



Standards for Variances

Street Address: _____, South Holland, Illinois 60473

Requested Variance: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Date: _____

The Planning and Development Commission shall consider the following responses to the Standards for a Variance in evaluating the application.

Provide responses to each question below using complete sentences specific to the proposed variance request and the property location.

1. **Please describe the exceptional hardship that this variance would relieve, and how the variance observes the spirit of the ordinance.**

Explain why adhering to the current regulations would cause you significant difficulty or hardship. Then, describe how your proposed variance, while providing relief from this hardship, still aligns with the overall intent and purpose of the village's zoning ordinances.

2. **How will the proposed variance not impair an adequate supply of light and air to adjacent property?**

Describe how your requested variance won't block sunlight or air flow to neighboring properties. For example, if you're requesting to build closer to a property line, explain how it won't cast significant shadows or block ventilation for your neighbors.

3. How will the proposed variance not increase the hazard from fires and other dangers?

Explain how your variance request won't create any new safety risks. This could include fire hazards, structural risks, or any other potential dangers. If relevant, describe any safety measures you'll implement to mitigate risks.

4. How will the proposed variance not diminish the taxable value of land and buildings throughout the village?

Describe why you believe your variance won't negatively impact property values in the area. Explain how it might even potentially increase property values or maintain the character of the neighborhood.

5. How will the proposed variance not increase congestion in the public streets?

Explain how your variance request won't lead to increased traffic or parking issues on nearby streets. If your variance might affect traffic patterns or parking, describe how you plan to manage this.

6. How will the proposed variance not impair the public health, safety, comfort, morals, and general welfare?

Describe how your variance request aligns with the overall well-being of the community. Explain how it won't negatively impact the quality of life, safety, or general welfare of your neighbors and the broader South Holland community.

Note: The Planning and Development Commission will carefully consider how the proposed variance meets these standards while also relieving exceptional hardship. Please provide thorough and specific responses to each question.