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CITY OF NEW BALTIMORE

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VARIANCE APPLICATION FOR THE SIGN REVIEW BOARD

Business / Development Name: _____ Zoning District: _____

Site Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Our Sign Ordinance requires no greater than 8 to 1 ratio, width to height.

Planning Commission Review Date: _____ City Council Review Date: _____

Building Official denial date: _____

Why you believe the board should reconsider your request:

The undersigned authorizes any member of the Sign Review Board or other representative of the City, to enter upon the described premises to visually inspect the proposed site, before and after any hearings scheduled for this application.

Applicant Signature

Legal Owner Signature, **REQUIRED** date

Sec. 42-4. - Appeals procedure; variances.

- (a) Any party who has been refused a sign permit by the building inspector may seek a variance of this chapter by filing an appeal application to the sign review board.
- (b) At the hearing for a variance, the sign review board may grant a variance from this chapter upon a finding of all of the following:
 - (1) The particular physical surroundings, shape or topographical conditions of the property would render compliance with this chapter difficult and would likely result in a particular hardship on the owner, as distinguished from inconvenience of the requirements of this chapter or a desire to increase financial gain or avoid the financial expense of compliance.
 - (2) Strict enforcement of this chapter would serve no useful purpose.
 - (3) The type of sign structure and the location proposed would not pose a significant risk to the public health, safety and welfare.
 - (4) The benefit of the sign to the general public and/or applicant under the circumstances outweighs any risk to traffic safety and the city's desire to eliminate the accumulation of visual clutter in accordance with the stated purpose of this chapter.
 - (5) A variance would be in the interest of the city and not against the spirit and intent of this chapter.
- (c) The sign review board may consult with any city employee, consultant or other resource if further information regarding the appeal is necessary. In issuing a variance from the strict letter of this chapter, the sign review board may grant a variance of any sign requirement or place reasonable conditions or restrictions upon issuance of a permit.

(Ord. No. 100, § 9.00, 2-11-2002; Ord. No. 163, § 2, 5-11-2009)

Secs. 42-5—42-30. - Reserved.

Editor's note— Section 1 of Ord. No. 168, adopted Feb. 8, 2010, repealed § 42-5, which pertained to violations; municipal civil infractions; civil fine and sanctions; authorized city officials and derived from Ord. No. 100, adopted Feb. 11, 2002.

Current application fee for the Sign Review Board is \$75.00

(1) Explain why the particular physical surroundings, shape or topographical conditions of the property would render compliance with this chapter difficult and would likely result in a particular hardship on the owner, as distinguished from inconvenience of the requirements of this chapter or a desire to increase financial gain or avoid the financial expense of compliance:

(2) Explain why strict enforcement of this chapter would serve no useful purpose:

(3) Explain why the type of sign structure and the location proposed would not pose a significant risk to the public health, safety and welfare:

(4) Explain why the benefit of the sign to the general public and/or applicant under the circumstances outweighs any risk to traffic safety and the city's desire to eliminate the accumulation of visual clutter in accordance with the stated purpose of this chapter:

(5) Explain why a variance would be in the interest of the city and not against the spirit and intent of this chapter:
