

DELTA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, BUILDING DIVISION



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SIGN VARIANCE APPLICATION

I. ADDRESS OF PROPERTY (pertaining to variance)

II. APPLICANT

Name (print)	Name (signature)
Address	
Phone number	
Email address	

-OFFICIAL USE ONLY-

Case Number	Permit Number (if issued)
Code section	
Filing Date	Fee Paid
Date of Hearing	
SBA Action	

III. OWNER (if different than applicant)

Name (print)
Address
Phone number

FEES:
\$150 cash or check made payable to Delta Township

IV. PLEASE DESCRIBE REASONS FOR SIGN VARIANCE REQUEST (Extra documents may be attached)

Section 32-21 of the Delta Township Sign Ordinance contains the criteria for the granting of a variance by the Sign Board of Appeals

V. OWNER SIGNATURE

	Date:
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Criteria for Granting a Variance

The Sign Board of Appeals treats each variance request individually and approved or denies each variance request on its own merits.

In order for the Sign Board of Appeals to grant a variance, the applicant must satisfy all seven (7) of the criteria specified in section 32-21 of the Delta Township Sign Ordinance. The criteria are as follows:

- (1) Where there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships that will exist if the variance is not granted. The appellant must demonstrate that the alleged practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship, or both, are exceptional and peculiar to the appellant's situation and result from conditions which do not generally exist throughout the township.
- (2) The fact that other larger signs constructed under prior sign ordinances exist in the area shall not be sufficient reason to declare practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.
- (3) The Sign Board of Appeals shall not grant a variance if it is determined that the practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship is self-created.
- (4) The terms "practical difficulties" and "unnecessary hardships" shall relate to the use of a particular parcel of land. Practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship shall not be deemed solely economic, as in relating to the cost of the sign, the size of the sign, or to the fact that the sign has already been constructed. The fact that the sign is only available in a standardized size and/or material (example: franchised business signs) shall not constitute a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.
- (5) The practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship which is alleged to result from a failure to grant the variance, must include substantially more than mere inconvenience or the mere inability to attain a higher financial return.
- (6) It must be demonstrated by the appellant that granting the variance will result in substantial justice being done, while consideration is given to the impacts on the public health, safety and welfare.
- (7) The granting of the variance shall not impose a negative impact on the rights of others.

APPLICANTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VARIANCE CRITERIA AND TIME LIMITS

The above criteria have been explained to me and I understand that I must demonstrate to the Delta Township Sign Board of Appeals that I satisfy all seven of the criteria in order to be granted a variance from the Delta Township Sign Ordinance.

I understand that if the variance is granted, it will become null and void if a permit is not obtained within six (6) months. I also understand that the variance granted by the Sign Board of Appeals is effective following the chairperson's certification of the Board's decision. The granting of the variance in no way relieves me from all other applicable requirements of the Delta Township Sign Ordinance.

Applicant's Signature:	Date:
Owner's Signature:	Date: