



Town of Bowdoinham

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Map/Lot	_____
Appeal	_____
Variance	_____

William Post, Town Manager

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE OR APPEAL TO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

NAME OF APPELLANT _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

TOWN/CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TEL NO. _____

NAME OF OWNER(S) _____

PROPERTY LOCATION _____ MAP/LOT _____

The undersigned requests that the Board of Appeals consider one of the following:

1. An Administrative Appeal

Relief from the decision, or lack of decision, of the Code Enforcement Officer or Planning Board in regard to an application for a permit.

The undersigned believes that (check one):

- ___ an error was made in the denial of the permit
- ___ the denial of the permit was based on a misinterpretation of the ordinance
- ___ there has been a failure to approve or deny the permit within a reasonable period of time
- ___ Other _____

Please explain in more detail the facts surrounding this appeal (please attached a separate piece of paper). You should be as specific as possible so that the Board of Appeals can give full consideration to your case.

2. A Variance.

- a. Nature of Variance: Describe generally the nature of the variance _____
- _____
- _____

In addition, sketch plan of the property must accompany this application showing dimensions and shape of the lot, size and locations of existing buildings, the locations and dimensions of proposed buildings or alterations, and any natural or topographic peculiarities of the lot in question.

b. **Justification of Variance:** In order for a Variance to be granted, the appellant must demonstrate to the Board of Appeals that the strict application of the terms of the zoning ordinance would cause undue hardship. There are four criteria which must be met before the Board of Appeals can find that a hardship exists. Please explain how your situation meets each of these criteria listed below:

I. The Land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless the variance is granted.

II. The need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions in the neighborhood.

III. The granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality.

IV. The hardship is not result of action taken by the appellant or a prior owner

I certify that the information contained in this application and its supplement is true and correct.

Date: _____

Signature of Appellant: _____

Received On: _____

Received By: _____

Fee Paid: _____