

STATEMENT OF PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY

In order for a variance to be granted, a practical difficulty, as determined by the Board, must be present. On a separate sheet, please clearly identify and explain the practical difficulty justifying the variance request. Dimensional or other non-use variances shall not be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals unless it can be determined that all of the following facts and conditions exist:

- a) Exceptional characteristics of property for which the variance is sought make compliance with dimensional requirements substantially more difficult than would be the case for the great majority of properties in the same zoning district. Characteristics of property which shall be considered include exceptional narrowness, shallowness, smallness, irregular shape, topography, vegetation and other similar characteristics.
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MOTION TEMPLATE GRANT VARIANCE

RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the variance request for [applicant name, address or location], for [request]

Be <u>granted</u> for the following reasons:

The applicant has demonstrated that:

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Yeas: Nays:

MOTION CARRIED / FAILED

MOTION TEMPLATE DENY

Moved by: Seconded by:

That the variance request for *[applicant name, address or location]*, for *[request]*

Be <u>denied</u> for the following reason(s):

The applicant has not demonstrated that:

- f) Exceptional characteristics of property for which the variance is sought make compliance with dimensional requirements substantially more difficult than would be the case for the great majority of properties in the same zoning district. Characteristics of property which shall be considered include exceptional narrowness, shallowness, smallness, irregular shape, topography, vegetation and other similar characteristics.
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MOTION TEMPLATE POSTPONE

Moved by: Seconded by:

RESOLVED, that the variance request for [applicant name, address or location], for [request]

Be <u>postponed</u> for the following reason(s):

Yeas: Nays:

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING AGENDA

Michael Bossenbroek, Chair, David Eisenbacher, Vice Chair Thomas Desmond, Aaron Green, Mahendra Kenkre, Jayalakshmi Malalahalli Jim McCauley, Barbara Chambers, Alternate, Jeffrey Forster, Alternate

September 20, 2022	7:30 P.M.	COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Ocptomber 20, 2022		

- 1. ROLL CALL
- 2. <u>PROCEDURE</u>
- 3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> July 19, 2022
- 4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>
- 5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>

<u>VARIANCE REQUEST, 2116 CUMBERLAND, SARAH CLINET</u> – A variance request to construct proposed deck setback 13 feet from the rear property line where the Zoning Ordinance requires the proposed deck to be 25 feet from the rear property line.

ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION: 7.08 B, R-1C Zoning District. Built under reduced setback allowance (1966 Building Permit), 35 foot required rear yard setback for the house instead of 40 foot required rear yard setback

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>
- 7. <u>MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS</u> Rules of Procedure, discuss updated draft.
- 8. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 9. ADJOURNMENT

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – OPENING STATEMENT

Zoning Board of Appeals is a group of seven of your neighbors appointed by City Council to decide on requests for variances and other matters that are brought before them. A variance is a relaxation of the literal provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Petitioners must indicate a hardship or practical difficulty with the land that would warrant the granting of the variance.

PROCEDURE

The Board will hear the items in the order that they appear on the agenda. When an item is called, the Chairman will verify that the petitioner is present. Then the City Administration will summarize the facts of the case. The petitioner will then be given an opportunity to address the Board to explain the justification for the action requested.

After the petitioner makes their presentation, and answers any questions that the Board may have, the Chairman will open the Public Hearing. At the conclusion of public comments, the Chairman will close the Public Hearing. Once the Public Hearing is closed, no other public comment will be taken unless in response to a specific question by a member of the Board. The Board will then make a motion to approve, deny, or postpone the request. In order for the request to pass a minimum of four votes are needed. If the request is not granted, the applicant has the right to appeal the Board's decision to Oakland County Circuit Court.

On July 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Chair Bossenbroek, called the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting to order.

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Bossenbroek Tommy Desmond David Eisenbacher Jefferey Forster Jayalakshmi Malalahalli

<u>Also Present:</u> Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist Allan Motzny, Assistant City Attorney

2. <u>PROCEDURE</u>- read by Chair Bossenbroek

3. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> –

Minutes of June 21, 2022

MOTION to approve.

Moved by Eisenbacher Seconded by Foster

RESOLVED, to approve the June 21, 2022 meeting minutes.

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

4. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> – No changes

5. <u>HEARING OF CASES:</u>

A. VARIANCE REQUEST, 5979 ENDICOTT, SUSAN SCHWAB - A variance to construct a home addition 25 feet two inches from the rear property line where the Zoning Ordinance requires the proposed addition to be 35 feet from the rear property line.

Moved by Eisenbacher Second by Desmond

RESOLVED, to grant the variance

Yes: Desmond, Eisenbacher, Forster, Malalahalli

No: Bossenbroek

MOTION PASSED

B. VARIANCE REQUEST, 81-83 HALDANE, ROY E RATHKA JR./RATHKA BUILDING & CONSTRUTION, INC./RATHKA REALTY LLC - Applicant desires to replace a portion of the 25 foot wide Canham right-of-way with a 40 foot wide private road easement. The resulting easement will result in the existing duplex being setback 9.6 feet from Canham where the Zoning Ordinance requires it to be setback 25 feet.

Moved by Bossenbroek Second by Forster

RESOLVED, to deny the variance

Yes: All

MOTION PASSED

- 6. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> None
- 7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS -

A. Legal Update City Attorney Office presentation

B. Rules of Procedure – draft of updates: The Board discussed proposed changes and suggested additional ones. Mr. Motzny will present revised draft at next meeting.

- 8. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u> –None
- 9. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting ADJOURNED at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Bossenbroek, Chairperson

Paul Evans, Zoning and Compliance Specialist

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THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETS THE **THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. AT CITY HALL**. PLEASE FILE A COMPLETE DIGITAL APPLICATION AND FEE AT LEAST **36 DAYS BEFORE** THE MEETING DATE. PRE APPLICATION MEETING WITH PLANNING DEPARTMENT REQUIRED BEFORE FILING APPLICATION.

1.	ADDRESS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY:		
2.	PROPERTY TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER(S):		
3.	ZONING ORDINANCE SECTIONS RELATED TO THE REQU	EST:	
4.	HAVE THERE BEEN ANY PREVIOUS APPEALS INVOLVING	2	
5.	APPLICANT:		
	NAME		
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	ADDRESS		
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	E-MAIL		
	AFFILIATION TO THE PROPERTY OWNER:		



6. PROPERTY OWNER:

NAME		
COMPANY		
ADDRESS		
CITY	_STATE	_ZIP
TELEPHONE		
E-MAIL		

The undersigned hereby declares under penalty of perjury that the contents of this application are true to the best of my (our) knowledge, information and belief.

The applicant accepts all responsibility for all of the measurements and dimensions contained within this application, attachments and/or plans, and the applicant releases the City of Troy and its employees, officers, and consultants from any responsibility or liability with respect thereto.

I, ______(APPLICANT) HEREBY DEPOSE AND SAY THAT ALL THE ABOVE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ARE TRUE AND CORRECT AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF TO ENTER THE PROPERTY TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT CONDITIONS.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE	
PRINT NAME:		
PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE <u>Robin Clinst</u>	DATE	

Failure of the applicant or their authorized representative to appear before the Board as scheduled shall be cause for denial or dismissal of the case with no refund of fees. The applicant will be notified of the time and date of the hearing by mail. If the person appearing before the Board is not the applicant or property owner, signed permission must be presented to the Board.

Approved variances are good for a one year period.



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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please provide the following in digital format. You may e-mail them to <u>planning@troymi.gov</u> or submit them on media such as a CD or jump drive:

- ✓ Completed application
- ✓ Statement of practical difficulty see page 3
- ✓ Plot plan or survey showing property lines, existing and proposed buildings, their dimensions and locations (height, length, width, as applicable)
- ✓ Setbacks from property lines
- ✓ Elevation drawings
- ✓ Photos as necessary to accurately describe the request, including existing and proposed property conditions
- ✓ Any other information that explains the request
- ✓ Incomplete applications cannot be accepted

	CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY
	RESIDENTIAL PLOT PLAN: 2116 Cumberland Dr.
	Prepared For: Sarah Clinet 2116 Camberland Troy, Mi 48085 248-331-5779
	LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY: ID # 20-13-302-003
	Lot 27, MOUNT VERNON ESTATES SUBDIVISION, of part of S.W.1/4 of Section 13, T2N-R11E, CITY OF TROY, Oakland County, Michigan. 12,081.57 Sq. Ft. Plat recorded LIBER 116, PAGES 13-17, Oakland County Records. Bearings in relation to E, Lineiof. Marywood Dr.
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	PETER G. PITCHFORD (248) 528-1717 TOM NORTHRUP FAX (248) 528-1746
	192104 July 11, 2022



Zoning Board of Appeals Application Sarah & Robin Clinet 2116 Cumberland Drive Troy, MI 48085

We are currently seeking a variance pertaining to Chapter 39 Article 7 section 7.08 part B in order to rebuild the deck that is currently on our property. The application for the permit to update and replace existing deck was filed and denied for this reason, "At no instance shall there be less than 25' from encroaching facility to the rear property line."

Construction for the proposed deck is not changing or altering the existing decking layout dimensions or the area associated with said structure, as seen in the decking layout and plot map.

The existing deck has been associated with this address since the mid 1970s as seen by the aerial photography. The property was tax assessed and decking square footage has been included in the property tax costs since at least 1993 according to the Assessment Office.

Statement of Practical Difficulty

The property is situated in the curve of the road and is trapezoidal in shape. Due to the curve in the road, our house is set further back, with 40' between the garage and the front property line. However, there is only 31.2' between the house and the rear property line at the location of the deck. Our house is one of only a few of this shape in the subdivision as seen on the subdivision map. The majority of properties in the subdivision are rectangular in shape.

Due to the shape of the property, the contractor selected to update the existing deck structure will have difficulty given current setback restrictions. The deck we are seeking to replace is attached to the rear of the home at the location of the sliding glass door. There is a 2'1" drop from the door to ground level.

The existing deck is in poor condition and deteriorating due to its age. The updated deck would not alter the footprint of the current deck which has been associated with the property since the 1970s. We are merely seeking to replace the current with a new composite deck (see pictures of sample projects from the contractor.)



City of Troy Aerial Photography Application







City of Troy Aerial Photography Application

Existing Deck Layout as Seen on Tax Assessment:



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From: Wanda D Boschman W.Boschman@troymi.gov 𝔗 Subject: 20-13-302-003 2116 Cumberland Date: June 23, 2022 at 1:41 PM To: Paul M Evans P.Evans@troymi.gov Cc: SEPOWERS1@GMAIL.COM

Good afternoon Paul,

I have reviewed the record card for the above parcel. We have had an 18'x16' deck on record since at least 1993. I have not been able to verify whether a permit was issued or not regarding the deck.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

Thank you,



Wanda D. Boschman, MCAO Appraiser | City of Troy O: 248.524.3592 F: 248.524.3310 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy, MI 48084 f 0 V m in

Existing Deck:







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Proposed Deck

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Angle Clips			Pea Gravel 34bags=100Square		4x4 8 FT			12 FT		
Framing Nails	1		Weed Block(Roll)300square'		Rail Section (6 FT)		Deck Board (Grooved)	16 FT	42	
Framing Screws	1		Flashing(10 FT)		Rail Section (8 FT)	1	20 FT			
Hanger Nails (N10HDG)		600 CT	Transformer/dimmer/timer		Stair Rail Section (6FT)					
Gun Hanger Nails	1	500 CT	Wire		Stair Rail Section (8FT)		Skirting (Deck Board)	16 FT		
Starborn Deckfast Deck Screw	2	350 CT	Wire Nuts		Post Sleeve (39")		Square Edge	20 FT	6	
Starborn Deckfast Fascia Screw	3	100CT	Wire Staples (Galvinzed)		ADA Rail		Fascia (1x12) 11.25"	12 FT	10	
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Clinet Rail Drawing



Part Number	Description	Color	UNIT	List Price	Quantity
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Proposed Deck Layout:



Sample Deck Projects from Contractor:





ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF TROY

RULES OF PROCEDURE

ARTICLE I ORGANIZATION

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Members of the public may address an electronic provide public comments without being + physically present at the meeting in the following three ways:

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- a.—Public comments may be submitted via email. Email received as provided by the rules will be read aloud <u>or summarized</u> during the meeting<u>.-Email comments</u> may be limited to three minutes.

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