

**MUSKEGON CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1990 APPLE AVE.  
MUSKEGON, MI 49442  
231-777-2555**

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION**

**Fee: \$175.00 + \$500 Escrow = \$675.00**

Case #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address/Location and Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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If applicable, please attach a copy of the site plan.

Purpose of Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_

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I/We hereby permit, consent, and authorize the Township or its agents to enter properties described above for purposes of investigation and information gathering associated with this appeal application.

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

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



## Zoning Board of Appeals Applicant Information

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A variance is permission to deviate from the requirements of the zoning ordinance. It is the responsibility of the applicant to prove that a practical difficulty exists. The applicant must convince the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to grant a variance by providing drawings, letters from neighbors, and other pertinent information which demonstrate the existence of a difficulty. All of the conditions listed below must be satisfied in order for the ZBA to grant a variance.

### Conditions:

- a. The granting of the variance will not impair the intent and purpose of the zoning ordinance.
- b. The granting of the variance will do substantial justice to the applicant and to the neighborhood.
- c. Application of the ordinance provisions would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district.
- d. There are unique conditions or circumstances peculiar to the applicant's land, structure or building involved which are not generally applicable to other lands, structures or buildings in the same district. Unique conditions or circumstances related to the property may include:
  1. Exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape;
  2. Exceptional topographic conditions;
  3. Use or development of the property immediately adjoining the property in question.
- e. The granting of the variance is the minimum necessary to accommodate the unique conditions or circumstances of the applicant's land, structure or building.
- f. The unique conditions or circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant or a prior owner.
- g. The grand of the variance will not impair public safety.
- h. There are no alternative solutions to accommodate the unique conditions or circumstances of the applicant's land, structure or building.