

#### **INTENT AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of a variance is to provide relief from certain regulations of the zoning ordinance to permit the use of land in a way that is not otherwise permitted under the ordinance. A variance is granted when the terms of the zoning ordinance, if literally applied, would create an unreasonable hardship on the landowner, making the property virtually useless.

This packet explains the process to successfully submit and complete an Application for a Sign Variance Request. It includes a detailed description of the process, outlines required submittal materials, and contains the application for variance.

For a complete explanation of what is legally required throughout the sign variance request process, please refer to "Title 10, Chapter 8, Section 9: Variations" of the Yorkville, Illinois Unified Development Ordinance.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

# STEP 1 APPLICATION SUBMITTAL

#### SUBMIT APPLICATION, FEES, AND PLANS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

The following must be submitted:

- ☐ One (1) original signed and notarized application.
- ☐ Legal description of the property in Microsoft Word.
- ☐ Three (3) copies each of exhibits, proposed drawings, location map, and site plan. All exhibits and plans must be an appropriate size for all details and descriptions to be legible.
- ☐ Appropriate application and filing fee. Checks may be written to the United City of Yorkville.
- ☐ Signed Applicant Deposit Account/Acknowledgment of Financial Responsibility form.
- ☐ One (1) electronic copy (PDF) of all materials submitted including application and exhibits.

Within one (1) week of submittal, the Community Development Department will determine if the application is complete or if additional information is needed. An incomplete submittal could delay the scheduling of the project.

The petitioner is responsible for payment of recording fees and public hearing costs, including written transcripts of the public hearing and outside consultant costs (i.e. legal review, land planner, zoning coordinator, environmental, etc.). The petitioner will be required to establish a deposit account with the City to cover these fees.

Once a submitted and complete, Community Development staff will provide a tentative schedule of meetings as well as all needed documents for the process.

STEP 2

PLAN COUNCIL

#### MEETS ON THE 2ND & 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

The petitioner must present the proposed request to the Plan Council. The members of the Council include the Community Development Director, City Engineer, the Building Department Official, the Public Works Director, the Director of Parks and Recreation, a Fire Department Representative, and a Police Department Representative. This meeting is held to provide the petitioner with guidance from all City staff departments to ensure the petitioner is aware of all requirements and regulations for their development. Upon recommendation by the Plan Council, the petitioner will move forward to the Economic Development Committee.



#### **STEP**

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

#### **MEETS ON THE 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

The petitioner must present the proposed request to the Economic Development Committee. The committee consists of four alderman who will provide feedback to the petitioner regarding their request. This feedback allows the petitioner to gather comments and concerns prior to full City Council considerations. It also allows the City Council members to review the request prior to its arrival at City Council

#### **STEP**

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

#### MEETS ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

The petitioner will attend and present their request at a public hearing conducted by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the request, take public comments, discuss the request, and make a recommendation to City Council.

The petitioner is responsible for sending certified public hearing notices to adjacent property owners within five hundred (500) feet of the subject property no less than fifteen (15) days and no more than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date. The public hearing notice will be drafted by the City as well as published in a local newspaper. Additionally, a public hearing notice sign must be placed on the property no less than fifteen (15) days prior to the public hearing.

A certified affidavit must be filed by the petitioner with the Community Development Department containing the names, addresses and permanent parcel numbers of all parties that were notified. The Certified Mailing Affidavit form is attached to this document.

### **STEP**

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CITY COUNCIL

#### MEETS ON THE 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

The petitioner will attend the City Council meeting where the recommendation of the variance will be considered. City Council will make the final approval of the variance. If approved, City staff will have a drafted ordinance to be signed by the Council and must be recorded with the County Clerk before any further steps may be taken by the petitioner.

#### **SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

Below is a summary breakdown of what will be required by the petitioner and what will be completed by the City:

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	Signed	and	Notarized	Application
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- ☐ Required Plans, Exhibits, and Fees
- ☐ Certified Mailing of Public Notice
- ☐ Posting Public Hearing Sign(s)
- ☐ Signed Certified Affidavit of Mailings
- ☐ Attendance at All Meetings

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- ☐ Detailed Schedule After Complete Submission
- ☐ Public Hearing Notice Language
- ☐ Posting of the Public Notice in a Local Newspaper
- ☐ Public Hearing Sign Application
- ☐ Draft Ordinance & Signatures for Recording



### **SAMPLE MEETING SCHEDULE**



This is a sample of what a schedule may look like after submission. The Step 1 Submission must be completed before the Plan Council Meeting can be scheduled. This timeline represents an ideal schedule. Throughout the review process, there may be requests or changes to the submission requested by the committees which may delay the meeting schedule. As illustrated, there is a small amount of time between meeting dates and the deadline for updated materials to be submitted for review. Depending on the complexity and nature of the request, this timeline may be extended to give the petitioner and staff enough time to review requested updates to the submission.

