



Design Variance Request

Application No. _____

List of Required Submittals

Only complete applications will be accepted:

- Completed application and narrative
- Pre-application Meeting Notes
- Affidavit to Authorize Agent, if Agent signs application
- Application fee payment (See fee schedule on Application)
- 2 copies of Site Plan or Survey of the subject property:
 - To scale on 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17" paper
 - North arrow
 - Setbacks of structures to the property lines
 - Dimensions and exact locations of all property lines, structures, parking spaces, trees and landscaping
- 2 copies of Floor Plans:
 - To scale on 8.5" paper
 - Locations of all doorways, windows and walls (interior and exterior)
 - Dimensions and area of each room
- 2 copies of Elevation Drawings:
 - On 8.5" x 11", 8.5" x 14", or 11" x 17" paper
 - Depicts all sides of existing & proposed structure(s)
- Samples or a detailed brochure for new materials to be used
- PDF of all above items (may be emailed to Staff Planner)
- Variance and Architectural Design Narrative
- Public Participation Report
- Neighborhood Worksheet
- Photographs of the subject property and structure(s)

A Pre-Application Meeting is Required Prior to Submittal.

To schedule, please call (727) 892-5498.

Completeness review by city staff: _____

Included in this packet:

- Pre-Application Meeting Notes
- Application
- Affidavit to Authorize Agent
- General Information
- Variance Narrative
- Neighborhood Worksheet
- Public Participation Report

Planning and Development
Services Department

Development Review
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All applications are to be filled out completely and correctly. The application shall be submitted to the City of St. Petersburg's Development Review Services Division, located on the 1st floor of the Municipal Services Building, One 4th Street North.

GENERAL INFORMATION	
NAME of APPLICANT (Property Owner):	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone No:	Email Address:
NAME of AGENT or REPRESENTATIVE:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Telephone No:	Email Address:
PROPERTY INFORMATION:	
Street Address or General Location:	
Parcel ID#(s):	
DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST:	
PRE-APPLICATION DATE:	PLANNER:

FEE SCHEDULE

Design Variance: \$200.00
Cash, credit, checks made payable to "City of St. Petersburg"

AUTHORIZATION

City Staff and the designated Commission may visit the subject property during review of the requested variance. Any Code violations on the property that are noted during the inspections will be referred to the City's Codes Compliance Assistance Department.

The applicant, by filing this application, agrees he or she will comply with the decision(s) regarding this application and conform to all conditions of approval. The applicant's signature affirms that all information contained within this application has been completed, and that the applicant understands that processing this application may involve substantial time and expense. Filing an application does not guarantee approval, and denial or withdrawal of an application does not result in remittance of the application fee.

NOTE: IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE APPLICANT TO SUBMIT CORRECT INFORMATION. ANY MISLEADING, DECEPTIVE, INCOMPLETE, OR INCORRECT INFORMATION MAY INVALIDATE YOUR APPROVAL.

Signature of Owner / Agent*: _____ Date: _____

*Affidavit to Authorize Agent required, if signed by Agent.

Typed Name of Signatory: _____



Pre-Application Meeting Notes

Meeting Date: _____ Zoning District: _____

Address/Location: _____

Request: _____

Type of Application: _____ Staff Planner for Pre-App: _____

Attendees: _____

Neighborhood and Business Associations within 300 feet:

Assoc.	Contact Name:	Email:	Phone:

(See Public Participation Report in applicable Application Package for CONA and FICO contacts.)

An appointment shall made with the staff planner prior to submitting a complete application.

Notes: _____



**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPT.
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW SERVICES DIVISION**

**DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMISSION
AFFIDAVIT TO AUTHORIZE AGENT**

I am (we are) the owner(s) and record title holder(s) of the property noted herein

Property Owner's Name: _____

This property constitutes the property for which the following request is made

Property Address: _____

Parcel ID No.: _____

Request: _____

The undersigned has(have) appointed and does(do) appoint the following agent(s) to execute any application(s) or other documentation necessary to effectuate such application(s)

Agent's Name(s): _____

This affidavit has been executed to induce the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, to consider and act on the above described property.

