



Houston Planning Commission

VARIANCE REQUEST APPLICATION

An applicant seeking a variance to the Parking Standards of Chapter 26 of the City of Houston's Code of Ordinances must complete the following application and submit an electronic copy of the Microsoft Word document to the Planning & Development Department at 1002 Washington Avenue 3rd floor prior to 11:00am on the submittal dates adopted by the Houston Planning Commission. For complete submittal requirements, please visit the City of Houston Planning & Development Department website at www.houstonplanning.com. Send the completed form to planning.variances@houstontx.gov.

APPLICANT COMPANY	CONTACT PERSON	PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS

PROPERTY ADDRESS	FILE NUMBER	ZIP CODE	LAMBERT	KEY MAP	DISTRICT

HCAD ACCOUNT NUMBER(S):

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

PROPERTY OWNER OF RECORD:

ACREAGE (SQUARE FEET):

WIDTH OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY:

EXISTING PAVING SECTION(S):

OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENT:

OFF-STREET PARKING PROVIDED:

LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS:

EXISTING STRUCTURE(S) [SQ. FT.]:

PROPOSED STRUCTURE(S) [SQ. FT.]:

PURPOSE OF VARIANCE REQUEST:

CHAPTER 26 REFERENCE(S):

OFF-STREET PARKING VARIANCE



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APPLICANT STATEMENT OF FACTS

SUMMARY OF VARIANCE CONDITIONS (BE AS COMPLETE AS POSSIBLE):

APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant bears the burden of providing factual, material, and compelling evidence to support a variance request in the Statement of Facts ("SOF") below. The applicant must write a response to each of the statements as part of their application. Failure to do so will result in the application being deemed incomplete and not placed before the Planning Commission. The applicant may attach additional supporting documents to the application. P&D will not correct, revise, or edit the applicant's information. P&D will formulate its recommendation by evaluating the SOF's information, the additional information provided and any relevant information available to the Department.

- (1) The imposition of the terms, rules, conditions, policies and standards of this article would deprive the owner or applicant of the property of reasonable use of the land or building;
- (2) That the circumstances supporting the granting of the variance are not the result of a hardship imposed or created by the applicant and that in granting the variance the general purposes of this article are being observed and maintained;
- (3) The intent of this article is preserved;
- (4) The parking provided will be sufficient to serve the use for which it is intended;
- (5) The granting of such a variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety or welfare; and

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DEPARTMENT

ITEM: XX
Meeting Date: XX/XX/XX

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- (6) For a development that is subject to the requirements of article VII, chapter 33, of this Code, the granting of the variance is necessary to accomplish the purposes of a certificate of appropriateness issued pursuant to article VII, chapter 33, of this Code.

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STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES

(a) The commission is authorized to consider and grant variances from the provisions of this article by majority vote of those members present and voting, when the commission determines that the first five of the following conditions exist, and if applicable, the sixth condition, exists:

- (1) The imposition of the terms, rules, conditions, policies and standards of this article would deprive the owner or applicant of the property of reasonable use of the land or building;
- (2) That the circumstances supporting the granting of the variance are not the result of a hardship imposed or created by the applicant and that in granting the variance the general purposes of this article are being observed and maintained;
- (3) The intent of this article is preserved;
- (4) The parking provided will be sufficient to serve the use for which it is intended;
- (5) The granting of such a variance will not be injurious to the public health, safety or welfare; and
- (6) For a development that is subject to the requirements of article VII, chapter 33, of this Code, the granting of the variance is necessary to accomplish the purposes of a certificate of appropriateness issued pursuant to article VII, chapter 33, of this Code.

(b) In addition, if the variance involves an off-site parking facility, the commission must determine that a proposed off-site parking facility will be located so that it will adequately serve the use for which it is intended. In making this determination, the following factors, among other things, shall be considered:

- (1) The location of the proposed building and the proposed off-site parking facility.
- (2) Existing and potential parking demand created by other occupancies in the vicinity.
- (3) The characteristics of the occupancy, including employee and customer parking demand, hours of operation, and projected convenience and frequency of use of the off-site parking.
- (4) Adequacy, convenience, and safety of pedestrian access between off-site parking and the occupancy.
- (5) Traffic patterns on adjacent streets, and proposed access to the off-site parking.
- (6) The report and recommendation of the director and the traffic engineer.

Any variance granted under the provisions of this section will apply only to the specific property and use upon which the commission was requested to grant a variance by the applicant and shall not constitute a change of this article or any part hereof. All variances as granted shall be in writing shall be signed by the secretary of the commission and maintained as a permanent record of the commission.

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