

CITY OF LAUDERDALE VARIANCE CHECKLIST

The following requirements must be met in order for your variance application to be considered complete:

1) Have a pre-application meeting with city staff before submitting a variance application. Please bring the completed application and all required documents to this meeting.

2) Submit the following:

A) Variance application and fee.

B) Site Plan:

- Drawn to scale.
- Delineating your property lines (by locating property stakes, submitting a Certificate of Survey, or other means).
- Showing lot lines, street names, locations and dimensions of all existing or proposed buildings, setback distances, parking areas, lot coverage percentage (as defined by structures covered by a roof) and any other pertinent site information.

3) Describe your proposed project and why you are requesting a variance.

4) Answer the following questions:

A) How does the proposal put your property to use in a reasonable manner?

B) What are the unique circumstances to the property not created by the landowner?

C) How will a variance, if granted, not alter the essential character of the locality?

D) How is granting of a variance in harmony with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance (Lauderdale's Zoning Ordinance can be found online at www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us)?

E) How are the terms of a variance consistent with the Comprehensive Plan (Lauderdale's Comprehensive Plan can be found online at www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us)?

Information You Should Know

- The municipal variance standard requires the city to apply a three-factor test for "practical difficulties" consisting of (1) reasonableness, (2) uniqueness, and (3) essential character.
- Thus, the city is required to adopt findings based on the questions above.
- Conditions may be imposed on granting of variances if those conditions are directly related to and bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance.