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**ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION**

**APPLICANT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROPERTY LOCATION:**

Tax Parcel Code Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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**PROVISION(S) OF CHAPTER 51, ZONING, BEING APPEALED:**

Number/Article	Section	Sub-Section
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**TYPE OF APPEAL:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Challenge the validity of the Zoning Ordinance
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Request a variance from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Appeal any order, requirement decision, or determination by the Zoning Officer

- 4. Appeal of the Zoning Officer determination with reference to any floodplain, or flood hazard conditions
- 5. Request a variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance with reference to floodplain or flood hazard conditions
- 6. Appeal of the Zoning Officer determination under Sec. 916.2 of the Pa. Municipalities Planning Code
- 7. Appeal of the Zoning Officer determination with reference to erosion and sedimentation control or storm water management

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**PLEASE COMPLETE IF YOU HAVE CHECK ITEM #2 ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE:**

**Under Section 910.2 of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code and Section 51.16.12 of the Haines Township Zoning Ordinance, no variance shall be granted until the applicant has established, and the Zoning Hearing Board has made, all of the following findings (1 thru 5) where relevant in a given case:**

1. **Unnecessary hardship due to unique physical circumstance.**

That there are unique physical circumstances or conditions, including irregularity, narrowness, or shallowness of lot size or shape, or exceptional topographical or other physical conditions peculiar to the particular property and that the unnecessary hardship is due to such conditions and not the circumstances or conditions generally created by the provisions of this Ordinance in the neighborhood or district in which the property is located.

2. **Unique physical circumstances hinder property development.**

That because of such physical circumstances or conditions, there is no possibility that the property can be developed in strict conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance and that the authorization of a variance is therefore necessary to enable the reasonable use of the property.

3. **Unnecessary hardship not created by Applicant.**

That the unnecessary hardship has not been created by the Applicant.

4. **Character of the neighborhood will not change.**

That the variance, if authorized, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the property is located, nor substantially or permanently impair the appropriate use or development of adjacent property, nor be detrimental to the public welfare.

5. **Appeal represents the least modification possible.**

That the variance, if authorized, will represent the minimum variance that will afford relief and will represent the least modification possible of the regulation in issue.

