



**XENIA TOWNSHIP
GREENE COUNTY, OHIO
XENIA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR AREA VARIANCE

Only the property owner, or their legal, authorized agent, can make an appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals, therefore, I hereby appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals the refusal of a Zoning Certificate (attached hereto) by the Xenia Township Zoning Inspector for the following property:

Name of Property Owner: _____ Phone: _____

Address of Property: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Acreage of Property: _____ Parcel Number: _____

Owner Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

The specific variance requested for this parcel to avoid unnecessary hardship is:

An area variance is an exception to the regulations of the Xenia Township Zoning Resolution. The applicant shall submit on a separate piece(s) of paper the answers to the following Duncan Standard.

In 1986 the Ohio Supreme Court oversaw the case of Duncan vs Middlefield. This case was due to the plaintiff, Duncan, requesting an **area variance** that was denied by the local Board of Zoning Appeals Board. Due to this case the Ohio Supreme Court has prescribed seven guidelines to follow in making the decision of granting an area variance. These seven guidelines are referred to as the Duncan Criteria and are listed as follows:

1. Whether the property in question will yield a reasonable return or whether there can be beneficial use of the property without the variance
2. Whether the variance is substantial
3. Whether the essential character of the neighborhood would be substantially altered or whether adjoining properties would suffer a substantial detriment as a result of the variance
4. Whether the variance would adversely affect the delivery of government goods
5. Whether the property owner purchased the property with knowledge of the zoning requirements
6. Whether the property owner's predicament can feasibly be obviated through some other method than a variance
7. Whether the spirit and intent behind the zoning requirement would be observed and substantial justice done by granting the variance

The applicant shall submit on a separate piece(s) of paper the answers to the Xenia Township Zoning Resolution Standards.

1. Conditions and Circumstances: What special conditions and circumstances exist which are peculiar to the land, structure or building involved and which are not applicable to other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district.
2. Property Rights: What literal interpretation of the provisions of the Zoning District's would deprive the applicant of property rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms.
3. No Special Privilege: Why will granting the variance requested not confer on the applicant any special use or privilege denied by this Resolution to other lands, structures, or building in the same district.
4. Harmony with Locality: Why will the variance requested not alter the essential character of the locality

THIS APPLICATION IS ACCOMPANIED BY A FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEFRAYING EXPENSES OF PUBLISHING NOTICES IN THE NEWSPAPER AND MAILING COSTS AND RECORDING FEES.

I hereby grant permission to the Xenia Township Zoning Commission, the Xenia Township Board of Trustees, Greene County Regional Planning Commission staff, Appropriate Greene County Department staff, and any other persons necessary to gather pertinent information regarding subject property to enter upon the premises. I understand a sign will be placed on my property for the purpose of identifying the property. I understand the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals is final, and if the decision is unsatisfactory, I may appeal the decision with the Court of Common Pleas. No refunds will be given for applications for a zoning amendment, rezoning, conditional use, or variance. An application for reconsideration shall not be accepted for consideration more than once during any consecutive twelve-month period.

 Applicant(s) [Owner or Lessee] Signature(s)

STATE OF OHIO, GREENE COUNTY, §:

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, says that he/she is the _____
 (owner or lessee)

named in the foregoing application and states that all the facts stated in said application are true as he believes.

 Applicant(s) Signature(s)

Sworn to before me by the said _____ and by him/her subscribed in my presence this _____ day of _____, _____.

My Commission expires _____, _____

 Notary