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# Variance Application

<b>Applicant Information</b>	Applicant _____ Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____
<b>Property Ownership</b>	Property Owner(s) _____ Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____
<b>Contact Person</b>	Contact Person(s) _____ Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Telephone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____ E-mail _____ <p style="text-align: center;">* All staff correspondence will be sent only to one designated contact person. * Addresses and telephone numbers do not have to be repeated if provided above.</p>
<b>Request</b>	Location address _____ Current Zoning _____ Present use _____ Purpose of the Variance request. Describe those things, which you feel justify the action requested. List the specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance which have a bearing on your request: _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

# VARIANCE APPLICATION

\* This application will not be processed unless the following items are submitted \*

Filing Requirements

- Filing fee (see scheduled fees). Make checks payable to the City of Pooler.
- A survey of the property signed and stamped by a State of Georgia Certified Land Surveyor.
- Site plan and/or architectural rendering of the proposed development depicting the location of lot restrictions.
- Submit one copy if 11" x 17" or smaller, 16 copies if larger.
- Signed and dated Campaign Contributions and acceptance of Variance Standards form.
- Authorization of property owner signed, dated and notarized.

Adjacent Property Owners

Name, address & zip codes of surrounding property owner's primary residence within a radius of 200 ft. of the property as of the date of filing. Include those directly across a public right-of-way. Use additional sheet, if necessary.


Campaign Contributions

Have you made campaign contributions to one or more Pooler City Official(s), including any member(s) of the Planning Commission, during the past two years that when combined, total an amount greater than \$250.00?

- No. I have not made campaign contributions to any Pooler City Official(s).
- Yes. I have made campaign contributions to one or more Pooler City Official(s).

City Official	Title	Dollar Value	Description of gift

If more space is needed for campaign contributions attach another copy of this form.

Signature & Date

I attest that all the information provided is true to fact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicants Signature)

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Zoning Administrator or Agent thereof)

Application Status

***This portion to be completed by Zoning Administrator***

- Hearing date has been set for: \_\_\_\_\_
- Notice published in newspaper on: \_\_\_\_\_ (15 days prior to hearing date)
- Letters of notification mailed to adjacent property owners on: \_\_\_\_\_
- This action was approved \_\_\_\_\_ or denied \_\_\_\_\_ (copy of minutes disposing of this action attached)
- Notification of the results of this action mailed to applicant on: \_\_\_\_\_

# *City of Pooler*

## **AUTHORIZATION OF PROPERTY OWNER**

Application for Rezoning, Conditional Use, Variance, Site Plans & Subdivision Submittals

I swear that I am the owner of the property which is the subject matter of the attached application, as shown in the records of Chatham County, Georgia.

I authorize the person named below to act as applicant in the pursuit of a variance, conditional use, rezoning of property or a site plan submittal.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of owner

Personally appeared before me \_\_\_\_\_

Who swears that the information contained in this authorization is true and correct to the best his/her knowledge and belief.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CITY OF POOLER**  
**SIGN VARIANCE STANDARDS**

After an application has been submitted to the Building Official, reviewed by the Planning Commission and a public hearing has been held before the City Council, the City Council may grant a variance from the application of the provisions of Chapter 66 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pooler **only if all** of the following findings are made:

- (1) That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions peculiar to the particular property, such as but not limited to irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of the lot size or shape, or an unusual degree or type of development proposed on the property, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions; and,
- (2) That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, signage cannot be erected in strict conformity with the provisions of Chapter 66 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Pooler without undue hardship to the property owner; and,
- (3) That granting the variance will not result in authorization of a type of sign not otherwise allowed on the property; and
- (4) That granting the variance will not cause substantial detriment to the public good.

I have received a copy of the sign variance standards for consideration of my variance request and understand that the Mayor & Council may grant my variance only if my request meets all of these standards.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sec. 66-11. - Sign variances.

A variance from the provisions or requirements of this chapter may be considered in accordance with the procedures and requirements of this section.

- (a) *Appellant.* A request for a variance on a property shall be brought by the property owner or, with the owner's permission, the holder of or applicant for a permit for development or construction on the property.
- (b) *Findings of fact.* A variance from the application of the provisions of this chapter may be granted by the city council only if all of the following findings are made:
  - (1) That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions peculiar to the particular property, such as but not limited to irregularity, narrowness or shallowness of the lot size or shape, or an unusual degree or type of development proposed on the property, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions; and,
  - (2) That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, signage cannot be erected in strict conformity with the provisions of this chapter without undue hardship to the property owner; and,
  - (3) That granting the variance will not result in authorization of a type of sign not otherwise allowed on the property; and,
  - (4) That granting the variance will not cause substantial detriment to the public good.
- (c) *Procedures.* The procedure for consideration of a sign variance shall be the same as for zoning variances specifically described in the Pooler Zoning Ordinance under article V, procedures for administration and enforcement, as follows:
  - (1) An application for a sign variance shall include all required and pertinent information required in the zoning ordinance pertaining to applications in general and specifically to zoning variances under sections 4(A) and 4(D) of article V.
  - (2) Public notice shall be given in the same manner and timing as for zoning actions under section 5 of article V of the zoning ordinance.
  - (3) Public hearings shall be held by the planning commission and the city council as required in the zoning ordinance for a zoning decision under section 6 of article V.
- (d) *Conditional approval.* In granting any sign variance, the city council may impose appropriate conditions of approval which it deems necessary in order to make the requested action acceptable and consistent with the purposes of this chapter, to ameliorate negative issues identified through evaluation of the variance request, or to further the goals and objectives of any plans adopted by the city. Violation of such conditions of approval, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this chapter subject to enforcement under the provisions of section 66-13.

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