



# TOWN OF FREETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Town Hall, P. O. Box 438 Assonet, Massachusetts 02702

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**– Submit two original copies (original signatures) to the Town Clerk's office –**

**To the Board of Appeals:**

**The undersigned hereby petitions the Board of Appeals as follows:**

Name of Petitioner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Overlay Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Reg. of Deeds Book: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_ Assessors Map # \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_

Area of Lot: \_\_\_\_\_ Frontage: \_\_\_\_\_ feet

**Nature of Relief Sought (choose one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ Special permit under Article \_\_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Protective By-laws.

\_\_\_\_\_ Variance from Article \_\_\_\_\_, Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Protective By-laws.

\_\_\_\_\_ Appeal from a decision of the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement officer, dated \_\_\_\_\_, (Please attach a copy.)

**Provide a brief description of your proposal/request:**

If your request is for a **variance**, you must indicate what your **hardship** is. A hardship may be based on the soil conditions or topography of your property, the shape of your property, or the locations of existing structures, wells, or septic systems on your property. **Simply wanting something that is not allowed under the by-laws does not constitute a hardship.** Please describe your hardship(s) below:

If your request is for a **special permit for an accessory apartment**, you must provide the following:

Square footage of existing home: \_\_\_\_\_

Square footage of proposed apartment: \_\_\_\_\_ (1,000 sq ft max.)

I hereby request a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals with reference to the above petition or appeal. All of the information on this petition, to the best of my knowledge, is complete and accurate. I understand that I will be responsible for paying the cost of newspaper advertisements for my hearing, and for the cost of notifying the abutters to my property of the hearing by certified mail, return receipt, with notices provided to me by the Board. I also understand that I will be responsible for paying the costs of any engineering, architectural, legal, or other consultants deemed necessary by the Zoning Board of appeals to assist in its consideration of this application, pursuant to G.L. c.44, §53G and that failure to timely pay such costs shall constitute grounds for denial of this application.

Petitioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Petitioner Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Property E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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All applications should be accompanied by a 300ft certified abutters list, three copies of a plan (one 11"x17" in size), and pdf copies of the entire filing emailed to [planning@freetownma.gov](mailto:planning@freetownma.gov) upon submission. **Be sure you provide enough copies that BOTH the Town Clerk's office AND the Board of Appeals receive copies.**

Your site plan, done by an engineer, for a variance should include the following:

- (a) Existing and proposed street lines and names.
- (b) Existing and/or proposed buildings (including accessory buildings) and driveways.
- (c) General locations of wetlands and waterways, if any.
- (d) Locations of wells and septic systems.
- (e) Soil types and conditions and groundwater table, if applicable.
- (f) Setback distances from streets and abutters.
- (g) Footage for all lines of the property and total area (in acres or square feet).

Your plan for a special permit for an accessory apartment should include the following:

- (a) Layout of the apartment in relation to the existing house.
- (b) Dimensions of rooms, and dimensions and overall square footage of the apartment.
- (c) If the apartment will require an addition to the home, the setback distances from streets and abutters.