#### **DORMANT APPLICATIONS**

The Community Development Director shall determine if an application meets or fails to meet the submission requirements. If the Director determines that the application is incomplete it will become dormant under these circumstances:

- The applicant has been notified of such deficiencies and has not responded or provided a time line for completing the application within ninety (90) days from the time of notification.
- The applicant has not responded in writing to a request for information or documentation from the initial planning and zoning commission review within six (6) months from the date of that request.
- The applicant has not responded to a request for legal or engineering deposit replenishment for city incurred costs and fees within ninety (90) days from the date of the request.

If the Community Development Director has sent the required notice and the applicant has not withdrawn their application or brought it into compliance, then the director shall terminate the application. After termination, the application shall not be reconsidered except after the filing of a completely new application.

Withdrawal or termination of an application shall not affect the applicant's responsibility for payment of any costs and fees, or any other outstanding debt owed to the city. The balance of any funds deposited with the city that is not needed to pay for costs and fees shall be returned to the applicant. (Ord. 2011-34, 7-26-2011 and Section 10-8-2: General Application Requirements)



INVOICE & WORKSHEET PETITION APPLICATION				
CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW	☐ Engineering Plan Review deposit \$500.00	Total: \$		
AMENDMENT	☐ Annexation       \$500.00         ☐ Plan       \$500.00         ☐ Plat       \$500.00         ☐ P.U.D.       \$500.00	Total: \$		
ANNEXATION	$\square$ \$250.00 + \$10 per acre for each acre over 5 acres			
5 = # of Acres Acres over 5	x \$10 = + \$250 = \$ Amount for Extra Acres Total Amount	Total: \$		
REZONING	$\square$ \$200.00 + \$10 per acre for each acre over 5 acres			
5=	rezoning to a PUD, charge PUD Development Fee - not Rezoning Fee	Total: \$		
# of Acres Acres over 5	Amount for Extra Acres Total Amount			
5 =		Total: \$		
ZONING VARIANCE	\$85.00 + \$500.00 outside consultants deposit	Total: \$		
PRELIMINARY PLAN FEE	\$500.00	Total: \$		
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PUD FEE	□ \$500.00	Total: \$		
FINAL PLAT FEE	\$500.00	Total: \$		
ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEW DEPOSIT	□ Less than 1 acre       \$5,000.00         □ Over 1 acre, less than 10 acres       \$10,000.00         □ Over 10 acres, less than 40 acres       \$15,000.00         □ Over 40 acres, less than 100 acres       \$20,000.00         □ Over 100 acres       \$25,000.00	Total: \$		
OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS DEPOSIT Legal, I	land planner, zoning coordinator, environmental services			
	For Annexation, Subdivision, Rezoning, and Special Use:			
	□ Less than 2 acres       \$1,000.00         □ Over 2 acres, less than 10 acres       \$2,500.00         □ Over 10 acres       \$5,000.00	Total: \$		
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			



DATE:	PZC NUMBER:	DEVELOPMENT NAME:			
PETITIONER INFORMATION					
NAME:		COMPANY:			
MAILING ADDRESS:					
CITY, STATE, ZIP:		TELEPHONE: OBUSINESS OHOME			
EMAIL:		FAX:			
PROPERTY INFORMATION					
NAME OF HOLDER OF LEGAL TITLE:					
IF LEGAL TITLE IS HELD BY A LAND TRUST,	LIST THE NAMES OF ALL HOLDERS OF ANY I	BENEFICIAL INTEREST THEREIN:			
PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS:					
DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY'S PHYSICAL L	OCATION:				
CURRENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION:					
ZONING AND LAND USE OF SURROUND	DING PROPERTIES				
NORTH:					
EAST:					
SOUTH:	SOUTH:				
WEST:					
KENDALL COUNTY PARCEL IDENTIFICA	TION NUMBER(S)				



ATTORNEY INFORMATION	
NAME:	COMPANY:
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:	FAX:
ENGINEER INFORMATION	
NAME:	COMPANY:
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:	FAX:
LAND PLANNER/SURVEYOR INFORMATION	
NAME:	COMPANY:
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:	FAX:
ATTACHMENTS	
PETITIONER MUST ATTACH A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY TO THIS	APPLICATION AND TITLE IT AS "EXHIBIT A".
PETITIONER MUST LIST THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY ADJOINING (	OR CONTIGUOUS LANDOWNERS WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED (500) FEET OF THE

PETITIONER MUST LIST THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY ADJOINING OR CONTIGUOUS LANDOWNERS WITHIN FIVE HUNDRED (500) FEET OF THE PROPERTY THAT ARE ENTITLED NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE CITY ORDINANCE OR STATE STATUTE. ATTACH A SEPARATE LIST TO THIS APPLICATION AND TITLE IT AS "EXHIBIT B".



