

# TOWN OF HUDSON, NH

## NOTICE TO APPLICANTS

The following requirements pertain to all Town of Hudson, NH, Zoning Board of Adjustment applications, as applicable:

- I.** The applicant must provide one original plus twelve copies of the filled-out application form (this entire packet), together with the required attachments listed in this notice.
- II.** A separate application, signed by the owner(s) of the property, shall be submitted for each request, with a separate application fee for each request, but only one abutter notification fee will be charged for multiple requests. If paying by check, make the check payable to the Town of Hudson.
- III.** If the applicant is not the property owner(s), the applicant must provide to the Town written authorization, signed and dated by the property owner(s), to allow the applicant or any representative to apply on the behalf of the property owner(s). (**NOTE:** if such an authorization is required, the Community Development Office will not process the application until this document has been supplied.)
- IV.** The abutter notification lists (Pages 4 & 5), with the proper mailing addresses, must be dated within (30) thirty days of submittal of the application. The abutter lists can be obtained from the assessor's office. (**NOTE:** the Community Development Department cannot process your application without the abutter lists. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the abutter lists are complete and correct. If at the time of the hearing any applicable property owner is found not to have been notified because the lists are incomplete or incorrect, the Zoning Board will defer the hearing to a later date, following notification of such abutters.)
- V.** A copy of both sides of the assessor's card shall be provided. (**NOTE:** these copies are available from the Assessor's Office)
- VI.** A copy of the Zoning Administrator's correspondence confirming either that the requested use is not permitted or that action by the Zoning Board of Adjustment is required must be attached to your application.
- VII.** Except for requests pertaining to above-ground pools, sheds, and decks, the application must include a copy of a certified plot plan from a licensed land surveyor. The plot plan shall include all of the items listed below. Pictures and construction plans also will be helpful. (**NOTE:** it is the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that all of the requirements are satisfied. The application may be deferred if all items are not satisfactorily submitted)
  - A.** The plot plan shall be drawn to scale on an 8 ½" x 11" or 11" x 17" sheet with a North-pointing arrow shown on the plan.
  - B.** The plot plan shall be up-to date-and dated, and shall be no more than three years old.
  - C.** The plot plan shall have the signature and the name of the preparer, with his/her/their seal.
  - D.** The plot plan shall include lot dimensions and bearings, with any bounding streets and with any rights-of-way and their widths as a minimum, and shall be accompanied by a copy of the GIS map of the property. (**NOTE:** copies of the GIS map can be obtained at the Community Development Department.)
  - E.** The plot plan shall include the location and dimensions of existing or required services, the area (total square footage), all buffer zones, natural features, any landscaped areas, any recreation areas, any safety zones, all signs, streams or other wetland bodies, and any drainage easements.
  - F.** The plot plan shall include all existing buildings or other structures, together with their dimensions and the distances from the lot lines, as well as any encroachments.
  - G.** The plot plan shall include all proposed buildings, structures, or additions, marked as "PROPOSED," together with all applicable dimensions and encroachments.
  - H.** The plot plan shall show the building envelope as defined from all the setbacks required by the zoning ordinance.
  - I.** The plot plan shall indicate all parking spaces and lanes, with dimensions.

**VIII.** For a Wetland Special Exception, a letter or a copy of the relevant decision from the Hudson Conservation Commission shall be attached to the application for existing single-family and duplex residential uses. All other Wetland Special Exceptions (multifamily, commercial, or industrial uses) must have letters both from the Conservation Commission and from the Planning Board.

The applicant should sign and date this form to show his/her awareness of these requirements.

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Signature of Applicant(s)

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Date

The Community Development Department will schedule a public hearing at the next available meeting of the Hudson Zoning Board of Adjustment for your properly-completed application. Applications are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Public notice of the hearing will be posted on public bulletin boards in the Town Hall, the Post Office, and the Rogers Library and also printed in a newspaper, and a notice will be mailed to the applicant, all abutters, and any other parties whom the Board may deem to have an interest.

After the public hearing, the Board will deliberate and then reach a decision either to grant the request (perhaps with stipulations to make it palatable) or to deny the request—or to defer final action to another meeting, or perhaps to accept a request for withdrawal. You will be sent a Notice of Decision during the following week.

If you believe that the Board's decision is wrong, you have the right to appeal. In addition, any third party/parties affected by the decision also has/have the right to appeal the decision of your case. To appeal, you must first ask the Board for a rehearing; this motion for rehearing may be in the form of a letter to the Board. The rehearing request must be made in writing within thirty (30) days following the Board's decision, and must set forth the grounds on which it is claimed the decision is unlawful or unreasonable.

