

Town of Canandaigua

5440 Routes 5 & 20 West

Canandaigua, NY 14424

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

AREA VARIANCE APPLICATION

NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS:

The ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS reviews submitted applications on a first-come-first-served basis. The number of applications scheduled for review will vary depending upon the number and complexity of the applications received. The goal of the ZBA is to process all applications in a timely and efficient manner.

Applicant must see that all forms are filled out completely and accurately before the application can be processed. All completed applications are subject to the rules and regulations as established by the Town of Canandaigua and the State of NY. This department does not guarantee any board approvals for completed applications.

Town of Canandaigua
2016 Fee Schedule
(Effective January 1, 2016)

No permit or certificate shall be issued, no approval shall be granted, no application shall be considered complete, no park reservation shall be confirmed, and no public hearing shall be scheduled or held until the fees, as established by the Town Board, have been paid in full. Accepted forms of payment are: cash, check, or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express).

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE:	
Zoning Board of Appeals:	Area Variance, Use Variance, Interpretation (Per Requested Variance)
	\$100
Planning Board:	
Special Use Permit Application, Sketch Plan Application	\$100
Lot Line Adjustments (for each existing and proposed lot)	\$100 per lot
Major Subdivision (5 or more lots) – Preliminary Approval	\$1,000 plus \$100 per lot
Major Subdivision (5 or more lots) – Final Approval	\$1,000 plus \$100 per lot
Minor Subdivision (up to and including 4 lots) – Preliminary Approval	\$250 plus \$50 per lot
Minor Subdivision (up to and including 4 lots) – Final Approval	\$250 plus \$50 per lot
Site Plan / Construction / Building Permits:	
<u>Single-Family (Residential) Dwelling / Manufactured Home (AR1, AR2, R120, R130, RLD, RR3, SCR1)</u>	
Planning Board Site Plan Approval	\$150
Extension of Site Plan Approval	\$100
Construction, expansion or structural alternation, including accessory structures	\$50 plus 20¢ per sq ft (Minimum \$100)
Mechanical improvements and unlisted permits	\$50
Issuance of Special Use Permit	\$50
Sign Permit	\$150 per sign
Soil Erosion & Sedimentation	\$150
MS4 Acceptance Certificate	\$150
Hot Tub / Pool (Above Ground)	\$100
Hot Tub / Pool (In Ground)	\$150
Hot Tub / Pool Re-Inspection (for each re-inspection)	\$50
Certificate of Compliance (not associated with current building permit)	\$50
Certificate of Pre-Existing Non-Conforming	\$100
Certificate of Non-Conformity	\$100

Open Building Permit Extension	\$100
Release of Stop Work Order	\$100
Park & Recreation (Per Dwelling Unit)	\$1,000 per unit
Consultant Fees	See Town Code Chapter 11
Multiple Family Dwelling (MR, MR281, MH)	
Site Plans – Preliminary Approval	\$250 plus \$50 per dwelling unit
Site Plans – Final Approval	\$250 plus \$50 per dwelling unit
Extension of Site Plan Approval	\$100
New Construction, expansion or structural alternations	\$500 plus 30¢ per sq ft
Mechanical improvements and unlisted permits	\$200
Issuance of Special Use Permit	\$50
Sign Permit	\$150 per sign
Soil Erosion & Sedimentation	\$150
MS4 Acceptance Certificate	\$150
Hot Tub / Pool (Above Ground)	\$100
Hot Tub / Pool (In Ground)	\$150
Hot Tub / Pool Re-Inspection (for each re-inspection)	\$50
Open Building Permit Extension	\$100
Certificate of Compliance (not associated with current building permit)	\$50
Certificate of Pre-Existing Non-Conforming	\$100
Certificate of Non-Conformity	\$100
Release of Stop Work Order	\$100
Park & Recreation (Per Dwelling Unit)	\$1,000 per unit
Consultant Fees	See Town Code Chapter 11
Commercial and Industrial (CC, NC, I, LI, RB1)	
Site Plan Approval – Preliminary	\$250
Site Plan Approval – Final	\$250
Extension of Site Plan Approval	\$100
New Construction, expansion or structural alterations	\$500 plus 30¢ per sq ft
Mechanical improvements and unlisted permits	\$500
Issuance of Special Use Permit	\$50
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation	\$150
MS4 Acceptance Certificate	\$150
Sign Permit	\$250 per sign
Fire Safety Re-Inspection	\$100

Certificate of Compliance (not associated with current building permit)	\$50
Certificate of Pre-Existing Non-Conforming	\$100
Certificate of Non-Conformity	\$100
Open Building Permit Extension	\$100
Release of Stop Work Order	\$100
Park & Recreation Fee	\$1,000 per building
Consultant Fees	See Town Code Chapter 11

¹Categories are defined by the occupancy classifications described in the NYS Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Floor or ground area shall be based on the outside dimensions; living area to include breezeway, mud-room, enclosed porch, attached garage, attic and living area in the basement. This calculation shall apply to both new and/or renovated space.