SIGN VARIANCE CONSIDERATIONS		
WAS THE SIGN ERECTED LEGALLY WITH A SIGN PERMIT?	YES	□ NO
ARE THERE LIMITED AVAILABLE LOCATIONS FOR SIGNAGE ON THE PROPERTY?	YES	■ NO
DOES THE SIGN FACE A STREET WITH A FORTY (40) MILE PER HOUR OR HIGHER SPEED LIMIT?	<b>YES</b>	■ NO
IS THE SIGN ON A STREET WITH TWENTY THOUSAND (20,000) OR HIGHER VEHICLE TRIPS PER DAY?	YES	□ NO
IS THE SIGN ON A WALL FACING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHOUT A PUBLIC ENTRANCE?	YES	■ NO
WOULD THE SIGN BE BLOCKED BY EXISTING OR REQUIRED LANDSCAPING?	YES	□ NO
PLEASE STATE THE VARIANCE REQUESTED AND THE CITY ORDINANCE INCLUDING THE SECTION NUMBERS TO BE VARIED:		
PLEASE STATE IF EMINENT DOMAIN BY ANY AUTHORIZED GOVERNMENT AGENCY HAS CAUSED THE NEED FOR THE VARIAN	CE REQUESTED.	
SIGN VARIANCE STANDARDS		
PLEASE CONFIRM THE PROPOSED VARIATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OTHER DEVE POLICIES OF THE CITY.	:LOPMENT STAN	IDARDS AND



SIGN VARIANCE STANDARDS
PLEASE STATE HOW THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR A VARIATION IS BASED ARE UNIQUE TO THE PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE VARIATION IS SOUGHT AND ARE NOT APPLICABLE, GENERALLY, TO OTHER PROPERTY WITHIN THE SAME ZONING DISTRICT:
PLEASE STATE HOW THE ALLEGED DIFFICULTY OR HARDSHIP IS CAUSED BY THIS TITLE AND HAS NOT BEEN CREATED BY ANY PERSON PRESENTLY HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY:
PLEASE STATE HOW THE GRANTING OF THE VARIATION WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE OR INJURIOUS TO OTHER PROPERTY OR IM- PROVEMENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN WHICH THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED:
PLEASE STATE HOW THE PARTICULAR SURROUNDINGS, SHAPE OR TOPOGRAPHICAL CONDITIONS OF THE SPECIFIC PROPERTY INVOLVED, A PARTICULAR HARDSHIP TO THE OWNER WOULD RESULT, AS DISTINGUISHED FROM A MERE INCONVENIENCE, IF THE STRICT LETTER OF REGULATIONS WAS CARRIED OUT:



SIGN VARIANCE STANDARDS	
PLEASE STATE HOW THE PROPOSED VARIATION WILL NOT IMPAIR AN ADEQUATE INCREASE THE CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS, OR INCREASE THE DANGER TO VALUES WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:	·
AGREEMENT	
I VERIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY OUTLINED AS WELL AS ANY INCURRED ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING CONSULTANT FE SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETING.  I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTA AND I MUST THEREFORE FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED ABOVE.	ES WHICH MUST BE CURRENT BEFORE THIS PROJECT CAN PROCEED TO THE NEXT
PETITIONER SIGNATURE	DATE
OWNER HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE PETITIONER TO PURSUE THE APPROPRIATE ENTITLEM	ENTS ON THE PROPERTY.
OWNER SIGNATURE	DATE

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE NOTARIZED PLEASE NOTARIZE HERE:



### APPLICANT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT/ ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

