



APPLICATION FOR BUILDING VARIANCE

Department of Planning & Development
P.O. Box 2128 Dothan, Alabama 36302-2128
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MEETING DATE: _____ **APPLICATION DEADLINE:** _____

In accordance with [Article 114:98-99](#) of the Zoning Ordinance of Dothan, Alabama, a variance is a permission granted as relief from some specific and unusual hardship imposed by the strict application of the ordinance. It is a means to adjust the PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS of the ordinance, which, by reason of specific location, topography, shape or size, would create an unnecessary hardship if complied with. **It should not allow uses not permitted in the zone.**

APPELLANT NAME: _____ CONTACT PHONE: _____
(If not Property Owner)

ADDRESS: _____
Street City/State/ZIP

PROPERTY OWNER: _____ CONTACT PHONE: _____
(if you are not the property owner, a letter of approval from property owner is required)

ADDRESS: _____

PROPERTY LOCATION: _____
(If different from above or Subdivision Name, Lot Number, and Block)

Parcel ID: _____ Amount Requested (Feet): _____

TYPE OF VARIANCE: Front Yard – Side Yard – Rear Yard – Street Side Yard – Height – Parking Space
(Circle all that apply)

OTHER (not listed above): _____

PURPOSE OF VARIANCE: _____

DEMONSTRATE THE HARDSHIP ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure, or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district.
Describe how the land, structure, or building is different from those in the zoning district:

2. Literal interpretation of the provisions of the ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. Describe how your property would be affected if the variance were not granted:

The applicant certifies to the following:

- 1) That the applicant believes that these special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant.
- 2) That the applicant believes that granting the requested variance will not confer on the applicant any special
- 3) Privilege that is denied by the ordinance to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district.
- 4) That the applicant believes that the granting of the variance will not circumvent the intent of the ordinance.
- 5) That the applicant believes that the granting of the variance will not prove adverse to the surrounding property.

Attach the names and mailing addresses for all adjacent property owners on each side, behind, and in front of your property, including vacant or rental property, according to the official tax records of Houston County. This listing can be obtained from the REVENUE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AT THE HOUSTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 462 NORTH OATES STREET, 5TH FLOOR or www.houstoncounty.org. If on a corner, include all three corners in addition to property on each side of your property.

Attach a drawing that shows the following (page 3):

- 1) Outline and dimensions of the lot on the property (Minimum Scale: 1 inch = 50 ft.);
- 2) Location of adjacent street(s), including any side street;
- 3) Outline of the existing building(s), if any, and the distances to each property line (Note: The street
- 4) curb is not the property line);
- 5) The outline of the proposed building or additions and the distances to each property line; and
- 6) Requested variance.

****BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT swears or affirms that the representations made on this application or testimony subsequently given to this Board are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and that they agree to abide by the conditions stipulated in the approval granted by this Board if it is so given under penalty of the invalidation of any judgment by this Board in their favor and/or the invalidation by the City of Dothan Commission of any Privilege License received as a result of that favorable judgment.***

Applicant Name (Please Print in Blue Ink)

Applicant Signature (In Blue Ink)

Office Use Only:

Receipt Number

Date of Receipt

Zoning District

Case Number

Case Manager



APPLICATION FOR BUILDING VARIANCE – PART 2

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PRINT THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICANT NAME: _____

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

In the space below, show the following:

- 1) Outline and dimensions of the lot on the property (Minimum Scale: 1 inch = 50 ft.);
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