



United City of Yorkville
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APPLICATION FOR SIGN VARIANCE

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 Variance Request process, please refer to "Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 7 Variations" of the Yorkville, Illinois City Code.

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

This step is dependent on the complexity of the request and may be skipped at the discretion of staff.

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.



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STEP 3

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 4

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 5

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:

PETITIONER

- Signed and Notarized Application
- Required Plans, Exhibits, and Fees
- Certified Mailing of Public Notice
- Signed Certified Affidavit of Mailings
- Attendance at All Meetings

CITY STAFF

- 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



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SAMPLE MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH 1							MONTH 2							MONTH 3							MONTH 4						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7			1	2	3	4	5						1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				

Plan Council Meeting

Economic Development Committee

Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing

City Council

Meeting Date

Updated Materials Submitted for Meeting

Public Notice Mailing Window

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)



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INVOICE & WORKSHEET PETITION APPLICATION			
CONCEPT PLAN REVIEW	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Plan Review deposit	\$500.00	Total: \$
AMENDMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation <input type="checkbox"/> Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Plat <input type="checkbox"/> P.U.D.	\$500.00 \$500.00 \$500.00 \$500.00	Total: \$
ANNEXATION	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 + \$10 per acre for each acre over 5 acres		Total: \$
	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ # of Acres Acres over 5	$\times \$10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Amount for Extra Acres	$+ \$250 = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Total Amount
REZONING	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00 + \$10 per acre for each acre over 5 acres		Total: \$
<i>If annexing and rezoning, charge only 1 per acre fee; if rezoning to a PUD, charge PUD Development Fee - not Rezoning Fee</i>			
	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ # of Acres Acres over 5	$\times \$10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Amount for Extra Acres	$+ \$200 = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Total Amount
SPECIAL USE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250.00 + \$10 per acre for each acre over 5 acres		Total: \$
	$\underline{\hspace{2cm}} - 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ # of Acres Acres over 5	$\times \$10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Amount for Extra Acres	$+ \$250 = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ Total Amount
ZONING VARIANCE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$85.00 + \$500.00 outside consultants deposit		Total: \$
PRELIMINARY PLAN FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00		Total: \$
PUD FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00		Total: \$
FINAL PLAT FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00		Total: \$
ENGINEERING PLAN REVIEW DEPOSIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 1 acre <input type="checkbox"/> Over 1 acre, less than 10 acres <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 acres, less than 40 acres <input type="checkbox"/> Over 40 acres, less than 100 acres <input type="checkbox"/> Over 100 acres	\$5,000.00 \$10,000.00 \$15,000.00 \$20,000.00 \$25,000.00	Total: \$
OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS DEPOSIT	<i>Legal, land planner, zoning coordinator, environmental services</i> For Annexation, Subdivision, Rezoning, and Special Use:		Total: \$
	<input type="checkbox"/> Less than 2 acres <input type="checkbox"/> Over 2 acres, less than 10 acres <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 acres	\$1,000.00 \$2,500.00 \$5,000.00	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:			



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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 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".



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SIGN VARIANCE STANDARDS

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|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WAS THE SIGN ERECTED LEGALLY WITH A SIGN PERMIT? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| ARE THERE LIMITED AVAILABLE LOCATIONS FOR SIGNAGE ON THE PROPERTY? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| DOES THE SIGN FACE A STREET WITH A FORTY (40) MILE PER HOUR OR HIGHER SPEED LIMIT? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| IS THE SIGN ON A STREET WITH TWENTY THOUSAND (20,000) OR HIGHER VEHICLE TRIPS PER DAY? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| IS THE SIGN ON A WALL FACING A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY WITHOUT A PUBLIC ENTRANCE? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |
| WOULD THE SIGN BE BLOCKED BY EXISTING OR REQUIRED LANDSCAPING? | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO |

PLEASE STATE THE VARIANCE REQUESTED AND THE CITY ORDINANCE INCLUDING THE SECTION NUMBERS TO BE VARIED:

PLEASE STATE HOW THE PROPOSED VARIATION WILL NOT IMPAIR AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF LIGHT AND AIR TO ADJACENT PROPERTY, OR SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE CONGESTION IN THE PUBLIC STREETS, OR INCREASE THE DANGER TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY, OR SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISH OR IMPAIR PROPERTY VALUES WITHIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

PLEASE CONFIRM THE PROPOSED VARIATION IS CONSISTENT WITH THE OFFICIAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND POLICIES OF THE CITY.



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PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST TO THE PETITIONER OF COMPLYING WITH THE SIGN ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS:

IF THERE ARE ANY UNIQUE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPERTY, PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM BELOW:

PLEASE STATE HOW THE GRANTING OF THE VARIATION WILL NOT BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE PUBLIC WELFARE OR INJURIOUS TO OTHER PROPERTY OR IMPROVEMENTS 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:



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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 CLASSIFICATION:

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:

AGREEMENT

I VERIFY THAT ALL THE INFORMATION IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT ALL REQUIREMENTS AND FEES AS OUTLINED AS WELL AS ANY INCURRED ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING CONSULTANT FEES WHICH MUST BE CURRENT BEFORE THIS PROJECT CAN PROCEED TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETING.

I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND UNDERSTAND THAT IF AN APPLICATION BECOMES DORMANT IT IS THROUGH MY OWN FAULT AND I MUST THEREFORE FOLLOW THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED ABOVE.

