evidence of title or other interest you have in the Subject Project, date of acquisition of such interest, and the specific nature of such interest.
3. **Neighboring Owners.** List showing the name and address of each owner of (1) property within 250 lineal feet in all directions from the subject property; and (2) property located on the same frontage or frontages as the front lot line or corner side lot line of the subject property or on a frontage directly opposite any such frontage or on a frontage immediately adjoining or across an alley from any such frontage.
(Note: After the Village has prepared the legal notice, the applicant/agent must mail by certified mail, "return receipt requested" to each property owner/ occupant. The applicant/agent must then fill out, sign, and notarize the "Certification of Proper Notice" form, returning that form and all certified mail receipts to the Village.)
4. **Survey.** Submit with this application a recent survey, certified by a registered land surveyor, showing existing lot lines and dimensions, as well as all easements, all public and private rights-of-way, and all streets across and adjacent to the Subject Property.
5. **Existing Zoning.** Submit with this application a description or graphic representation of the existing zoning classification, use, and development of the Subject Property, and the adjacent area for at least 250 feet in all directions from the Subject Property.
6. **Conformity.** Submit with this application a statement concerning the conformity or lack of conformity of the approval being requested to the Village Official Comprehensive Plan and the Official Map. Where the approval being requested does not conform to the Official Comprehensive Plan or the Official Map, the statement should set forth the reasons justifying the approval despite such lack of conformity.
7. **Zoning Standards.** Submit with this application a statement specifically addressing the manner in which it is proposed to satisfy each standard that the Zoning Ordinance establishes as a condition of, or in connection with, the approval being sought. *(Section 4 of this application)*
8. **Successive Application.** In the case of any application being filed less than two years after the denial of an application seeking essentially the same relief, submit with this application a statement as required by Sections 11-501 and 11-601 of the Hinsdale Zoning Code.

SECTION 3- ZONING RELIEF REQUESTED

1. **Ordinance Provision.** The specific provisions of the Zoning Ordinance from which a variation is sought: *(Attach separate sheet if additional space is needed.)*

2. **Variation Sought.** The precise variation being sought, the purpose therefore, and the specific feature or features of the proposed use, construction, or development that require a variation: *(Attach separate sheet if additional space is needed.)*

3. **Minimum Variation.** A statement of the minimum variation of the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance that would be necessary to permit the proposed use, construction, or development: *(Attach separate sheet if additional space is needed.)*

**SECTION 4- STANDARDS FOR VARIATION
AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 11-503(F)
(Fence Applications – Section 5)**

Provide an explanation of the characteristics of the Subject Property that prevent compliance with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, and the specific facts you believe support the granting of the requested variation(s). In addition to your general explanation, you must specifically address each of the following conditions required for approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Attach a separate sheet of paper to your application marked Section 4 – Standards for Variation.

- (a) **Unique Physical Condition.** The Subject Property is exceptional as compared to other lots subject to the same provision by reason of a unique physical condition, including presence of an existing use, structure of sign, whether conforming or nonconforming; irregular or substandard shape or size; exceptional topographical features; or other extraordinary physical conditions peculiar to and inherent in the Subject Property that amount to more than a mere inconvenience to the owner and that relate to or arise out of the lot rather than the personal situation of the current lot owner.
- (b) **Not Self-Created.** The aforesaid unique physical condition is not the result of any action or inaction of the owner, or of the owner's predecessors in title and known to the owner prior to acquisition of the Subject Property, and existed at the time of the enactment of the provisions from which a variation is sought or was created by natural forces or was the result of governmental action, other than the adoption of this Code, for which no compensation was paid.
- (c) **Denied Substantial Rights.** The carrying out of the strict letter of the provision from which a variation is sought would deprive the owner of the Subject Property of substantial rights commonly enjoyed by owners of other lots subject to the same provision.
- (d) **Not Merely Special Privilege.** The alleged hardship or difficulty is not merely the inability of the owner or occupant to enjoy some special privilege or additional right not available to owners or occupants of other lots subject to the same provision, nor merely an inability to make more money from the use of the subject property; provided, however, that where the standards herein set out exist, the existence of an economic hardship shall not be a prerequisite to the grant of an authorized variation.
- (e) **Code and Plan Purposes.** The variation would not result in a use or development of the Subject Property that would not be in harmony with the general and specific purposes for which this Code and the provision from which a variation is sought were enacted or the general purpose and intent of the Official Comprehensive Plan.

- (f) **Essential Character of the Area.** The variation would not result in a use or development of the Subject Property that:
- (1) Would be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the enjoyment, use development, or value of property of improvements permitted in the vicinity; or
 - (2) Would materially impair an adequate supply of light and air to the properties and improvements in the vicinity; or
 - (3) Would substantially increase congestion in the public streets due to traffic or parking; or
 - (4) Would unduly increase the danger of flood or fire; or
 - (5) Would unduly tax public utilities and facilities in the area; or
 - (6) Would endanger the public health or safety.
- (g) **No Other Remedy.** There is no means other than the requested variation by which the alleged hardship or difficulty can be avoided or remedied to a degree sufficient to permit a reasonable use of the Subject Project.

<p>SECTION 5- STANDARDS FOR VARIATION – FENCES <i>AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 9-12-3(J)</i></p>

You must specifically address each of the following conditions required for approval of a fence by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Attach a separate sheet of paper to your application marked Section 5 – Standards for Variation - Fences.

- (a) Applicant is affected by unique circumstances which create a hardship justifying relief.
- (b) Will not alter the essential character of the locality.
- (c) Will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the code.
- (d) Will set no unfavorable precedent either to the locality or to the Village as a whole.
- (e) Will be the minimum necessary to afford relief to the applicant.
- (f) Will not adversely affect the public safety and general welfare.

