



#### 4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Provide a brief description of your project, including your intended use of the property and/or intended improvements to the property, if applicable:

#### 5. VARIANCE REQUEST

A variance is requested from Section (include subsection, if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Zoning Ordinance and asks that said terms be waived to permit the following:

The applicant bears the burden of presenting evidence sufficient to allow the Zoning Board to reach conclusions and make findings to support the authorization of a variance. To do so, the undersigned alleges that the following legal criteria for granting a variance are satisfied, and submits the accompanying written statement, records, photographs, and other materials to justify the granting of the variance and to explain how each of the criteria for the variance is or will be satisfied. Facts supporting this request:

i. The variance will not be contrary to the public interest because:

ii. The spirit of the ordinance is observed because:

iii. Substantial justice is done because:

iv. The values of surrounding properties are not diminished because:

v. Literal enforcement of the provisions of the ordinance would result in an unnecessary hardship.

1. For purposes of this subparagraph, “unnecessary hardship” means that, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties in the area:
  - a. No fair and substantial relationship exists between the general public purposes of the ordinance provision and the specific application of that provision to the property because:

And:

- b. The proposed use is a reasonable one because:



2. Explain how, if the criteria in subparagraph 1. above are not established, an unnecessary hardship will be deemed to exist if, and only if, owing to special conditions of the property that distinguish it from other properties on the area, the property cannot be reasonably used in strict conformance with the ordinance, and a variance is therefore necessary to enable a reasonable use of it.

## 6. APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION:

I/We declare under penalty of perjury that all of the submitted information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I/We have read and agree to abide by the regulations of the Town of Stratham. I/We understand that any misrepresentations of submitted data may invalidate any approval of this application. If the use is not operated in compliance with these regulations, the permit may be revoked by the Code Enforcement Officer or the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

By signing this application, you are agreeing to all rules and regulations of the Town of Stratham, and are agreeing to allow agents of the Town of Stratham to conduct inspections, during normal town business hours, on your property, to ensure compliance with all Stratham Zoning, Subdivision and/or Site Plan Review regulations while your application is under consideration. The Town accepts electronic signatures on this application. Electronic signatures carry the same validity, enforceability and admissibility, as handwritten signatures.

I/We, the undersigned, authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to act as the professional and primary contact representing this application before the Stratham Planning Board. Communications related to this application, including those from the Stratham Planning Department, will be directed to this representative.

	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Signature of Applicant</i>	<b>Print Applicant's Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
	_____	_____	_____
	<i>Signature of Property Owner*</i>	<b>Print Property Owner's Name</b>	<b>Date</b>

\*This application must be signed by the owner of the property or other person having the legal right to apply as an agent of the owner. If signed by a person other than the owner of the property, documentation of the legal right to apply as an agent of the owner must be included as part of the application submittal.

## PROPERTY OWNER'S INFORMATION IF APPLICANT IS RENTING/LEASING:

You must submit a signed letter from the property owner stating that you have their permission to conduct the proposed business project on their property. This letter must include the property owner's name, current address, and telephone number.

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Nine (9) copies of the completed and signed application and supporting materials, including plats or drawings, which provide information in support of the variance.
- Abutters list (downloadable from <https://next.axisgis.com/StrathamNH/>).
- Application Fee and Pubic Notice Costs. All checks are to be made payable to the Town of Stratham.  
Application Fee = \$100.00 plus notice costs.  
Public Notice Costs = \$150.00 plus \$5.00 per abutter/applicant/consultant for the costs of all notice requirements including newspaper publication and postage for certified mail and regular mail.
- Three (3) sets of abutter/applicant/consultant mailing labels.

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ZBA Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Application Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Notice and Abutter Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Payor: \_\_\_\_\_