²See Zoning and/or Code Enforcement Officer for Permit Requirements.

³“Structural Alteration” includes windows, doors, and load bearing modifications.

⁴“Mechanical Improvements” include HVAC, electrical, heating and roofs, etc.

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2016 Board Calendar

Meeting dates are subject to change

** All Applications are due by 12:00pm on deadline day**

APPLICATION DEADLINE 12:00 pm	PRC MEETING To review applications 9:00AM	ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS Public Hearings 6:00 PM	PLANNING BOARD Public Meetings and Hearings 6:30 PM	
FRIDAY	MEETING DATE	MEETING DATE	MEETING DATES	
December 11, 2015	December 14, 2015	January 19, 2016	January 12, 2016	January 26, 2016
January 15	January 19	February 16	February 9	February 23
February 12	February 16	March 15	March 8	March 22
March 11	March 14	April 19	April 12	April 26
April 15	April 18	May 17	May 10	May 24
May 13	May 16	June 21	June 14	June 28
June 17	June 20	July 19	July 12	July 26
July 15	July 18	August 16	August 9	August 23
August 12	August 15	September 20	September 13	September 27
September 16	September 19	October 18	October 11	October 25
October 14	October 17	November 15	November 9*	November 29**
November 10	November 14	December 20	December 13	----
December 16	December 19	January 17, 2017	January 10, 2017	January 24, 2017

*Meeting date moved back one day due to Election Day

**Meeting date moved back one week due to Thanksgiving holiday

The applicant will receive written notification of their scheduled meeting.

If your application is deemed incomplete, it will not be placed on an agenda until the requested information has been submitted to the Town Development Office.

All new Planning Board applications submitted on / before the application deadline will be first heard at 2nd meeting of the following month. Continued applications will be reviewed at the 1st meeting of the following month.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REQUIRED PAPERWORK FOR APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

Area Variance Application

- _____ Variance Application (Zoning Board of Appeals)
- _____ Description of documents which would support a determination that it is practically difficult for you to conform to the dimensional requirements of the zoning law (Tests for Granting Area Variances).
- _____ Map showing size and location of all existing and proposed structures, including lot width, lot area, setback dimensions and computations of percentage of lot coverage. (See attached Sketch Plan Checklist) Projects over 1,000 square feet will require a professionally prepared site plan.
- _____ Front elevation or view of proposed structure showing the height measured from the average finished grade.
- _____ Property owner signatures on all application forms and checklists

**You must submit the original application and attachments / survey map / site plan.
Contact the Zoning Officer to determine which additional building/sign permit application is
required to be submitted with this application.
Additional copies of the site plan, etc. will be requested after the Planning Review Committee
(PRC) has reviewed your application.**

FEES:

1. The \$100 application fee is required upon submission of the application. This fee is non-refundable. A separate, additional fee will be rendered for the building permit.
2. Building permit fees vary – the fee will be determined by the Town Code Enforcement Officer.
3. The property owner is responsible for reimbursement of any Town Engineer and/or Town Attorney fees incurred during application review.

WHY YOUR VARIANCE MIGHT BE DENIED

You have been told that something which you want to do on your land is prohibited. You have also learned that the ZBA has the power to authorize you to proceed despite the Zoning Law prohibition.

Hopefully, you have also learned from the materials you received from the Planning & Zoning Office that we may only approve your variance if you can show some practical difficulty in your particular situation. We seek, wherever possible, to help resolve your individual conflict with the zoning law in a manner which addresses your needs as well as the needs of the Town as a whole.

Unfortunately, because these needs are sometimes in conflict, we often find such an ideal solution impossible.

In our experience variances are most frequently denied for one of three reasons:

First, practical difficulty was not shown, even though it was shown, there is some means other than a variance available to the applicant to address the problem. These variances are denied because they are not considered to be necessary.

Second, even though practical difficulty was shown, a variance will be denied if the impact of the requested variance upon the neighborhood or surrounding properties would be too great. This board is required to take into account the good of the Town as a whole and not grant an individual relief if the common good would be too severely impacted.

