



# VARIANCE APPLICATION TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

City of Fredericksburg - Development Services Department  
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1. Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Owner: \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Description of property involved in this request.  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lot Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning District: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Request is made to the Board of Adjustment that a variance be granted to the following provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.  
Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Subsection: \_\_\_\_\_  
Item: \_\_\_\_\_ Relating To: \_\_\_\_\_  
Requiring: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT:
  - A. Site plans, preliminary building elevations, preliminary improvement plans, or other maps or drawings, sufficiently dimensioned as required to illustrate the following, to the extent related to the Variance application:
    - i. Existing and proposed location and arrangement of uses on the site, and on abutting sides within 50-feet.
    - ii. Existing and proposed site improvements, buildings, and other structures on the site, and any off-site improvements related to or necessitated by the proposed use. Building elevations shall be sufficient to indicate the general height, bulk, scale, and architectural character.
    - iii. Existing and proposed topography, grading, landscaping, and screening, irrigation facilities, and erosion control measures.

- iv. Existing and proposed parking, loading, and traffic and pedestrian circulation features, both on the site and any off-site facilities or improvements related to or necessitated by the proposed use.

**The Board of Adjustment may grant a variance if it makes affirmative findings of FACT on EACH of the criteria. The applicant shall give a reason why the request complies with the following criteria:**

- 1. The Zoning Regulations applicable to the property do not allow for a reasonable use.

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- 2. The plight of the owner of the property is due to unique circumstances existing on the property, and the unique circumstances were not created by the owner of the property and are not merely financial and are not due to or the result of general conditions in the zoning district in which the property is located.

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- 3. The variance will not alter the character of the area adjacent to the property, will not impair the use of adjacent conforming property, and will not impair the purposes or regulations to the Zoning District in which the property is located.

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- B. **PARKING: ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**-The Board may grant a Variance to a regulation prescribed by this ordinance with respect to the number of off-street spaces required if it makes findings of fact that the following additional criteria are also satisfied:

Neither present nor anticipated future traffic volumes generated by the use of the site or the uses of sites in the vicinity reasonably require strict or literal interpretation and enforcement of the specified regulation.

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The granting of the Variance will not result in the parking or loading of vehicles on public streets in such a manner as to interfere with the free flow of traffic of the streets.

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The granting of the Variance will not create a safety hazard or any other condition inconsistent with the objectives of this ordinance.

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The Variance shall run with the use or uses to which it pertains and shall not run with the site.

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- c. **SIGNS: ADDITIONAL CRITERIA**-The Board may grant a Variance to a regulation prescribed by the Sign Ordinance with respect to the placement of signs, the height of signs or the area of signs if it affirmatively finds each of the following.

That a sign is being replaced. For the purposes of this Section, replacement shall include the erection of a new or different sign due to the removal of another sign for any reason, including the change of name of a business, whether from change of ownership, business being conducted, or otherwise, the change of a sign for a continuing business containing the same or different information as the sign being replaced, and the replacement of signs due to damage or vandalism.

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That all structures on the property for which the sign is proposed that would impede the replacement of a sign were constructed prior to February 17, 1986.

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That it is impractical to abide by existing placement, height or area regulations due to the placement, size of construction of existing structures in relationship to the physical characteristics of the site. For purposes of illustration, physical characteristics may include topography of the site or the surrounding sites, structures on surrounding sites, traffic conditions, street layouts and existing natural vegetation.

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That the other types of signs which are permitted by this Ordinance cannot practically be used. In making this determination of practicality, the Board may consider

- A. The undesirability of altering a historic site to accommodate a sign which would be permitted with no variance under this Ordinance; or
- a. That alternatives permitted by this Ordinance would involve extensive reconstruction of structures; or
  - 1. That alternatives permitted by this Ordinance are prohibitively expensive; or
  - 2. That alternatives permitted by this Ordinance will not effectively identify the subject of the sign.

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ii. That the proposed sign has been reviewed by the Historic Review Board if applicable.

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iii. That the proposed variance is as close to the requirements of the sign ordinance as is feasible.

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**Staff Use Only**

Application No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_