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Application for VARIANCE, SPECIAL EXCEPTION & APPEAL

Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Applicant Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Applicant Address: _____

Applicant Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____

Owner Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____

Contact Person/Phone/Email: _____

Address: Location & Description of the Property: _____

Zoning Classification: _____ **Reason for Application:** _____

Applicable Sections of Ordinance & Reason(s) for Granting Variance or Conditional Use:

Description of Proposed Improvements or Additions: _____

I hereby grant permission for the Zoning Hearing Board members and any other Township representatives as required to visit the property for which this Variance/Special Exception is requested.

Applicant/Owner Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

To be Completed by Township

Tax Parcel Number: _____ **Case Number:** _____

Date of Zoning Hearing Board Meeting: _____

Application and \$700 Fee Received by: _____ **Date:** _____



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Zoning Hearing Board Determination of Variance

360-134(C) Variances. The Zoning Hearing Board shall hear requests for variances where it is alleged that the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance inflict unnecessary hardship upon the applicant. The Zoning Hearing Board may grant a variance provided the following findings are made where relevant in a given case:

- (1) That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property, and that the unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.
- (2) That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, the property cannot reasonably be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.
- (3) That such unnecessary hardship has not been created by the appellant.
- (4) That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.
- (5) That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue. In granting any variance, the Zoning Hearing Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of this act and the Zoning Ordinance.