The Board may grant such a rehearing if, in the Board's opinion, good reason is stated in the motion. In general, the Board will not allow a rehearing unless a majority of its sitting members conclude either that the protested decision was illegal or unreasonable or that the request for rehearing demonstrates the availability of new evidence that was not available at the original hearing. The Board will not reopen a case based on the same set of facts unless it is convinced that an injustice would be created by not doing so. Whether or not a rehearing is held, you must have requested one before you can appeal the decision to the Court(s). When a rehearing is held, the same procedure is followed as for the first hearing, including public notice and notice to abutters.

See RSA Chapter 677 for more detail on rehearing and appeal procedures.

**APPLICATION FOR AN EQUITABLE WAIVER**

To: Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Town of Hudson

<p><b>Entries in this box are to be filled out by Community Development Office personnel</b></p> <p>Case No. _____</p> <p>Date Filed _____</p>
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Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_ Lot: \_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Property \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

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Signature of Property-Owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Fill in all portions of the Application Form(s) as appropriate. This application is not acceptable unless all required statements have been made. Additional information may be supplied on a separate sheet if space provided is inadequate. If you are not the property owner, you must provide written documentation signed by the property owner(s) to confirm that the property owner(s) are allowing you to speak on his/her/their behalf or that you have permission to seek the described variance.**

<p><b>Items in this box are to be filled out by Community Development Office personnel</b></p> <p>COST: Application fee is \$100.00, plus \$3.40 for each abutter.</p> <p>_____ Abutters x \$3.40 + \$100.00 application fee</p> <p>Amount due: \$ _____ Amount received:" \$ _____</p> <p>Date received: _____ Receipt No.: _____</p> <p>Received by: _____ Zoning District: _____</p> <p>By determination of the Zoning Administrator or Building Inspector, the following Departmental review is required:</p> <p>_____ Engineering _____ Fire Department _____ Health Officer</p>
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For any appeal, the application form must be properly filled out. The application form is intended to be self-explanatory, but be sure that you show:

1. Who owns the property? If the applicant is not the owner, please include a statement from the owner that you have permission to speak on his/her behalf.
2. Where the property is located.
3. What you propose to do. Supply twelve copies of an 8.5" x 11" or 11" x 17" scale plan which gives lot area, frontage, side and rear lot lines, natural features, existing and proposed structures, alteration to the lot, and distance to lot lines or wetlands. Pictures and construction plans are helpful.
4. Why your proposed use requires an appeal. Please fill out the attached appeal forms completely. Include why the appeal should be granted.
5. List of abutters, per RSA 672:3. This includes property and the name(s) of the owner(s) of properties which physically touch the subject property, across the street and kitty-corner to the subject property.

Prepare a list of all abutting property owners using the Assessing Office records, and attach it to your application. **The accuracy of the list is your responsibility. If the list is found to be incorrect, you may be required to appear before the ZBA a second time, at your expense.**

6. Deliver the completed application, with all attachments, to the office of the Zoning Administrator. A fee is charged sufficient to cover the cost of preparing and mailing the legally required notices. If paying by check, make the check payable to the Town of Hudson and submit with your application.

The Zoning Office will schedule a public hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of your **properly-completed** application. Applications are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. **Only completed applications will be scheduled for a hearing.** Public notice of the hearing will be posted and printed in a newspaper, and a notice will be mailed to you, all abutters and other parties whom the Board may deem to have an interest.

After the public hearing, the Board will reach a decision. You will be sent a Notice of Decision.

If you believe that the Board's decision is wrong, you have the right to appeal. Any party affected has the right to appeal the decision of your case. To appeal, you just first ask the Board for a rehearing; this motion for rehearing may be in the form of a letter to the Board. The motion must be made within thirty (30) days of the Board's decision, and must set forth the grounds on which it is claimed the decision is unlawful or unreasonable.

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Requests before the Board may require connection to the municipal sewer system. Please contact the Town Engineer prior to submittal of this application to determine if connection is required, and the procedures for such application.

APPLICATION FOR AN EQUITABLE WAIVER

Equitable Waivers are granted for area violations of the ordinance and which have existed for a long period of time without negatively impacting the community. The following criteria must meet the satisfaction of the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

1. **INNOCENT MISTAKE.** Please explain how long the structure has been built, and under what circumstances was it permitted to be built in violation of" the dimensional requirements of the ordinance:

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2. **DISCOVERED TOO LATE.** Please explain when it was discovered that the structure was built in violation.

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