

**ARTICLE 7      VARIANCES      FEE: \$ 430.00 Planning Director Decision**  
**\$670 for Planning Commission Decision**

The Planning Director may authorize variances from the requirements of the Seaside Zoning Ordinance where it can be shown that, owing to special and unusual circumstances related to a specific piece of property, strict application of the Ordinance would cause an undue or unnecessary hardship.

No variance shall be granted to allow the use of property for a purpose not authorized within the zone in which the proposed use would be located.

In accordance with Article 7.031, a variance shall not be granted unless and until the following standards are met. The property owner must demonstrate by written application that all of the following circumstances exist. Please address how your request complies with the following standards.

1. What exceptional or extraordinary circumstances apply to the property that do not apply generally to other properties in the same zone or vicinity, and result from lot size or shape, legally existing prior to the date of this Ordinance (6/28/83), topography, or other circumstances over which the applicant had no control?

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2. Which literal interpretations of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of rights commonly enjoyed by other properties in the same district under the terms of this Ordinance?

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3. Are these special conditions and circumstances a result of the actions of the applicant?

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4. Is there any evidence that granting the variance will not confer on the applicant any special privilege that is denied by this Ordinance to owners of other lands, structures, or buildings in the same district? No nonconforming use of neighboring lands, structures, or buildings in the same district and no permitted use of land, structures or buildings in other districts shall be considered grounds for issuance of a variance.

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In addition to addressing the standards above, applications shall be accompanied by plans and specifications (plot plan), drawn to scale, showing the actual shape and dimension of the lot to be built upon, the sizes and locations on the lot of the buildings and other structures, existing and proposed, the existing and intended use of each building, structure, and/or part thereof, the number of families, if any, to be accommodated thereon, and such other information as is needed to determine conformance with this Ordinance.