

TESTS FOR GRANTING AREA VARIANCES

BE VERY SPECIFIC WHEN ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS

"Area variance" shall mean the authorization by the Zoning Board of Appeals for the use of land in a manner which is not allowed by the dimensional or physical requirements of the applicable zoning regulations.
(Town Law Section 267, subsection 1.(b)).

In deciding whether to grant an area variance, the Zoning Board of Appeals takes into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood or community. (Town Law Section 267-b, subsection 3.(b)).

To enable the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant an area variance, the applicant must present substantial evidence concerning the following topics by providing supporting evidence for each. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

- (1) Whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance.

There will not be an undesirable change produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties by granting of the area variances

- (2) Whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance.

An area variance is necessary

- (3) Whether the requested area variance is substantial.

*We are requesting a front setback of 18.75' variance
Building coverage of 12.6% variance
Lot coverage of 17.4% variance*

- (4) Whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district.

The proposed variance will not have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood

- (5) Whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the ZBA, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.

The alleged difficulty is self created

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6. What is your proposed new project and the variance(s) or interpretation requested?

Addition to existing residence
Asking for front setback of 18.75 variance
Building coverage of 12.6% Lot coverage of 17.4%

7. Have the necessary building permit applications been included with this form? If not, please verify with the Development Office which forms are required to be submitted.

8. With your completed application for an Area Variance, attach a tape map/survey/site plan, elevation of the proposed structure, and other documentation necessary describing the requested variance(s) illustrating why it is practically difficult for you to conform to the Zoning Law.

All maps, surveys, or site plans shall accurately depict the property including all existing and proposed structures, setbacks, and dimensions. *All dimensions must be precise.*

9. With your completed application for a Use Variance, attach a current survey map/site plan of the subject parcel with a detailed description of the proposed use, a statement as to why you feel this use variance is necessary, and a completed Environmental Assessment Form.
10. With your completed application for an Interpretation, attach a current survey map/site plan of the subject parcel with a detailed description of the proposed use, a statement as to why you are appealing the zoning law determination, and a copy of the zoning law determination of which said appeal is requested.
11. If the variance requested is related to signs, attach a Sign Detail Sheet, a site plan, and colored renderings of the proposed signage, and any other documentation required in Article IX (Sign Regulations) of the Town of Canandaigua Zoning Law.

I have examined this application and declare that it is true, correct, and complete. I understand that my application and all supporting documentation will be examined by the Zoning Board of Appeals as an integral component of deliberations.

I hereby grant my designee permission to represent me during the application process.

(Signature of Property Owner)

(Date)