

VARIANCE FROM UNNECESSARY HARDSHIP BY THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CHECKLIST

Application materials must be submitted electronically via the [Citizen Self-Service Portal](#). If you are unable to provide the materials online, please contact the Planning Office at 785-832-7700.

This checklist has been provided to assist you, the applicant, as you prepare your application. Submission of less information than necessary to adequately review and process your application will delay the review process.

The applicant shall meet with Planning Staff at least seven (7) working days prior to submittal of the application.

Planning Staff will determine the completeness, accuracy, and sufficiency of the application within five (5) working days of submission. The applicant will be notified if an application is determined to be incomplete.

Pre-Application Meeting

- ☐ 1. Pre-Application Meeting. The applicant shall meet with Planning Staff at least seven (7) business days prior to submittal of the application.

General Submittal Requirements

- ☐ 1. A complete application form.
- ☐ 2. Payment of application fee. (\$150 residential; \$350 other, +\$50 Legal Ad Fee for All BZA Applications) (Make check payable to the City of Lawrence.)
- ☐ 3. Owner Authorization form if Applicant is not the legal owner of the property.

Requirements for Public Notification of the Public Hearing

- ☐ 1. Legal description of the property. (Microsoft Word)
- ☐ 2. A list certified by the County Clerk of all property owners within the notification area (400 feet) of the subject property.
- ☐ 3. Ownership List Certification form.

Other Requirements

- ☐ 1. Plot plan illustrating the requested variances and proposed development. (PDF)
- ☐ 2. Additional plans may be requested prior to completion. (PDF)



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OWNER AUTHORIZATION

I/WE _____, hereby referred to as the "Undersigned", being of lawful age, do hereby on this _____ day of _____, 20 __, make the following statements to wit:

1. I/We the Undersigned, on the date first above written, am/are the lawful owner(s) in fee simple absolute of the following described real property:

See "Exhibit A, Legal Description" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2. I/We the undersigned, have previously authorized and hereby authorize _____ (Herein referred to as "Applicant"), to act on my/our behalf for the purpose of making application with the Planning Office of Lawrence/Douglas County, Kansas, regarding _____ (common address), the subject property, or portion thereof. Such authorization includes, but is not limited to, all acts or things whatsoever necessarily required of Applicant in the application process.
3. It is understood that in the event the Undersigned is a corporation or partnership then the individual whose signature appears below for and on behalf of the corporation or partnership has in fact the authority to so bind the corporation or partnership to the terms and statements contained within this instrument.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I, the Undersigned, have set my hand and seal below.

Owner (printed name and position in corporation
if signing for a corporation)

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STATE OF KANSAS
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day of _____, 20 __,
by _____.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public



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PROPERTY OWNERSHIP LIST CERTIFICATION

As required by Article 13, Section 20-1301(q) of the Development Code, the applicant is responsible for providing certified Ownership information (including names and mailing addresses) of all real property owners within a defined radius from the subject property. The Planning Department is required by the Development Code to use the submitted Ownership list to mail notice of the public hearing to surrounding property owners regarding this Application.

Ownership Information

The applicant is responsible for providing certified Ownership information. Current Ownership information shall be obtained from the Douglas County Clerk. Ownership information will be considered current if it is **no more than 30 days old** at the time an application is submitted to the Planning Department.

Radius of Notification

The Ownership list shall include the record Owner of the subject property and all Owners of property located within 400 feet of the subject property. If the subject property is adjacent to the City limits the area of notification shall be extended to at least 1,000 feet into the unincorporated area.

A map of the "Radius of Notification" can be obtained **at the Applicant's request** at the Planning Office. The map indicates ownership of each property and can be used to check the accuracy and completeness of the Ownership List. The map will be supplied **at the Applicant's expense. Allow 10 business days** to receive the map.

THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANT.

I certify that I have read and understood the above information and that the submitted Ownership list:

1. was a) obtained from and b) certified by the Douglas County Clerk,
2. is current (**no more than 30 days old**), and
3. includes all property owners within the required notification radius of the subject property.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE APPLICANT

1. Planning Staff
2. Calendars:
 - Board of Zoning Appeals Submittal Deadlines and Meeting Dates
 - Planning Commission Submittal Deadlines and Meeting Dates
 - Historic Resources Commission Submittal Deadlines and Meeting Dates
3. Fee Schedule
4. City of Lawrence Development Code

The following articles of the Development Code are applicable to variance applications:

 - Article 6: Density and Dimensional Standards
 - Article 13, Section 20-1308: Zoning Variances

PLANNING DEPARTMENT PROCEDURES

Public Hearing: Planning Staff will schedule a hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals, which is responsible for hearing the request.

Newspaper Publication: Planning Staff will publish the notice of the public hearing twenty (20) days prior to the date of the public hearing.

Mailed Notice: Planning Staff will mail notices of the public hearing to all property owners within the required notification area at least twenty (20) days prior to the public hearing. Planning Staff will also mail notice to any Registered Neighborhood Associations whose boundaries include or are contiguous to the subject property.