<p style="text-align: center;">SECTION 6- SUBJECT PROPERTY ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS/SURVEYS</p>
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1. A copy of preliminary architectural and/or surveyor plans showing the floor plans, exterior elevations, and site plan needs to be submitted with each copy of the zoning petitions for the improvements.
2. The architect or land surveyor needs to provide zoning information concerning the existing zoning; for example, building coverage, distance to property lines, and floor area ratio calculations and data on the plans or supplemental documents for the proposed improvements. If applicable, include any grading changes being proposed.

In addition to the data and information required pursuant to any application as herein set forth, every Applicant shall submit such other and additional data, information, or documentation as the Village Manager or any Board of Commission before which its application is pending may deem necessary or appropriate to a full and proper consideration and disposition of the particular application.

SECTION 7- EXPLANATION OF FEES & APPLICANT SIGNATURE

1. **Application Fee and Escrow.** Every application must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$350.00 plus an additional \$750.00 initial escrow amount. The applicant must also pay the costs of the court reporter's transcription fees and legal notices for the variation request. A separate invoice will be sent if these expenses are not covered by the escrow that was paid with the original application fees.

2. **Additional Escrow Requests.** Should the Village Manager at any time determine that the escrow account established in connection with any application is, or is likely to become, insufficient to pay the actual costs of processing such application, the Village Manager shall inform the Applicant of that fact and demand an additional deposit in an amount deemed by him to be sufficient to cover foreseeable additional costs. Unless and until such additional amount is deposited by the Applicant, the Village Manager may direct that processing of the application shall be suspended or terminated.

3. **Establishment of Lien.** The owner of the Subject Property, and if different, the Applicant, are jointly and severally liable for the payment of the application fee. By signing the applicant, the owner has agreed to pay said fee, and to consent to the filing and foreclosure of a lien against the Subject Property for the fee plus costs of collection, if the account is not settled within 30 days after the mailing of a demand for payment.

By signing below, the owner or their authorized representative, states that he/she consents to the filing of this application and that all information contained herein is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

<p style="text-align: center;">ADDENDUM – RULES FOR WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND ORAL ARGUMENT</p>
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The Hinsdale Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) unanimously approved and adopted the following rules governing written submissions and oral arguments on November 15, 2017:

1. No party is required to submit legal briefs or letters to the ZBA in support of any zoning appeal or variance request. The only documents that any appellant or zoning variance applicant must submit are the appeal forms and/or variance request forms and accompanying materials already required under the Hinsdale Zoning Code. The party that filed the appeal or the variance request need not retain counsel to represent them, but they may do so if they wish.
2. If any party wishes to submit a separate legal brief or letter detailing the reasons why the ZBA should grant such appeal or variance request, then such party shall deliver to the Zoning Board of Appeals at Hinsdale Village Hall, 19 E. Chicago Avenue, ten (10) signed copies of such briefs or letters at least 14 days before the ZBA meeting when the ZBA will hold the hearing, the appeal, or the variance application.
3. Within seven days thereafter, the Village of Hinsdale may, but is not required, to file a brief or letter in response to any brief or letter that any other party has filed. Any such letter or brief that the Village may file in response shall conform to all of the requirements established in these rules.
4. Any brief or letter submitted in support of or in response to any such letter or brief must be on 8-1/2" by 11" paper. The text must be double-spaced, but quotations more than two lines long may be indented and single-spaced. The type face must be 14 point type or larger. A one inch margin is required at the top, bottom, and each side of each page. Each page must have a page number at the bottom.
5. No such briefs or letters shall exceed 12 pages unless the ZBA grants a party's request for an extension of that page limit. Footnotes are discouraged.
6. If any such letter or brief cites to any legal authority, then the letter or brief must contain an index indicating each page number of the letter or brief which cites to that legal authority.
7. If any such brief or letter refers to any other documents, then all such documents must be attached as exhibits. Every such exhibit attached to the brief or letter must be identified with an exhibit number, and must be preceded by a numbered tab corresponding with the exhibit number that protrudes on the right hand side of such brief or letter. All such exhibits must be legible.

8. Any such brief or letter containing less than 20 pages of text and exhibits combined must be firmly stapled in the upper left hand corner of the brief or letter. Briefs or letters that contain more than 20 pages of combined text and exhibits must be spiral bound on the left hand side in a manner that does not interfere with the legibility of any such text or exhibits.
9. If any such brief or letter cites any code section, ordinance, statute, or court decision, then such legal authority must be attached in its entirety as an exhibit to the brief or letter, and the exhibit number must be included in the index required under paragraph 6.
10. The ZBA will not consider briefs or letters that do not meet all of these requirements.
11. At the hearing on any such appeal or variance request, the party that filed the appeal or the variance request has a maximum of 15 minutes to present their initial arguments regarding why the ZBA should grant such appeal or variance request; the Village may then have a maximum of 15 minutes to respond; and the party that filed the appeal or variance request may then have five minutes to reply. These time limits may be extended by a maximum of five minutes per side in the ZBA's discretion. These time limits apply only to oral argument by a party to the ZBA regarding whether the facts support a conclusion that the ZBA should grant the appeal or variance request under the applicable zoning standards, but not to any witness testimony that any party may wish to present.
12. Any non-party to any such appeal or variance request who wishes to address the ZBA at the hearing on any such appeal or variance request, may have a maximum of five minutes to address the ZBA regarding whether the ZBA should grant the appeal or variance request.

Adopted by the Zoning Board of Appeals on November 15, 2017.