I(we), the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature (owner): _____

Printed Name

Sworn to and subscribed on this date

Identification or personally known: _____

Notary Signature: _____

Date: _____

Commission Expiration (Stamp or date): _____



Design and Variance Request

GENERAL INFORMATION

Pre-application Meeting

All applicants are required to schedule a pre-application meeting. Meetings may be held via telecom. If an application is submitted without a pre-application meeting, and the application is deemed to be incomplete or incorrect, the application may be delayed. Please contact Kayla Eger to schedule: 727-892-5498; Kayla.Eger@stpete.org.

Public Participation Report

All applicants are required to contact the applicable Neighborhood Association President and complete the Public Participation Report prior to submittal of an application. Applications without the Public Participation Report will not be accepted. The contact information will be provided to the applicant by staff at the pre-application meeting.

Administrative Review

Where unique conditions related to existing buildings or surrounding conditions preclude strict compliance with the building design standards, the Zoning Official (POD) may approve a variance to the standards.

Design Variance Narrative

The application needs to include a narrative prepared by the design professional addressing the following: where a design standard is related to a building or architectural element, the variance shall reinforce a unique condition of an identifiable architectural style lending to the design intent of that style.

Commission Review

By applying, the applicant grants permission for Staff and members of the Commission to visit the subject property to evaluate the request. Applicants with special requests related to timing of site visits should advise Staff in writing at the time of application submittal. Any Code violations found by the City Staff or the Commission members during review of the subject case will be referred to the Codes Compliance Assistance Department.

Public Hearing (If an Appeal is filed)

Applications appropriate for public hearing will be heard by the Commission on the dates listed on the Commission schedule. The public hearings begin at 1:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 175 5th Street North. All proceedings are quasi-judicial. Therefore, it is required that the property owner or authorized representative attend the hearing.

Approvals

If approved, permits, inspections, business taxes, and certificates of occupancy are required, when applicable. All conditions of approval must be completed and approved by the date specified in the report. Failure to satisfy these requirements will invalidate the approval of the request. Approval of a request by the Commission or POD (person officially designated) does not grant or imply other variances from the City Code, FEMA regulations, or other applicable codes. Applicants are advised to contact the Construction Services and Permitting Division at (727) 893-7231 to determine if any other regulations may affect a given proposal.

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NARRATIVE (PAGE 1)

All applications for a variance must provide justification for the requested variance(s) based on the criteria set forth by the City Code. It is recommended that the following responses be typed. Illegible handwritten responses will not be accepted. Responses may be provided as a separate letter, addressing each of the seven criteria.

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA MUST BE ANSWERED.

APPLICANT NARRATIVE	
Street Address:	Case No.:
Detailed Description of Project and Request:	
<p>1. In what ways does the design variance reinforce a unique condition of an identifiable architectural style lending to the design intent of that style?</p>	
<p>2. What is unique about the size, shape, topography, or location of the subject property? How do these unique characteristics justify the requested variance?</p>	
<p>3. Are there other properties in the immediate neighborhood that have already been developed or utilized in a similar way? If so, please provide addresses and a description of the specific signs or structures being referenced.</p>	

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NARRATIVE (PAGE 2)

APPLICANT NARRATIVE CONTINUED

4. How is the requested variance not the result of actions of the applicant?

5. How is the requested variance the minimum necessary to make reasonable use of the property? In what ways will granting the requested variance enhance the character of the neighborhood?

6. What other alternatives have been considered that do not require a variance? Why are these alternatives unacceptable?

7. In what ways will granting the requested variance enhance the character of the neighborhood?



VARIANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHEET

Applicants are strongly encouraged to obtain signatures in support of the proposal(s) from owners of property adjacent to or otherwise affected by a particular request.

NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHEET	
Street Address:	Case No.:
Description of Request:	
The undersigned adjacent property owners understand the nature of the applicant's request and do not object (attach additional sheets if necessary):	
1. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	
2. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	
3. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	
4. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	
5. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	
6. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	
7. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	
8. Affected Property Address:	
Owner Name (print):	
Owner Signature:	