



Town of Poughkeepsie

Zoning Department

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Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

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Town of Poughkeepsie Zoning Board of Appeals

Application for Home Occupation

Name of Property Owner: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Tax Map Number of all parcels: _____

Zoning District: _____

Name of Business: _____

Type of Business: _____

1) Does the residential unit currently contain a home occupation? _____ If yes, please explain:

2) Will there be any exterior evidence of the use besides the permitted name plate?

3) What is the principal residence of the applicant?

4) Will noise be generated by the use? _____ If yes, please explain:

5) How many commercial vehicle trips are expected per day?

6) What are the proposed business hours?

7) How many non resident employees are/will be employed in the home occupation?

8) How many customers/clients expected at one time?

9) How many off street parking spaces (9' x 18') are available?

Please submit the following:

- A floor plan indicating habitable space to be used in the home occupation and detailing any areas that are devoted to inventory or supplies.
- A site plan indicating availability of off street parking.
- Provide a sketch of the proposed sign, not to exceed 2 square feet.

Habitable Space – A space in a building for living, sleeping, eating or cooking, or used as a home occupation. Garages, unfinished basement and attic spaces, storage and utility spaces, and similar area are not considered habitable space. (Amended 6-4-2014 by L.O.L. No. 8-2014)

By His/Her signature the Applicant avows that: 1) He/She has read this application and is familiar with its content; and 2) He/She has read, is familiar with, and understands the requirements of the Town Poughkeepsie Code provision(s) affecting or regulating the project for which this application is made; and 3) He/She agrees to comply with the requirements of the Town Poughkeepsie Code provision(s) affecting or regulating the project for which this application is made including any general or special conditions of any permits or approvals granted by any board, agency, or department of the Town of Poughkeepsie; and 4) He/She has read this statement and understands its meaning and its terms.

Applicant Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____



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Application for Use Variance / Special Use Permit

APPROVAL REQUESTED FOR: (Check all that apply)

Use Variance _____ Special Use Permit _____

Name of Project (if applicable): _____

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Name and Address of Record Owner(s): _____

Name and Address of Attorney or professional representative: _____

Telephone: _____

Street Address of all parcels: _____

Tax Map Number of all parcels: _____

Zoning District: _____

Have any permits affecting the property been issued by any other governmental agency?

No _____ Yes _____. If yes, please list in detail (attach separate pages if necessary):

Has any application(s) for any other permit(s) for any activity affecting the property been submitted to any other governmental agency? No _____ Yes _____. If yes, please list in detail (attach separate pages if necessary):

Attach a copy of the current deed and any easements affecting the property.

A) For Use Variance Applications:

Provide a description of the proposed activity with regard to the following standards. (Attach additional pages as necessary). In order to prove unnecessary hardship the applicant shall demonstrate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for each and every permitted use under the zoning regulations for the particular district where the property is located:

1) That the applicant cannot realize a reasonable return, provided that lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by competent financial evidence, and

2) That the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique, and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood, and

3) That the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood, and

4) That the alleged hardship has not been self-created.

B) For Special Use Permit Applications (except accessory apartment):

Provide a description of the proposed activity with regard to the following standards. (Attach additional pages as necessary):

1) That there would not be any detrimental effect by the establishment of such use on other uses within the district.

2) That such use will be in harmony with the orderly development of the district and the location, nature and height of buildings, walls, fences and parking areas will not discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent lands.

3) That all structures, equipment and materials shall be reasonably accessible for fire and police protection.

4) That the use meets the prescribed requirements for the district in which located, including minimum yard requirements for the district in which located or as further specified in this section and including maximum height, required off-street parking and sign regulations.

5) Noise. The maximum noise level at the property line applicable to the use involved shall not exceed the maximum established under Chapter 139 of the Town Code.

6) Discharge of water. No polluting or objectionable waste shall be discharged into any stream or other natural drainage channel or upon the land that will in any way interfere with the quality, operation or continuation of these natural systems or contribute to their despoliation.

7) Traffic access. All proposed traffic access ways shall be adequate but not excessive in number; adequate in width, grade and alignment and visibility; shall be sufficiently separated from street intersections and other places of public assembly; and shall meet other similar safety considerations.

8) Parking. Adequate off-street parking and loading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the off-street parking and loading requirements of this Chapter. Shared parking is encouraged where the peak parking demands of different uses occur at various times of the day. Use of a widely accepted means of projecting demand for shared use, such as the Urban Land Institute's Shared Parking report may be employed to demonstrate shared parking effects.

9) Circulation. The interior circulation system shall be adequate to provide safe accessibility to all required off-street parking, and to provide for the convenience and safety of vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle movement within the site and in relation to adjacent areas or roads.