PROJECT NAME:	FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER:	PROPERTY ADDRESS:	
to cover all actual expenses occurred as a Fund include, but are not limited to, plan to legal fees, engineering and other plan fund account is established with an initial deposit is drawn against to pay for these Party will receive an invoice reflecting the amount, the Financially Responsible Parreviews/fees related to the project are requommissions may be suspended until the the balance to the Financially Responsible Parreviews/fees related to the Project are requorated to the Financially Responsible to the Financial Responsible to the Financial Responsible to the Financial Responsible to the Financial Responsi	rille to require any petitioner seeking appro result of processing such applications and review of development approvals/engineer reviews, processing of other governmental deposit based upon the estimated cost for services related to the project or request. Pe charges made against the account. At any ti ty will receive an invoice requesting additi- uired. In the event that a deposit account is no account is fully replenished. If additional full e Party. A written request must be submitted ributed by the 15th of the following month.	val on a project or entitlement request to establish a Perequests. Typical requests requiring the establishment of ing permits. Deposit account funds may also be used to applications, recording fees and other outside coordinatervices provided in the INVOICE & WORKSHEET PETIT riodically throughout the project review/approval proces meet he balance of the fund account fall below ten percent onal funds equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the ot immediately replenished, review by the administrative nds remain in the deposit account at the completion of the day the Financially Responsible Party to the city by the All refund checks will be made payable to the Financially	of a Petitioner Deposit Account cover costs for services related ation and consulting fees. Each (ION APPLICATION. This initial ess, the Financially Responsible at (10%) of the original deposit he initial deposit if subsequent the staff, consultants, boards and the project, the city will refund 15th of the month in order for
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RE	SPONSIBILITY		
NAME:		COMPANY:	
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CITY, STATE, ZIP:		TELEPHONE:	
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Yorkville, I will provide additional funds to Company/Corporation of their obligation	to maintain the required account balance. F to maintain a positive balance in the fund a	may exceed the estimated initial deposit and, when re urther, the sale or other disposition of the property do ccount, unless the United City of Yorkville approves a Ch equested replenishment deposit is received.	es not relieve the individual or
PRINT NAME		TITLE	
SIGNATURE*		DATE	
*The name of the individual and the perso President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasure	<del>-</del>	e. If a corporation is listed, a corporate officer must sign t	he declaration (President, Vice-
INITIAL ENGINEERING/LEGAL DEPOSIT 1	TOTALS		
ENGINEERING DEPOSITS: Up to one (1) acre Over one (1) acre, but less than ten (10) a Over ten (10) acres, but less than forty (40) Over forty (40) acres, but less than one hu In excess of one hundred (100) acres	0) acres \$15,000	LEGAL DEPOSITS: Less than two (2) acres Over two (2) acres, but less than ten (10) acres Over ten (10) acres	\$1,000 \$2,500 \$5,000

### $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{CERTIFIED MAILING} \\ \underline{\textbf{AFFIDAVIT}} \end{array}$

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  SS COUNTY OF KENDALL )		
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	, petitioner, being first duly sv	
under oath that to the best of my knowle		-
of all permanent parcel numbers, and	names and addresses of owners,	of all lots and parts of
lots located within 500 feet (exclusively	of any public streets and alleys) of	of the property legally
described on the attached application fo	or annexation, rezoning, special use	e permit, planned unit
development, variation, or other zoning	g amendment. I further state that s	said list was obtained
from the current tax rolls of the Kendall	l County Treasurer's Office. I furt	her state that I mailed
by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt R	Requested, a copy of the Public Not	tice of Public Hearing
before the United City of Yorkville Pla	anning and Zoning Commission for	or the Public Hearing
held on Wednesday,,	at the United City of City Council	Chambers, Yorkville,
Illinois. The notice was mailed to the a	attached list of all of the permaner	nt parcel numbers and
names and addresses of owners at the U.	S. Post office on	, 20
	Signatur	re of Petitioner(s)
Subscribed and sworn to before me this		
, day of, 20_		
Notary Public		



### APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING SIGN

PERMIT NUMBER:		DATE/TIME RECEIVED:		
SITE ADDRESS:		PARCEL NUMBER:		
SUBDIVISION:		UNIT:		
APPLICANT INFORMATION				
NAME:	TELEPHONE: O	HOME O BUSINESS		
ADDRESS:	E-MAIL: O HOM	E O BUSINESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	FAX:			
SIGN INFORMATION				
DATE OF PICK UP:	NUMBER OF SIGN	is:		
DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:	SIGN RETURN DA	ГЕ:		
Petitioner or Representative agrees to pay to the United City of Yorkville a deposit of \$50 for each sign. The deposit will be returned to the petitioner when the public hearing sign/s have been returned to the City.  Petitioner or Representative further agrees to pay to the United City of Yorkville the full amount of the purchase price for each sign not returned to the United City of Yorkville within seven (7) days after the date of the public hearing.				
DATE   DATE				
RECEIVED BY:		PZC#		