

Applicant(s): _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Property Address for variance: _____

Variance request description: _____

_____City Ordinance Section number(s), that variance is requested for: _____

Answer the following questions to the best of your ability - based on the criteria found in section 153.026 of Afton's Code (Land Use, Appeals and Variances). Completing this questionnaire will help the Planning Commission and the City of Afton evaluate your application in light of the requirements of Afton's Variance Ordinance. It does not guarantee that your variance request will be approved. If needed use a separate page.

Background: This questionnaire is designed to help you and the City of Afton determine whether a variance should be granted. Please consult with the City Administrator who can help you with your variance application and explain the Variance Ordinance to you. The City Administrator will work with you to ensure that the variance you request is the minimum variance required to provide the same rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district. Because of special provisions for certain types of construction, the City Administrator will also determine whether the property is in the Flood Plain District. There are also special provisions for earth-sheltered construction.

Criteria #1 *The requested use, must be a reasonable use in order to receive a variance. Applicant -* Please explain why the proposed use which requires a variance is a reasonable use for this property?

Criteria #2 *Exceptional or extraordinary circumstances apply to the property which do not apply generally to other properties in the same zone or vicinity, and result from lot size, shape, topography, or other circumstances over which the property owner, since enactment of this Ordinance, have had no control. Applicant -* What exceptional or extraordinary circumstances related to the property do not apply generally to other properties in the same zone or vicinity? Extraordinary circumstances would include lot size, irregular lot shape or topography. Are there other circumstances over which you, as the property owner, have no control?

Explain? _____

Criteria #3 *That literal interpretation of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this Ordinance.*

Applicant - How does the literal interpretation of the provisions of the Afton ordinance (from which you are requesting a variance) deprive you of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same zoning district? Explain: _____

Criteria #4 *The special conditions or circumstances do not result from actions of the applicant.*

Applicant - How did these exceptional circumstances related to the property come about? Did actions by you create these circumstances? Explain: _____

Criteria #5 *That granting the variance requested will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to owners of other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district.*

Applicant - Will the granting of the requested variance confer on you, the applicant, any special privilege that is denied by this ordinance to owners of other lands, structures, or buildings in the same zoning district? Explain: _____

Criteria #6 *The variance requested is the minimum variance which would alleviate the hardship.*

Applicant - Is the variance you are requesting the minimum variance which would alleviate the practical difficulty or hardship for your property? Explain: _____

Criteria #7 *The variance would not be materially detrimental to the purposes of this Ordinance, or to property in the same zone.* **Applicant (Optional)** - Will the variance be materially detrimental to the purposes of this Ordinance, or to property in the same zone? How would the use of the property, if allowed by the variance, affect other properties in the vicinity?

Explain: _____

Criteria #8 *Economic conditions or circumstances alone shall not be considered in the granting of a variance request if a reasonable use of the property exists under the terms of the ordinance.* **Applicant** - Is the requested variance for economic reasons?

Explain: _____

Criteria #9 *In the Flood Plain District, no variance shall be granted which permits a lower degree of flood protection than the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation for the particular area or permits standards lower than those required by state law.* **Applicant (optional), PC** - Is the property in a Flood Plain District? Yes No

Criteria #10 *Variances shall be granted for earth-sheltered construction by state statutes when in harmony with this Ordinance.* **Applicant** - Is the variance for earth-sheltered construction? Yes No

ADDITIONAL CRITERIA THAT MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION (PC) AND/OR CITY COUNCIL(CC)- Applicant responses to criteria #11 and criteria #12 are optional.

Criteria #11 *Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ordinance.* **Applicant (Optional), PC** - Is the requested variance in harmony with the Afton ordinances and code? How will this variance if granted (and the proposed use of the property allowed) affect the essential character of the area?

Explain: _____

Criteria #12 *Variances shall only be permitted when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the Afton Comprehensive Plan.* **Applicant (Optional), PC** - Is the requested variance in harmony with the Afton comprehensive plan?

Explain: _____
