

Variance Request- Findings of Fact Applicant Statements

In order to grant a variance, each of the findings must be found in the affirmative by the Board of Adjustment by a 4/5 majority of the Board's membership. The burden of proof of producing evidence to support these findings (and to overcome any challenges that approval of the plan would be contrary to one or more of these findings) shall rest entirely with the applicant or landowner.

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.
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.
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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.
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.