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APPLICATION FOR USE VARIANCE REQUEST

Date: _____

Name of Property Owner: _____

Address of Property Owner: _____

Phone: _____

Business Address (If Applicable) _____

Proposed Variance Address: _____

Zoning District: _____ Tax ID Number: _____

Reference Ordinance Section No.: _____

TYPE OF VARIANCE REQUESTED (SITE PLAN MUST BE INCLUDED):

The Michigan courts have deemed that variances should only be granted in the case of unnecessary hardship (use variances) or practical difficulty (nonuse variances). Applicants must demonstrate that their plight is due to (1) unique circumstances peculiar to that property and (2) that the problem is not self-created. Additional considerations are listed below:

Use variance:

- The property cannot reasonably be used for any of the uses permitted in the district.
- Granting the variance would not alter the essential character of the area.

TO OBTAIN A USE VARIANCE THE APPLICANT MUST DEMONSTRATING THE FOLLOWING:

1. EXPLAIN WHY THE PREDICAMENT IS DUE TO THE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES PECULIAR TO THAT PROPERTY.
2. EXPLAIN WHY THE USE WOULD NOT ALTER THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA.
3. EXPLAIN WHY THE PROPERTY CANNOT REASONABLY BE USED FOR ANY OF THE USES PERMITTED IN THE DISTRICT.
4. EXPLAIN WHY THE PROBLEM IS NOT SELF-CREATED.