10) Landscaping and screening. All parking and service areas shall be reasonably screened during all seasons of the year from the view of adjacent residential lots and streets and the general landscaping of the site should be in character with that generally prevailing in the neighborhood. Existing trees twelve (12) inches or more in diameter at breast height (dbh) should be preserved to the maximum extent practical.

11) Character and appearance. The character and appearance of the proposed use, buildings, structures, outdoor signs, and lighting shall be in general harmony with the character and appearance of the surrounding neighborhood, and shall not adversely affect the general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town.

12) Historic and natural resources. The proposed use shall be designed and should be carried out in a manner that minimizes impacts to protect historic and natural environmental features on the site under review and in adjacent areas.

13) Sewage Treatment and Water Supply. The adequacy of available sewage disposal and water supply services supporting the proposed activity or use shall be sufficient to meet the needs of the proposed activity or use. This consideration should be given to both including, but not be limited to, the suitability of water supply and sanitary sewage facilities to accommodate the intended use, and the adequacy of measures to protect surface and groundwater from pollution.

14) Size and scale. The location and size of the proposed use, the nature and intensity of operations involved in or conducted in connection therewith, and the size of the site in relation to the use, its site layout and its relation to existing and future access streets should be such that both pedestrian and vehicular traffic to and from the use and the assembly of persons in connection therewith will not be hazardous or inconvenient to, or incongruous with, or conflict with the normal traffic of the neighborhood.

15) The location and height of buildings; the location, nature and height of walls and fences; and the nature and extent of landscaping on the site shall be such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development and use of adjacent land and buildings or impair the value thereof.

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Applicant Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

AFFIDAVIT TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENT OF OWNER

State of _____ }
County of _____ } ss:

_____ being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That I/we are the _____ named in the foregoing application for Zoning Board of Appeals approval(s) and that the statements contained therein are true to the best of my/our knowledge and belief.
2. That he/she resides at _____ in the County of _____ and the State of _____.
3. That I/we understand that by submitting this application for Zoning Board of Appeals approval that I/we expressly grant permission to the Zoning Board of Appeals and its authorized representatives to enter upon the property, at all reasonable times, for the purpose of conducting inspections and becoming familiar with site conditions. I/we acknowledge that this grant of permission may only be revoked by the full withdrawal of said application from further Zoning Board of Appeals action. That I/we understand that by submitting this application that I/we shall be responsible for the payment of all application fees, review fees, and inspection fees incurred by the Town related to this application.
4. That I/we understand that I/we, and any of our contractors and representatives shall be jointly and severally liable for all costs incurred, including environmental restoration costs, resulting from non-compliance with the approved application, and with non-compliance with any provision of the Town Code. I/we acknowledge that approval of the plan and commencement of any work related to the approved application shall constitute express permission to the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Building Inspector, the Planning Department, the Zoning Administrator, and any duly authorized representative of the Town of Poughkeepsie, to enter the property for the purposes of inspection for compliance with the approved application and any provision of the Town Code, whether or not any other permits have been applied for or issued for the project. I/we acknowledge that by submitting this application, and by approval of said application, including the commencement of any work related to the approved plan is an express waiver of any objection to authorized Town official(s) entering the property for the purpose of conducting inspections.
5. That I/we understand that the Zoning Board of Appeals intends to rely on the foregoing representations in making a determination to issue the requested applications and approvals and that under penalty of perjury I/we declare that I/we has examined this affidavit and that it is true and correct.

Applicant/Agent

Applicant/Agent

Notary Public

DISCLOSURE OF BUSINESS INTEREST

State of _____ }
County of _____ } ss:

_____ being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. Pursuant to §803 of the General Municipal Law the following municipal officer(s) or employee(s), and any of their family members, outside employers, business associates, clients, or campaign contributors, have, or will later acquire, an ownership position, employment position, or other contractual interest in the proposed project: (Insert name, home address and municipal position held. Attach additional pages as necessary.)

2. That the interest of said municipal officer(s) or employee(s) is: (Detail the nature and extent of the interest. Attach additional pages as necessary.)

3. That he/she understands that the Town of Poughkeepsie Zoning Board of Appeals intends to rely on the foregoing representations in making a determination to issue the requested applications and approvals and that under penalty of perjury he/she declares that he/she has examined this affidavit and that it is true and correct.

Agent/Owner

Agent/Owner

Notary Public

**Town of Poughkeepsie Zoning Board of Appeals
Agricultural Data Statement**

In accordance with §283-a of the New York State Town Law and §305-a of the Agriculture and Markets Law, this Data Statement will be used to evaluate the potential impacts of a proposed development on farm operations in agricultural districts.