PETITIONER SIGNATURE

DATE

OWNER HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE PETITIONER TO PURSUE THE APPROPRIATE ENTITLEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY.

OWNER SIGNATURE

DATE

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE
NOTARIZED PLEASE NOTARIZE HERE:**



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APPLICANT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT/ ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

PROJECT NAME:	FUND ACCOUNT NUMBER:	PROPERTY ADDRESS:
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PETITIONER DEPOSIT ACCOUNT FUND:

It is the policy of the United City of Yorkville to require any petitioner seeking approval on a project or entitlement request to establish a Petitioner Deposit Account Fund to cover all actual expenses occurred as a result of processing such applications and requests. Typical requests requiring the establishment of a Petitioner Deposit Account Fund include, but are not limited to, plan review of development approvals/engineering permits. Deposit account funds may also be used to cover costs for services related to legal fees, engineering and other plan reviews, processing of other governmental applications, recording fees and other outside coordination and consulting fees. Each fund account is established with an initial deposit based upon the estimated cost for services provided in the **INVOICE & WORKSHEET PETITION APPLICATION**. This initial deposit is drawn against to pay for these services related to the project or request. Periodically throughout the project review/approval process, the Financially Responsible Party will receive an invoice reflecting the charges made against the account. At any time the balance of the fund account fall below ten percent (10%) of the original deposit amount, the Financially Responsible Party will receive an invoice requesting additional funds equal to one-hundred percent (100%) of the initial deposit if subsequent reviews/fees related to the project are required. In the event that a deposit account is not immediately replenished, review by the administrative staff, consultants, boards and commissions may be suspended until the account is fully replenished. If additional funds remain in the deposit account at the completion of the project, the city will refund the balance to the Financially Responsible Party. A written request must be submitted by the Financially Responsible Party to the city by the 15th of the month in order for the refund check to be processed and distributed by the 15th of the following month. All refund checks will be made payable to the Financially Responsible Party and mailed to the address provided when the account was established.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

NAME:	COMPANY:
MAILING ADDRESS:	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	TELEPHONE:
EMAIL:	FAX:

FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PARTY:

I acknowledge and understand that as the Financially Responsible Party, expenses may exceed the estimated initial deposit and, when requested by the United City of Yorkville, I will provide additional funds to maintain the required account balance. Further, the sale or other disposition of the property does not relieve the individual or Company/Corporation of their obligation to maintain a positive balance in the fund account, unless the United City of Yorkville approves a Change of Responsible Party and transfer of funds. Should the account go into deficit, all City work may stop until the requested replenishment deposit is received.

PRINT NAME _____	TITLE _____
SIGNATURE* _____	DATE _____

**The name of the individual and the person who signs this declaration must be the same. If a corporation is listed, a corporate officer must sign the declaration (President, Vice-President, Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer)*

INITIAL ENGINEERING/LEGAL DEPOSIT TOTALS

ENGINEERING DEPOSITS:		LEGAL DEPOSITS:	
Up to one (1) acre	\$5,000	Less than two (2) acres	\$1,000
Over one (1) acre, but less than ten (10) acres	\$10,000	Over two (2) acres, but less than ten (10) acres	\$2,500
Over ten (10) acres, but less than forty (40) acres	\$15,000	Over ten (10) acres	\$5,000
Over forty (40) acres, but less than one hundred (100)	\$20,000		
In excess of one hundred (100.00) acres	\$25,000		

CERTIFIED MAILING
AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF KENDALL)

I/We, _____, petitioner, being first duly sworn, do hereby state under oath that to the best of my knowledge the **attached** list is a true, correct and **complete list 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 the property legally described on the attached application for annexation, rezoning, special use permit, planned unit development, variation, or other zoning amendment. I further state that said list was obtained from the current tax rolls of the Kendall County Treasurer’s Office. I further state that I mailed by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, a copy of the Public Notice of Public Hearing before the United City of Yorkville Planning and Zoning Commission for the Public Hearing held on Wednesday, _____, at the United City of City Council Chambers, Yorkville, Illinois. The notice was mailed to the attached list of all of the permanent parcel numbers and names and addresses of owners at the U.S. Post office on _____, 20_____.

Signature of Petitioner(s)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
_____ day of _____, 20_____

Notary Public



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PERMIT NUMBER:		DATE/TIME RECEIVED:
SITE ADDRESS:		PARCEL NUMBER:
SUBDIVISION:		LOT/UNIT:
APPLICANT INFORMATION		
NAME:	TELEPHONE: <input type="radio"/> HOME <input type="radio"/> BUSINESS	
ADDRESS:	E-MAIL: <input type="radio"/> HOME <input type="radio"/> BUSINESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP:	FAX:	
SIGN INFORMATION		
DATE OF PICK UP:	NUMBER OF SIGNS:	
DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:	SIGN RETURN DATE:	
<p>The undersigned hereby states that they have acquired Public Hearing Signs from the United City of Yorkville's Community Development Department and agrees to return said sign/s to Yorkville City Hall, 800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, Illinois, immediately following the date of the public hearing.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>		
_____ SIGNATURE/AUTHORIZED AGENT		_____ DATE
DATE RETURNED: _____		
RECEIVED BY: _____		PZC# _____