



“The Island City”

City of Plainwell Zoning Variance Application

Fee: \$150.00

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Date of Application: _____

Property Address: _____ Parcel Number: _____

Owner's Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Owner's Mailing Address: _____

In order to grant a variance, the applicant must satisfy all of the following conditions:

1. There are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships which prevent carrying out the strict letter of this chapter. Where hardships or difficulties shall not be deemed economic, but shall be evaluated in terms of the use of a particular parcel of land;
2. A genuine hardship exists because of unique circumstances or physical conditions such as narrowness, shallowness, shape or topography of the property involved or to the intended use of the property, that do not generally apply to other property uses in the same zoning district and shall not be recurrent in nature;
3. The hardship or special conditions or circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant;
4. The variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this chapter and will not cause a substantial adverse effect upon surrounding property, property values, and the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood or district;
5. Granting the variance will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this chapter to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district;
6. The variance requested is the minimum amount necessary to overcome the inequality inherent in the particular property or mitigate the hardship; and/or
7. The variance shall not permit the establishment, within a district, of any use which is not permitted by right within the zoning district or any use for which a special use permit or a temporary use permit is required.

Please describe variance request: _____

Attach an accurate drawing of the site showing:

(a) property boundaries (b) existing and proposed buildings (c) distance from the lot lines of each existing or proposed building (d) unusual physical features of the site (e) abutting streets.

The above criteria have been explained to me and I understand that I must demonstrate that I satisfy one or more of these criteria in order to be granted a variance from the City of Plainwell's Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, I understand that if the requested variance is granted, I am in no way relieved from all other applicable requirements of the City of Plainwell Zoning Ordinance.

Signature of Applicant(s): _____ **Date of Signature(s):** _____

Administrative Use Only:	
Filing Date: _____	Date of Hearing: _____
Fee Paid: _____	Action Taken: _____



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