

Zoning Board of Appeals – Variance Process

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NOTES:

- Application must meet requirements of Section 16.7 of the Township Zoning Ordinance.
- Per the State of Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, requested variances must demonstrate a practical difficulty, which is defined as:
 - Unique circumstances applying to the property.
 - No adverse effect upon adjacent properties.
 - Need for the variance was not self-created.
 - Variance is minimum necessary.
 - Request is not of a general or recurrent in nature.
- To appeal a decision by the ZBA, an applicant may file suit with Jackson County Circuit Court.