Finally, variances are generally denied if the practical difficulty shown was not unique. We are required to determine whether the difficulty is unique to a given property or to circumstances peculiar to that property. State law prohibits us from approving a variance if an applicant establishes a difficulty which is not unique. The rationale for this limitation is that the granting of variances to address difficulties which are common to a given region or type of use amounts to actually changing the zoning law, one variance at a time. The proper legal procedure in such a case is not a variance, but a request to change the law. This board cannot act on such a request as the Town Board, which enacts all the laws of the town, is the only board which can make such a change. Regrettably, the Zoning Board of Appeals sometimes finds an applicant to have a legitimate concern, but is nonetheless compelled to deny the requested variance because the described difficulty is not sufficiently unique. In that instance the board will advise the Town Board of its finding both to assist the applicant and in the hope that the Town Board will take appropriate action to improve the zoning law itself.

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

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)

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***Property Owner is responsible for any consultant fees
(Town Engineer, Town Attorney, etc.) incurred during the application process.***

Please note that the **Property Owner** is responsible for all consultant fees during the review of this application including legal, engineering, or other outside consultants. Applications submitted to the Town of Canandaigua Planning Board will normally receive chargeback fees of at least five hours to ten hours for planning services including intake, project review, resolution preparation, SEQR, and findings of fact. PLEASE NOTE that the number of hours will be SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED due to incomplete applications, plans lacking detail, or repeated continuations. Subdivision applications and larger commercial or industrial projects traditionally require more hours of engineering, legal, and other consultant review and preparation and will incur higher costs. Applications for new construction may be referred to the Town Engineer for engineering review which may include at least an additional eight to twelve hours of review time. The **Property Owner** will also be responsible for legal fees for applications submitted to the Town of Canandaigua Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, or the Town of Canandaigua Development Office. Fees for engineering and legal expenses traditionally range between one hundred and one hundred fifty dollars per hour. A copy of the Town's annual fee schedule is available upon request from the Development Office or the Town Clerk's Office. The **Property Owner's** signature below indicates that the **Property Owner** understands that the **Property Owner** will be responsible for all outside consultant fees incurred as a result of the submitted application, and consents to these charges. Additionally projects approved by the Town of Canandaigua Planning Board may be required to pay a parks and recreation fee as established by the Town Board (currently \$ 1,000 per unit) if required as part of the conditions of approval.

(property owner)

(property owner)

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.

- (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.

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

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

- (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.

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CPN #: _____

Sketch Plan Checklist

Applicant: _____

Project Address: _____

Tax Map #: _____

Zoning District: _____

Project Description Narrative: _____

Sketch Plan Checklist – Chapter 220 §220-66 (Not required for any property in a major subdivision)	Shown on Plan by Applicant	Initial PRC Review	PRC Follow Up Review
A. The sketch plan shall be clearly designated as such and shall identify all existing and proposed:			
1) Zoning classification and required setbacks.			
2) Lot lines.			
3) Land features including environmentally sensitive features identified on the NRI. (woods, streams, steep slopes, wetlands)			
4) Land use(s). (residential, agricultural, commercial, or industrial)			
5) Utilities. (i.e. location of electric, gas, well, septic, sewer, cable)*			
6) Development including buildings, pavement and other improvements including setbacks.			
7) Location and nature of all existing easements, deed restrictions and other encumbrances.			
B. Sketch plans shall be drawn to scale.			
C. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide a sketch plan that depicts a reasoned and viable proposal for development of the lot.			

I have reviewed my submitted application and drawings against the above noted criteria and hereby certify that the submitted application matches this check list.

 Signature of Applicant / Representative

 Date

*May be obtained from UFPO – dial **811** for assistance.

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project:			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone:	
		E-Mail:	
Address:			
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation?			NO
If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.			YES
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency?			NO
If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:			YES
			<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>		

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AGRICULTURAL DATA STATEMENT

CPN #: _____

In accordance with NYS Town Law § 283-a, the Town of Canandaigua will use the following information to evaluate possible impacts that would occur on property within an agricultural district containing a farm operation or on property with boundaries within 500 feet of a farm operation.

A. Name and Address of Property Owner: _____

B. Name and Address of Applicant: _____

C. Description of the proposed project: _____

D. Project Location: _____

E. Tax Map #: _____

F. Is any portion of the subject property currently being farmed? _____ Yes _____ No

G. List the name and address of any land owner within the agricultural district that the land contains farm operations and is located within 500 feet of the boundary of the property upon which the project is proposed.

Name / Address

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

H. Attach a tax map or other map showing the site of the proposed project relative to the location of farm operations identified in this Agricultural Data Statement.

FOR TOWN USE ONLY

Circle Type of Application:

Special Use Permit

Site Plan Approval

Subdivision

Use Variance

Circle Review Authority:

Zoning Board of Appeals

Planning Board

Town Board

Notice Provision:

Date when written notice of the application described in Part I was provided to the land owners identified in the Agricultural Data Statement.

Date referral sent to the Ontario County Planning Department:

Name of Official Completing Form

Date