

# Application to the Building Board of Appeals

City of Ann Arbor, Michigan

**Notice to Applicants:**

- **When submitting, all applications must be signed and notarized.** Be sure to allow enough time to arrange for a notary before the deadline. Turn in application on the sixth floor, city hall.
- **Applications must include all required information** such as drawings, site plans, floor plans and/or photographs to completely describe the request.
- If an application is submitted by someone other than the property owner or you wish to have someone else represent you (i.e., architect, etc.), **a letter of authorization must be provided from the property owner.** This letter must give the applicant permission to appear before the Building Board of Appeals regarding the specific request.
- **The BBA normally meets on the second Wednesday of each month.** Public notices for each request before the BBA are published at least 5 days prior to the meeting, in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. **Applications must be received BY NOON at least 5 weeks prior to the meeting date.** (See Calendar Below). If your application is submitted any later than that, it will **NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **All applications will be reviewed by staff, but it is suggested that it be reviewed BEFORE SUBMISSION. INCOMPLETE applications will not be accepted.** Applications with incorrect or inadequate information will be returned to the applicant for corrections and will be scheduled for the **next** available meeting date.
- **Applicant must supply 2 complete packets of information or 1 original packet and an electronic version of the original complete packet (CD with Adobe pdf file preferred).**
- **All communication with BBA members must be through the application and at public meetings ONLY.** Solicitation of members on an individual basis outside of these venues is inappropriate and prohibited.
- Application to the BBA **does not guarantee the request will be scheduled** until after the application is deemed complete by staff.
- Filing Fees - **\$250.00 (Single Family Home) ---- \$500.00 (All Other Buildings & Structures).**

**Meeting Location – 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Second Floor, City Council Chambers**

**2009 MEETING SCHEDULE - BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS**

APPLICATIONS DUE (BY 12:00 p.m.) At 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Sixth Floor, City Hall	MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING 1:30 p.m. – 100 North Fifth Avenue Second Floor – Council Chambers
December 12	January 14
January 14	February 11
February 11	March 11
March 11	April 08
April 08	May 13
May 13	June 10
June 10	July 08
July 08	August 12
August 12	September 09
September 09	October 14
October 14	November 12*
November 12	December 09

**\*Note:** November date is actually Thursday, November 12, as the regular Wednesday meeting day is Veteran's Day Holiday.

# APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE - BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS

## Section 1: Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Relationship to Property: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2: Property Information

Address of Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Zoning Classification: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID# (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name of Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*If different than applicant, a letter of authorization from the property owner must be provided.*

## Section 3: Request Information

Variance

Chapter(s) and Section(s) from which a  
variance is requested:

Required dimension:

PROPOSED dimension:

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*Example: 2003 Building Code, Section 5:26*

*Example: 7' Ceiling  
Clearance*

*Example: 6' 5" under landing*

Give a detailed description of the work you would need this variance for (attach additional sheets if necessary)

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## Section 4: Variance Request

The City of Ann Arbor Building Board of Appeals has the powers granted by State law and Building Codes. A variance may be granted by the Building Board of Appeals only in cases involving practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships when **ALL** of the following is found **TRUE**. (continued....)

Please provide a complete response to each item below. These responses, together with the required materials in Section 5 of this application, will form the basis for evaluation of the request by staff and the Building Board of Appeals.

**1. Are there hardships or practical difficulties to complying with the Code? Are these hardships or practical difficulties an exception or unique to the home compared to other homes in the City?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Are the hardships or practical difficulties more than mere inconvenience or inability to obtain a higher financial return, or both? (explain)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**3. What effect will granting the variance have on the neighboring properties?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**4. What physical characteristics of your property in terms of size, shape, location or topography prevent you from using it in a way that is consistent with the Code?**

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**5. Is the condition which prevents you from complying with the ordinance self-imposed? How did the condition come about?**

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### Section 5: Required Materials

The following materials are required for all variance requests. Failure to provide these materials will result in an **incomplete application** and will delay staff review and Building Board of Appeals consideration of the request. The materials listed below must accompany the application and constitute an inseparable part of the application. All materials must be provided on **8 1/2" by 11" sheets**. **If incomplete, you will be scheduled for the NEXT MEETING DATE ON THE FOLLOWING MONTH.**

- State proposed use of property, size of lot and size and type of proposed changes.
- Building floor plans showing interior rooms, including dimensions. (continued....)

- Photographs of the property and any existing buildings involved in the request.
- Any other graphic or written materials that support the request.
- Letter of Authority if being represented by someone other than the property owner.

**Section 6: Acknowledgement**

**SIGNATURES MUST BE SIGNED IN PRESENCE OF NOTARY PUBLIC**

I, the applicant, request a variance from the above named Chapter(s) and Section(s) of the Applicable City Code and/or 2006 Michigan Residential Code and/or 2006 Michigan Building Code for the stated reasons, in accordance with the materials attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address Print Name

I, the applicant, hereby depose and say that all of the aforementioned statements, and the statements contained in the materials submitted herewith are true and correct and have received all coversheets with dates, deadlines and instructions. Applicant acknowledges that they are aware of these meeting dates and will not receive further notification of meeting dates and times. All applicants are expected to know when and where the meeting is and to appear to present their appeal in a timely fashion:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Further, I hereby give City of Ann Arbor Planning and Development Services unit staff and members of the Building Board of Appeals permission to access the subject property for the purpose of reviewing my variance request. As a condition of granting any variance, the property owner is also responsible for reinstating, paying fees for or acquiring new permits to inspect and final out any outstanding work at this property:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

*On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, before me personally appeared the above named applicant and made oath that he/she has read the foregoing application by him/her subscribed and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true as to his/her own knowledge except as to those matters therein stated to be upon his information and belief as to those matters, he/she believes them to be true.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Commission Expiration Date Print Name

**Staff Use Only**

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Fee Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

File No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Filing Review Person & Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Staff Review Person & Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Public Hearing \_\_\_\_\_

BBA Action: \_\_\_\_\_

**OUTSTANDING PERMITS:** \_\_\_\_\_