

**SUPPORT STATEMENT  
FOR A  
VARIANCE**

In accordance with the Zoning Regulations, the Development Review Board must make affirmative findings of certain criteria before the Board can approve a variance. The criteria are listed below. Please state in detail how you believe each of the criteria are met in your case.

**CRITERIA 1**

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of a lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property, and that the unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions, and not the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of the zoning regulations in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

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**CRITERIA 2**

That because of such physical circumstance or condition there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the zoning regulation and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

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**CRITERIA 3**

That such unnecessary hardship has not been created by the applicant.

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**CRITERIA 4**

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

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**CRITERIA 5**

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the zoning regulation and the plan.

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