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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

Application Fee: _____

Meeting Date: _____

ZBA Case #: PZ_____

I. PROPERTY INFORMATION (Address of subject ZBA Case)

PROJECT NAME / SUBDIVISION

ADDRESS | LOT/SIUTE/SPACE #

SIDWELL # 50-22-_____-_____-_____ May be obtain from Assessing Department (248) 347-0485

CROSS ROADS OF PROPERTY

IS THE PROPERTY WITHIN A HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION JURISDICTION? ☐ YES ☐ NO

REQUEST IS FOR: ☐ RESIDENTIAL ☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ VACANT PROPERTY ☐ SIGNAGE

DOES YOUR APPEAL RESULT FROM A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OR CITATION ISSUED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

II. APPLICANT INFORMATION

A. APPLICANT | EMAIL ADDRESS | CELL PHONE NO.

NAME | TELEPHONE NO.

ORGANIZATION/COMPANY | FAX NO.

ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

B. PROPERTY OWNER ☐ CHECK HERE IF APPLICANT IS ALSO THE PROPERTY OWNER

Identify the person or organization that owns the subject property: | EMAIL ADDRESS | CELL PHONE NO.

NAME | TELEPHONE NO.

ORGANIZATION/COMPANY | FAX NO.

ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP CODE

III. ZONING INFORMATION

A. ZONING DISTRICT

☐ R-A ☐ R-1 ☐ R-2 ☐ R-3 ☐ R-4 ☐ RM-1 ☐ RM-2 ☐ MH

☐ I-1 ☐ I-2 ☐ RC ☐ TC ☐ TC-1 ☐ OTHER _____

B. VARIANCE REQUESTED

INDICATE ORDINANCE SECTION (S) AND VARIANCE REQUESTED:

1. Section_____ Variance requested _____
2. Section_____ Variance requested _____
3. Section_____ Variance requested _____
4. Section_____ Variance requested _____

IV. FEES AND DRAWNINGS

A. FEES

☐ Single Family Residential (Existing) $220 ☐ (With Violation) $275 ☐ Single Family Residential (New) $275

☐ Multiple/Commercial/Industrial $330 ☐ (With Violation) $440 ☐ Signs $330 ☐ (With Violation) $440

☐ House Moves $330 ☐ Special Meetings (At discretion of Board) $660

B. DRAWINGS 1-COPY & 1 DIGITAL COPY SUBMITTED AS A PDF

- Dimensioned Drawings and Plans
- Site/Plot Plan
- Existing or proposed buildings or addition on the property
- Number & location of all on-site parking, if applicable
- Existing & proposed distance to adjacent property lines
- Location of existing & proposed signs, if applicable
- Floor plans & elevations
- Any other information relevant to the Variance application

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V. VARIANCE

A. VARIANCE (S) REQUESTED

☐ DIMENSIONAL ☐ USE ☐ SIGN

There is a five-(5) hold period before work/action can be taken on variance approvals.

B. SIGN CASES (ONLY)

Your signature on this application indicates that you agree to install a **Mock-Up Sign** ten-(10) days before the schedule ZBA meeting. Failure to install a mock-up sign may result in your case not being heard by the Board, postponed to the next schedule ZBA meeting, or cancelled. A mock-up sign is **NOT** to be actual sign. Upon approval, the mock-up sign must be removed within five-(5) days of the meeting. If the case is denied, the applicant is responsible for all costs involved in the removal of the mock-up or actual sign (if erected under violation) within five-(5) days of the meeting.

C. ORDINANCE

City of Novi Ordinance, Section 3107 – Miscellaneous

No order of the Board permitting the erection of a building shall be valid for a period longer than one-(1) year, unless a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within such period and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

No order of the Board permitting a use of a building or premises shall be valid for a period longer than one-hundred and eighty-(180) days unless such use is establish within such a period; provided, however, where such use permitted is dependent upon the erection or alteration or a building such order shall continue in force and effect if a building permit for such erection or alteration is obtained within one-(1) year and such erection or alteration is started and proceeds to completion in accordance with the terms of such permit.

