

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MINNESOTA
VARIANCE APPLICATION**

Fee: _____

Date paid: _____

Case # _____

Applicant: _____

Owner of Property: _____

Physical Address: _____

Telephone # _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address: _____

(if different from above) _____

Legal Description of Property: _____

Current Zoning of Property: _____

Description of Proposed Project: _____

Specify the Ordinance from which a variance is being sought: _____

Please attach a copy of the Zoning Permit Application, site plan, and any other relevant information.

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

Subd. 6 VARIANCES

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this Section is to provide the City with the method to hear requests for variances from the literal provisions of the ordinance in instances where their strict enforcement would cause undue hardship because of circumstances unique to the individual property under consideration, and to grant such variances only when it is demonstrated that such actions will be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the ordinance.
- B. Finding of Fact. A variance shall not be granted by the Board prior considering the standards listed below.
 - 1 An "undue hardship" exists. "Undue hardship" as used in connection with the granting of a variance shall mean: the property in question cannot be put to a reasonable use if used under conditions allowed by this Ordinance, the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner, and the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.
 - 2 Economic considerations alone shall not constitute an undue hardship if reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of the Ordinance.
 - 3 Undue hardship also includes, but is not limited to, inadequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems.
 - 4 Variances shall be granted for earth sheltered construction as defined when in harmony with the Ordinance.