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Description of the Project: _____

APPROVAL REQUESTED FOR: (Check all that apply)

Interpretation	_____	Area Variance	_____
Use Variance	_____	Special Use Permit	_____
Accessory Apartment	_____		

Project Address: _____

Tax Map Number of all parcels: _____

Is any portion of the project site currently being farmed? _____

Is the project site located in an Agricultural District? Yes _____ No _____

Who is farming the site? _____

Does the person farming the site: Rent _____ Own _____ the land?

Attach a list of the names and addresses of the owners of land within an agricultural district containing a farm operation located within 500 feet of the boundary of the project property, and the tax parcel number of the farm parcels. Attach a copy of the tax map and indicate with an "X" the farm parcels within 500 feet of the project property.

I hereby confirm that the information provided herein is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Short Environmental Assessment Form

Part 1 - Project Information

Instructions for Completing

Part 1 - Project Information. The applicant or project sponsor is responsible for the completion of Part 1. Responses become part of the application for approval or funding, are subject to public review, and may be subject to further verification. Complete Part 1 based on information currently available. If additional research or investigation would be needed to fully respond to any item, please answer as thoroughly as possible based on current information.

Complete all items in Part 1. You may also provide any additional information which you believe will be needed by or useful to the lead agency; attach additional pages as necessary to supplement any item.

Part 1 - Project and Sponsor Information			
Name of Action or Project:			
Project Location (describe, and attach a location map):			
Brief Description of Proposed Action:			
Name of Applicant or Sponsor:		Telephone:	
		E-Mail:	
Address:			
City/PO:		State:	Zip Code:
1. Does the proposed action only involve the legislative adoption of a plan, local law, ordinance, administrative rule, or regulation? If Yes, attach a narrative description of the intent of the proposed action and the environmental resources that may be affected in the municipality and proceed to Part 2. If no, continue to question 2.		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the proposed action require a permit, approval or funding from any other governmental Agency? If Yes, list agency(s) name and permit or approval:		NO <input type="checkbox"/>	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
3.a. Total acreage of the site of the proposed action? _____ acres			
b. Total acreage to be physically disturbed? _____ acres			
c. Total acreage (project site and any contiguous properties) owned or controlled by the applicant or project sponsor? _____ acres			
4. Check all land uses that occur on, adjoining and near the proposed action.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural (non-agriculture) <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Residential (suburban)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkland			

5. Is the proposed action, a. A permitted use under the zoning regulations?	NO	YES	N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the proposed action consistent with the predominant character of the existing built or natural landscape?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Is the site of the proposed action located in, or does it adjoin, a state listed Critical Environmental Area? If Yes, identify: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
8. a. Will the proposed action result in a substantial increase in traffic above present levels?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Are public transportation service(s) available at or near the site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. Are any pedestrian accommodations or bicycle routes available on or near site of the proposed action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Does the proposed action meet or exceed the state energy code requirements? If the proposed action will exceed requirements, describe design features and technologies: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Will the proposed action connect to an existing public/private water supply? If No, describe method for providing potable water: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Will the proposed action connect to existing wastewater utilities? If No, describe method for providing wastewater treatment: _____	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. a. Does the site contain a structure that is listed on either the State or National Register of Historic Places?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Is the proposed action located in an archeological sensitive area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. a. Does any portion of the site of the proposed action, or lands adjoining the proposed action, contain wetlands or other waterbodies regulated by a federal, state or local agency?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Would the proposed action physically alter, or encroach into, any existing wetland or waterbody? If Yes, identify the wetland or waterbody and extent of alterations in square feet or acres: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
14. Identify the typical habitat types that occur on, or are likely to be found on the project site. Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline <input type="checkbox"/> Forest <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural/grasslands <input type="checkbox"/> Early mid-successional <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban			
15. Does the site of the proposed action contain any species of animal, or associated habitats, listed by the State or Federal government as threatened or endangered?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
16. Is the project site located in the 100 year flood plain?	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Will the proposed action create storm water discharge, either from point or non-point sources? If Yes, a. Will storm water discharges flow to adjacent properties? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	NO	YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Will storm water discharges be directed to established conveyance systems (runoff and storm drains)? If Yes, briefly describe: <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES			

<p>18. Does the proposed action include construction or other activities that result in the impoundment of water or other liquids (e.g. retention pond, waste lagoon, dam)?</p> <p>If Yes, explain purpose and size: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>19. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the location of an active or closed solid waste management facility?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>20. Has the site of the proposed action or an adjoining property been the subject of remediation (ongoing or completed) for hazardous waste?</p> <p>If Yes, describe: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>NO</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>I AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</p> <p>Applicant/sponsor name: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p>		