

The Borough of Hollidaysburg

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Zoning Board Hearings

Consideration of Request for a Zoning Ordinance Variance

1. The Board shall hear a request for a variance where it is alleged that the provisions of this Zoning Ordinance inflict unnecessary hardship upon the applicant. The Board may grant a variance, provided the following findings are made where relevant in a given case:
 - a. That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions including irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of 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 to be circumstances generally created by the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.
 - b. That, because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance; and the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.
 - c. That such unnecessary hardship had not been created by the appellant.
 - d. 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.
 - e. That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance which will afford relief and represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.
2. A request for variance in any overlay district established by Part 3 of this Ordinance shall be decided in accordance with the applicable provisions of that Part 3, Historic Overlay district Section of the Zoning Ordinance.
3. The Board shall request the review and comments of the Planning Commission on any variance application, which shall be made part of the public record.
4. The Board may attach to any variance such reasonable conditions and safeguards as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of this Zoning Ordinance.

I, _____, acknowledge receipt of this excerpt from the Hollidaysburg Zoning Ordinance explaining the criteria under which the Zoning Hearing Board will judge the merits of my application. I further acknowledge that I understand that I, or my representative, is/are exclusively responsible for the presentation of any and all information in support of this application.

Signature of Applicant _____

Date _____