

**CITY OF KEY COLONY BEACH
P.O. BOX 510141
KEY COLONY BEACH, FL 33051-0141
305-289-1212 FAX: 305-289-1767**

APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

APPLICANT: _____
Property Owner Name Phone Number

Street Address of Variance Lot Block Subdivision

Mailing Address of Property Owner

Owners may have an agent complete this application and represent them at the hearings. In this case, owners must attach to this application a written, signed statement stating the name of the individual or business that may represent them in this matter.

Agent Name Agent Phone Number

VARIANCE REQUESTED to: Land Development Regulations Chapter_____, Section_____
Code of Ordinances Chapter _____, Section_____

DESCRIPTION OF VARIANCE: Please describe the variance request in regard to type of structure, location on lot, distance from side, rear or front lot lines, or details of the variance, including the current rule in effect and the reason for the variance (for example, building would encroach into the setback by _____feet). Also state if this is for future construction or existing conditions.

Please attach the following to this application:

- A sketch or site plan of the property showing the variance requested.
- Written responses to the five criteria (questions attached).
- Fee of \$700.00

Signature of Applicant _____

Office Use Only

Date Filed _____ Date Paid _____ Check # _____

Variance granted / denied on (date) _____

Signature of City Official

Applicant Questions and Responses-

Summarizing Land Development Code 101-171 (5)(a): Variances shall be approved only if the applicant can demonstrate a good and sufficient cause, that denial would result in unnecessary hardship, it will not be contrary to the public interest, that special conditions exist, and that it will not confer any special privilege on the applicant. Please see the attached pages for the entire city codes relating to Variances.

To assist the Planning & Zoning Committee and City Commission in evaluating this variance request, please answer the following questions:

1. What is the “good and sufficient cause” that explains why this variance should be granted?

2. What are the unnecessary hardships that would result if the variance is not granted?

3. If this variance is granted, would there be any increase to public expense that would not otherwise occur? Would it create a threat to public health and safety? Would it create a nuisance? Or cause fraud or victimization of the public?

4. What are the unique or peculiar physical/geographical circumstances or conditions that apply to this property, but do not apply to other properties in the same zoning district?

5. If the variance is granted, would it confer upon the applicant any special privilege that is denied to other properties in the immediate neighborhood in terms of the established development pattern?

Office Use Only

Comments and Recommendation of the Building Official

Applicant Questions and Responses-

LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS - Section 101-171. Variances.

(1) Initiation. Any owner, agent, lessee or occupant of land or a structure may apply in writing to the city clerk for a variance, on that land, from the requirements of this chapter, except that no request for a use variance will be considered. Details must be included with the request and be filed with the city clerk together with the established fee for a variance. If the applicant is other than the owner of the property, the written consent of the owner for the variance requested must be submitted with the application. When the petitioner is a public agency, the city commission may authorize the waiver or reduction of the fee.

(2) Planning and zoning committee procedure.

- (a) Upon receipt of a written request, the city clerk will deliver the request to the planning and zoning committee.
- (b) The planning and zoning committee shall make an investigation of the conditions pertaining to the requested variance in advance of the public hearing by the city commission. This investigation shall be at a duly noticed meeting. Mailing of notice of the meeting shall be made by the city to all property owners within three hundred (300) feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of the variance request.
- (c) The planning and zoning committee, shall make their recommendation to the city commission in writing, based upon the standards in (5) below. They may recommend approval or disapproval of the variance or may recommend approval of the same subject to such specified conditions as it may deem to be necessary or advisable in furtherance of the provisions of this chapter. Reasons for the recommendation shall be stated.

(3) City commission procedure.

- (a) After receipt of the planning and zoning committee report, the city commission shall give notice in a newspaper stating the date, time and place of a city commission public hearing as provided for in section 101-173.
- (b) After their public hearing the city commission may approve or disapprove the requested variance or may approve the same subject to specified conditions as it may deem to be necessary or advisable in furtherance of the provisions of the zoning ordinance. If the applicant desires to present evidence not presented to the planning and zoning committee, the matter shall be returned to the planning and zoning committee for further deliberation and recommendation unless the city commission finds by majority vote that the new evidence is insignificant or unsubstantial.
- (c) The commission shall state reasons for their decision, based on the standards detailed in (5) below.
- (d) The decision of the city commission shall be final. No new request for similar action concerning the same property may be made to the city commission or planning and zoning committee for a period of not less than six (6) months after the date of said decision by the city commission.

(4) Effective period.

A building permit application must be submitted within twelve (12) months of variance approval otherwise the approval expires. Any extension of up to twelve (12) months may be granted by the city commission for good cause.

Applicant Questions and Responses-

(5) Standards for granting variances.

(a) Specific criteria:

- (1) The applicant shall demonstrate a showing of good and sufficient cause;
- (2) Failure to grant the variance would result in unnecessary hardship to the applicant;
- (3) Granting the variance will not result in increased public expenses, create a threat to public health and safety, create a public nuisance, or cause fraud or victimization of the public;
- (4) Property has unique or peculiar circumstances, which apply to this property, but which do not apply to other properties in the same zoning district;
- (5) Granting the variance will not give the applicant any special privilege denied other properties in the immediate neighborhood in terms of established development patterns.

(b) Recommendations to the city commission.

- (1) If all 5 specific criteria are met, then the planning & zoning committee shall recommend approval to the city commission. Approval by the city commission would be by majority vote of the city commission.

If the planning & zoning committee finds the five (5) specific criteria are not met, they shall recommend disapproval of the variance unless they specifically find that the granting of the variance will have minimal adverse effect on other citizens of the city or on the city. Approval of a variance where all five (5) specific criteria are not met shall require a favorable vote of four-fifths (4/5) of the city commission.

- (2) Conditions: The planning and zoning committee may recommend, and the city commission may prescribe, appropriate conditions and safeguards in conformity with this chapter. Violation of such conditions and safeguards, when made a part of the terms under which the variance is granted, shall be deemed a violation of this chapter.
- (3) Use Variance: Under no circumstances shall the city commission grant a variance to permit a use not generally permitted in the zoning district. No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures or buildings in the zoning district and no permitted use of lands, structures or buildings in other zoning districts shall be considered grounds for the authorization of a variance.