



APPENDIX M

VARIANCE

The development standards in this Development Code protect the public health, safety and welfare by establishing standard setbacks, maximum building heights and other development standards that apply to various uses. For lands or uses with unique characteristics the intent and purpose of the development standards may be maintained while allowing for a variance to requirements. A Variance may be approved for those requests resulting in greater than a 10% change in a quantifiable standard. [SHMC 17.106.010]

Variance applications shall be reviewed in accordance with the Type III review procedures specified in Chapter 17.126. [SHMC 17.106.030]

An application for a Variance shall be filed with The City and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Notice shall be subject to the provisions in Chapter 17.126. [SHMC 17.106.030]

SHMC 17.106.040 SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The applicant is required to submit a summary for each of the following applicable criteria and submit the summary as a narrative with the Land Use Application. (Attach extra sheets, if needed)

The applicant shall prepare and submit an application, site plan, and other supplemental information as may be required by City staff to indicate the intent of the development. The application shall include a statement explaining the proposal and providing analysis of the proposal relative to the approval criteria. The site plan shall show pertinent information to scale to facilitate the review of the proposed development.

- A. The following general information shall be shown on the site plan:
 - Vicinity map showing all streets, property lines and other pertinent data to locate the proposal.
 - North arrow and scale of drawing.
 - Tax map and tax lot number or tax account of the subject property.
 - Dimensions and size in square feet or acres of the subject property.
 - Location of all existing easements and City utilities (water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage) within the property.
 - Existing use of the property, including location of existing structures with dimensions of the structures and distances from property lines. It shall be noted whether the existing structures are to remain or be removed from the property.
 - A site plan or other information clearly indicating the proposed variance, including dimensions if applicable.

B. Do any of the criteria in SHMC 17.106.050 apply? Yes No
If the applicant answered yes, the proposal does not qualify for a variance.

C. Is the variance necessary? Does the subject Development Code provision not account for special or unique physical circumstances of the subject site, existing development patterns, or adjacent land uses? Explain:

D. Is such variance necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the applicant possessed by the owners of other properties in the same vicinity or district? Explain:

E. Will the authorization of such variance be materially detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property in the vicinity or district in which the property is located, or otherwise conflict with the objectives of any City plan or policy? Explain:

F. Is the need for the variance self-imposed by the applicant or property owner? Explain:

G. Is the variance requested the minimum variance which would alleviate the identified hardship? Explain:

H. Are all applicable building code requirements and engineering design standards met? Explain:
