

Springfield Township – Bucks County, Pennsylvania

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ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. All information requested on the application must be furnished with supporting documents.
- 2. Applicant <u>must be present</u> at the hearing; otherwise, the petition will be dismissed unless postponed by the Zoning Hearing Board upon cause shown or upon their motion.
- 3. At all hearings, proof of title to the property affected must be available to the Zoning Hearing Board whether the applicant's interest be as owner, tenant, purchaser or in any other capacity.
- 4. The application must include **one (1) digital plan** and **thirteen (13) physical plot plans** of the real estate affected, indicating the location and size of the improvements now erected and/or proposed to be erected thereon.
- 5. The Zoning Hearing Board has the following powers:
 - To hear and decide appeals from a decision or determination of any administrative official in the enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance and its amendments thereto. Such appeals must be made within thirty (30) days after the date of the decision. A copy of the appeal petition must be served on the official which service must be at least five (5) days prior to the hearing.
 - To hear and decide Special Exceptions to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance and amendments thereto, as specifically set forth and permitted by the ordinance(s).
 - To authorize, upon appeal, in specific cases, such variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance and amendments thereto, as will not be contrary to the public interest where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance will result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the Ordinance will be observed and substantial justice done. The burden of proof of the "unnecessary hardship" as defined by the courts shall rest upon the applicant. The circumstance must be unique and applicable to the applicant's particular property and no other. The possibility of applicant's earning a greater financial return if a variance were granted does not in itself constitute sufficient reason for such a variance.
- 6. All meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board shall be open to the public.

(MUST INCLUDE NINETEEN (19) COPIES OF THE DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT, PLANS, AND/OR OTHER DOCUMENTS)

7. No decision by the Zoning Hearing Board shall relieve any applicant from the responsibility of obtaining any required permits in the manner prescribed by the Zoning Ordinance(s).

ZONING HEARING BOARD FEES (PER RESOLUTION 2020-13)

The filing fee for an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board from an order, requirement, decision or determination of the administrative officer, for all requests to the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance of special exception shall be in accordance with the following schedule:

VARIANCE, SPECIAL EXCEPTION, OR APPEAL	1 ST HEARING FEE	2 ND HEARING FEE
ALL A USES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
B1, B2, B4, B5, B6, B7, B8, B11b, B14, B16 USES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00 \$ 500.00 \$ 500.00 \$ 500.00
B11a, B15, H1, H2, H3, H4, H5, H7, H8, H9 H10, H11, H12, H13, H14, H15 USES	\$ 1,000.00	
C, D, E, F, G, H6 USES	\$ 1,000.00	
Signs for A & H Uses	\$ 1,000.00	
Signs for all other Uses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Procedural Appeals	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
CHALLENGING THE VALIDITY OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OR MAP	\$ 10,000.00	

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FILING FEE



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	1. APPLICA	ATION TYPE				
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE NATURE OF REQUEST:						
THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY (select all that	may apply):					
☐ APPEALS THE ACTION OF THE ZONING O		REQUESTS A SPE	ECIAL EXCEPTION			
☐ REQUESTS A VARIANCE ☐ CHALLENG			NG ORDINANCE OR MAP			
☐ OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN):						
2. PROPERTY / SIT	E INFORMATIO	N (PLOT PLAN	MUST BE INCLUDED)			
SITE LOCATION:	100 100 - 100	TAX MAP PARCEL #: 42 -				
CITY:	STATE:	PA ZIP:	☐ RESIDENTIAL	☐ COMMERCIAL		
PLEASE LIST ADDITIONAL PARCELS INVOLVE	D (IF ANY):					
	3. ZONING	G DISTRICT				
□WATERSHED □AGRICULTURE □	□WATERSHED □AGRICULTURE □RESOURCE PROTECTION □RURAL RESIDENTIAL □DEVELOPMENT					
□VILLAGE COMMERCIAL □VILLAG	E RESIDENTIAL	□HIGHWAY CO	OMMERICAL PLANNED IN	IDUSTRIAL		
□SCENIC OVERLAY □HISTO	RICAL RESOURC	E □SOURCEW	ATER/WELLHEAD PROTECT	ION		
4. PLEASE DESCRIBE RELEV	VANT SITE CONDI	TIONS OR EASE	MENTS ON THE PROPRERTY:			
	5. CURRENT & P	ROPOSED USE	(s)			
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT USE(S) OF THE PRO	PERTY:	DESCRIBE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS / CHANGES OF USE:				
	6. CONTACT	NFORMATION				
PROPERTY OWNER NAME(S):		PHONE:				
MAILING ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:		
EMAIL:	MAY W	E EMAIL YOU R	EGARDING THIS APPLICATION	ON? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
APPLICANT (IF NOT OWNER):		PHONE:				
MAILING ADDRESS:		CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:		
EMAIL:	MAY W	E EMAIL YOU R	EGARDING THIS APPLICATION	ON? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
IF APPLICANT IS NOT THE OWNER, STATE A	PPLICANT'S AUT	THORITY TO TIT	LE INTEREST (DOCUMENTA	TION MUST BE		
INCLUDED WITH APPLICATION):						

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7. COMPLETE THIS SECTIO	N IF YOU ARE <i>APP</i>	EALING THE ACTION OF THE A	ZONING OFFICER	
A. Zoning Decision:				
B. Date of Determination:		,		
C. The foregoing action was in error beca	iuse:			
8. COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU	ARE <i>CHALLENGI</i> N	G THE VALIDITY OF THE ZONI	ING ORDINANCE OR MAP	
A. The Ordinance or Map states:				
B. The Ordinance or Map is invalid becau	ise:			
C. This challenge is ripe for decision beca	iuse:			
9, COMPLETE THIS	SECTION IF YOU A	RE REQUESTING A SPECIAL EX	KCEPTION	
A.Nature of Special Exception Sought:			and the second s	
B. Special Exception is allowed under Art Township Zoning Ordinance. (If more than		ction: Subsection: at ordinance references on a sepa	of the Springfield arate page.)	
C. Reason for Special Exception Request:				
10. COMPLETE	THIS SECTION IF Y	OU ARE <i>REQUESTING A VARI</i>	ANCE	
A. Nature of Variance Sought:				
B. Variance is allowed under Article:	Section:	Subsection:	of the Springfield	
Township Zoning Ordinance. (If more than	n one is requested, lis	st ordinance references on a sepo	arate page.)	
C. The nature of the unique circumstance	e and the unneces	sary hardship justifying the re	quest for variance is:	
	APPLICANT O	ERTIFICATION		
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA	:			
COUNTY OF	•			
The undersigned, being duly sworn accorapplicant, that he/she is authorized to a foregoing facts are true and correct.		•		
Signature of Applicant:		Printed Name of Applicant:		
Sworn and subscribed to me this	dav of	. 20 .		
Signature of Notary Public:	<i>,</i>	Printed Name of Notary Pub	olic:	
Notary Seal:				
	TOWNSHI	P USE ONLY		
PLAN RECEIVED DATE:		ENGINEER REVIEW DATE:		
DIGITAL SUBMISSION RECEIVED: 🔲 YES	□ NO	ESTIMATED P.C. ACCEPTANCE DATE:		
	CHECK NO.		CHECK NO.	

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