D. APPEAL THE DETERMINATION OF THE BUILDING OFFICIAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The undersigned hereby appeals the determination of the Building Official / Inspector or Ordinance made

☐ CONSTRUCT NEW HOME/BUILDING ☐ ADDITION TO EXISTING HOME/BUILDING ☐ SIGNAGE

☐ ACCESSORY BUILDING ☐ USE ☐ OTHER _____

VI. APPLICANT & PROPERTY SIGNATURES

A. APPLICANT

_____ _____

Applicant Signature Date

B. PROPERTY OWNER

If the applicant is not the owner, the property owner must read and sign below:

The undersigned affirms and acknowledges that he, she or they are the owner(s) of the property described in this application, and is/are aware of the contents of this application and related enclosures.

_____ _____

Property Owner Signature Date

VII. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

DECISION ON APPEAL:

☐ GRANTED ☐ DENIED

The Building Inspector is hereby directed to issue a permit to the Applicant upon the following and conditions:

_____ _____

Chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals Date

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS VARIANCE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following items are required for a complete Variance application. Incomplete applications will be returned.

☐ **Signed Application Form**

Complete the Zoning Board of Appeals application form. Application must be signed by the applicant and the property owner (if different).

☐ **Response to Variance Review Standards – Dimensional, Use, or Sign**

Select the applicable Review Standards for the requested Variance and complete in full. Use additional paper if needed. If you don't know which Review Standards to complete, call the Community Development Department at 248.347.0415 for guidance.

☐ **Dimensioned Site Plan (1 copy & 1 digital copy submitted as a PDF)**

- Existing or proposed buildings or additions on the property.
- Number and location of all on-site parking spaces.
- Existing and proposed distances to adjacent property lines.
- Location of existing and proposed signs, if applicable.
- Any other information relevant to the Variance application.

☐ **Dimensioned Drawings and Plans (1 copy & 1 digital copy submitted as a PDF)**

- Floor plans and elevations with all proposed buildings and additions.
- All existing and proposed signs on the property (photographs may be used).
- For use variances, include floor plan showing the existing and proposed layout and functions of each area.
- For multi-family residential structures or projects, a summary showing the existing and proposed number of dwelling units by type (efficiency, one-bedroom, two-bedroom, etc.)

☐ **Other Helpful Information – Optional (1 copy & 1 digital copy submitted as a PDF)**

- Photographs of the lot or structure that shows the special conditions or circumstances described in the application.
- Photographs or maps that show how other properties in the area enjoy the same type of property rights related to the Variance.
- Letters of support from the neighbors who would be most affected by your request.

☐ **Fee** (make check payable to the City of Novi)

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Additional Information

In the course of reviewing the application, the Planning Department staff may request additional information from the applicant.

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REVIEW STANDARDS
SIGN VARIANCE

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) will review the application package and determine if the proposed Sign Variance meets the required standards for approval. In the space below, and on additional paper if necessary, explain how the proposed project meets each of the following standards. (Increased costs associated with complying with the Zoning Ordinance will not be considered a basis for granting a Sign Variance.)

Standard #1. Extraordinary Circumstances or Conditions.

Explain how the circumstances or physical conditions applying to the property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same Zone District or in the general vicinity. Circumstances or physical conditions may include:

a. Shape of Lot. A sign could not be placed in the location required by the Zoning Ordinance due to the shape, topography or other physical conditions of the lot or due to the location of an existing structure.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

and/or

b. Environmental Conditions. A sign could not be placed in the location required by the Zoning Ordinance without removing or severely altering natural features, such as trees, topography, drainage courses or encroaching upon stormwater facilities.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

and/or

c. Abutting Property. A sign could not be reasonably seen by passing motorists due to the configuration of existing buildings, trees, signs or other obstructions on an abutting property.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

d. Scale of Building or Lot Frontage. A sign that exceeds permitted dimensions for area and/or height could be considered appropriate in scale due to the length of the building frontage (wall sign only) or length of the lot frontage (ground sign only).

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

e. Not Self-Created. Describe the immediate practical difficulty causing the need for the Variance was not created by the applicant or any person having an interest in the sign, sign structure, or property.

☐ Not Applicable ☐ Applicable If applicable, describe below:

Standard #2. Limit Use of Property.

Explain how the failure to grant relief will unreasonably prevent or limit the use of the property and will result in substantially more than mere inconvenience or inability to attain a higher economic or financial return.

Standard #3. Adverse Impact on Surrounding Area.

Explain how the Sign Variance will not result in a use or structure that is incompatible with or unreasonably interferes with adjacent or surrounding properties, will result in substantial justice being done to both the applicant and adjacent or surrounding properties, and is not inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this chapter.