

# Peninsula Township Variance Application

## Application Guidelines

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1. Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) applications are available from the Peninsula Township Planning & Zoning Department, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, and 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, or online at [www.peninsulatownship.com/zoning](http://www.peninsulatownship.com/zoning).
2. **Applications must be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Department at least four (4) weeks prior to the ZBA meeting. Ten (10) copies must be submitted.**
3. If the applicant is not the property owner, a letter signed by the owner agreeing to the variance must be included with the application.
4. It is the applicant's responsibility to review and address the appropriate sections of the Zoning Ordinance prior to submission.
5. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is complete upon submission. **Planning and Zoning Department staff will determine and confirm with the applicant that the application is complete.** An incomplete application will not be considered for review by the ZBA.
6. The application will be forwarded to members of the ZBA for a public hearing.
7. A notice of the public hearing must be mailed to the property owners and occupants within three hundred (300) feet of the subject property not less than fifteen (15) days before the public hearing.
8. The applicant will receive a notice of the public hearing in the mail, and is expected to attend the meeting.
9. ZBA meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 13235 Center Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.
10. If the variance(s) are granted, **construction authorized by such variance(s) must begin within six (6) months after the granting of the variance, and the occupancy of land, premises, or buildings authorized by the variance must take place within one (1) year after the granting of the variance.**
11. If the variance(s) are granted, construction authorized by such variance(s) must comply with all other necessary permits. **A variance is independent from, and does not substitute for, all other permits.**
12. No application for a variance which has been denied wholly or in part by the Board shall be resubmitted for a period of one (1) year from the date of the last denial, except on the grounds of newly discovered evidence or proof of changed conditions found upon inspection by the Board to be valid.

OFFICE USE ONLY		
Date Received:	Fee Received:	Board Action:
Date Complete:	Meeting Date:	

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## General Information

A fully completed application form, fee, and all related documents must be submitted to the Planning & Zoning Department at least four (4) weeks prior to the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. **10 copies are required.**

### Applicant Information

Applicant: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*(If the applicant is not the property owner, a letter signed by the owner agreeing to the variance must be included with the application.)*

### Property Information

Parcel ID \_\_\_\_\_ Zoning \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_

### Type of Request

Indicate which Ordinance requirement(s) are the subject of the variance request:

- Front Yard Setback       Side Yard Setback       Rear Yard Setback  
 Width to Depth Ratio       Lot Coverage       Off-Street Parking  
 Signage       Height/Width       Non-Conformity Expansion  
 Other: Please Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attachments

- \$375 Fee  
 Basic Conditions Worksheet  
 Site plan drawn to scale showing the following:  
    a. Property boundaries; Shoreline properties must show the Ordinary High Water Mark on a certified survey, and the Flood Elevation Line (3 feet above OHWM) if any;  
    b. All existing and proposed structures including decks and roof overhangs;  
    c. Setbacks for existing and proposed structures (varies by zoning district).  
 Front elevation diagram drawn to scale.

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## Basic Conditions Worksheet

In order for a variance to be justified, the Applicant must meet **all of the Basic Conditions**, as defined in Section 5.7.3(1) of the Peninsula Township Zoning Ordinance. The Applicant must answer the following questions pertaining to the Basic Conditions in detail. Please attach a separate sheet if necessary and label comments on the attached sheet with corresponding number/letter on application.

**Section 5.7.3(1) Basic Conditions:** The Board shall have the power to authorize, upon an appeal specific variances from such requirements as lot area and width regulations, building height and bulk regulations, yard and depth regulations, and off-street parking and loading space requirements, **provided all of the Basic Conditions listed herein can be satisfied.**

(1) **BASIC CONDITIONS:** The applicant must meet ALL of the following Basic Conditions. That any variance from this Ordinance:

- a) **That the need for the variance is due to unique circumstances or physical conditions, such as narrowness, shallowness, shape, water or topography, of the property involved and that the practical difficulty is not due to the applicant's personal or economic hardship.**

Is this condition met? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- b) **The need for the variance is not the result of actions of the property owner (self-created) or previous property owners.**

Is this condition met? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- c) **That strict compliance with area, setback, frontage, height, bulk, density or other dimension requirement will unreasonably prevent the property owner from using the property for a permitted purpose, or will render conformity with those regulations unnecessarily burdensome. (Because a property owner may incur additional costs in complying with this ordinance does not automatically make compliance unnecessarily burdensome.)**

Is this condition met? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**d) That the variance will do substantial justice to the applicant as well as to other property owners in the district, or whether a lesser relaxation than applied for would give substantial relief to the owner of the property involved and be more consistent with justice to other property owners.**

Is this condition met? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**e) That the variance will not cause adverse impacts on surrounding property, property values or the use and enjoyment of property in the neighborhood.**

Is this condition met? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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**f) That the variance shall not permit the establishment within a district of any use which is not permitted by right, or any use for which a conditional use or temporary use permit is required.**

Is this condition met? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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